

**Description of safety improvements proposed by Arlington County for intersection of Arlington Ridge Rd and S 23<sup>rd</sup> St.**

**--Intersection of Ridge and 23<sup>rd</sup>: Making this intersection, in particular the sidewalk at the SW corner of Ridge and 23<sup>rd</sup> St, pedestrian friendly has long been a major neighborhood need and was so included in our 2009 request to the County. To address this, the County is adding a 2-ft buffer to the 4-ft sidewalk along the west side of Ridge south of 23rd and is having Dominion Power move a utility pole in the sidewalk to the buffer area. The northbound lanes will be pushed to the east. In addition the County is adding a nub to the SW corner as an additional pedestrian buffer. A “mirror” nub is being added to the NW corner for lane alignment purposes.**

**--Oakcrest: The County is removing in the temporary curbing , adjusting the right turn from Oakcrest onto Ridge, then making it permanent with concrete and plantings plus a supplemental advisory signal at NE corner of Oakcrest and Ridge that is in synch with the traffic light at Ridge. This should help ensure that northbound traffic on Ridge stops at the “stop here” sign, i.e., before the intersection with Oakcrest.**

**--Realignment of Meade and Ridge: The County will create a “T” intersection at the southern entry to Meade from Ridge by constructing curb, gutter, sidewalk and planting with buffer areas in the current slip lane from Ridge to Meade. Doing so is intended to reduce vehicular conflicts and enhance pedestrian safety.**

**Neighbor reaction here was mixed as some find the current arrangement dangerous (parked cars being clipped) while others noted the complication in their driveway exit and the steep grade of the southern Meade Street access. The County cited the safety features of the change. See policy 8 (9) of the County’s Master Transportation Plan, Pedestrian element. See [www.ARCAonline.org](http://www.ARCAonline.org) for link.**

**--Bus pull-off at NE corner of Ridge (i.e., in front of the realty office): Elimination of the bus pull-off says the County will shorten the crossing distance for pedestrians, provide better visibility, wider sidewalk and better Metro access. (Metro buses stop at this pull-off between 6:30 and 8:30 AM.) See the County’s Master Transportation Plan, Streets element, as well as the County’s Arterial Transportation Management Study—ATM tool box. See [www.ARCAonline.org](http://www.ARCAonline.org) for link.**

**--Sidewalk on north side of 23<sup>rd</sup> St from Ridge to Nash: The sidewalk will be upgraded, made ADA accessible, and curb and gutter added. No permanent easements will be necessary, says the County. Parking will be retained. The County recommended that continuation of curb, gutter and sidewalk to Army/Navy Dr be addressed in the upcoming ARCA Neighborhood Conservation Plan.**

**--Other changes:**

**--Push back of the stop bar on the southbound left turn lane on Arlington Ridge to ensure large vehicles headed westbound on 23rd Street can turn right and go north on Arlington Ridge.**

**--Removal of the dedicated bike lane heading north on Arlington Ridge between Oakcrest and 23rd Street. Instead a sharrow will be installed.**