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Pedestrian Safety Survey

The safety of the citizens of Alexandria is an important function of local government. We want to ensure the well-being of our citizens and their safety in walking throughout our city. Attached is a survey that is designed to help as we explore options in assuring pedestrian safety for Alexandrians.

Please answer these questions as honestly you can. Your participation is an important part of the process to accomplish this very significant goal.

Thank you for your cooperation and time in helping us make the City of Alexandria a safe home for you and your family.

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1. Do you feel crosswalks are correctly marked? (Are they visible, distinguishable, etc.)?

Yes No

2. Do you feel crosswalks are properly maintained? (Is the paint still noticeable?)

Yes No

3. Should the time allowed to walk across the street in a crosswalk be extended?

Yes No

4. Do you feel jaywalking violations should be made more severe in order to prevent people from illegally and recklessly walking across the street?

Yes No

5. Should there be added lighting around crosswalks so pedestrians can be more visible at nighttime?

Yes No

6. Should speed limits be lowered in order to prevent pedestrian-related accidents?

Yes No

7. Do you feel the crosswalk signals should be updated all around the city?

Yes No

8. Should programs designed for both drivers and pedestrians on safety be made mandatory as part of obtaining a driver's license?

Yes No

(Optional)

If you have any additional comments regarding this topic please feel free to write them down in the space provided. Your opinion is highly valued.

COMMENTS

The new lighted street signs and pedestrian countdown timers and pedestrian countdown timers have been a great addition along Duke Street. Keep up the good work!

I think that some light are too short for cars turning and some light let only 2 cars go at a time and then traffic gets backed up, so maybe extended time on turning signal (would help)

Even if you do change the crosswalks and make jaywalking violations more severe I highly doubt anyone will stop jaywalking. People cross where and when they want to cross, it is not going to change.

We should have more cross walks around T.C. to make it safe to go to lunch.

More major intersections should have the push button for pedestrians. Lighting is very important on some dark intersections at night since most pedestrians do not wear bright clothing.

A lot of areas have traffic stops at a certain point but crosswalks are further ahead. A lot of times cars disregard the signs to stop earlier. Also while many crosswalks are properly maintained some are not always.

Near schools the time allowed to cross the street should be extended.

For the most part the city is up to date when it comes to signals for pedestrians, but crosswalks need to be repainted and people that jay walk should be fined.

In general, (we need) more mandatory training for new drivers; our current driver's ed program is a joke and teaches very little.

I feel that if anything, traffic stop lines should be farther from pedestrian crosswalks---a lot of times traffic turning right onto another street pulls up to the corner and into the crosswalk, which is threatening to pedestrians.

People who jaywalk late at night or go running at night in dark clothes are stupid and need to watch out or somebody will run them over.

The "walk" and "don't walk" lights don't always work or tell people to walk at the right time. Those should be modified or even removed altogether since they don't do much good.

Personally, I feel that the "timer" crosswalk signals are excellent and I'd like to see more of them.

People need to have better training in how to deal with crosswalks—many drivers don't stop at all.

Most jaywalking is caused by the insufficient crosswalk signals.

Some areas (of the city) need more attention (to updating crosswalk signals) than others.

PEDESTRIAN SURVEY RESULTS

1. Do you feel crosswalks are correctly marked? (Are they visible, distinguishable, etc.)?
84% of respondents (32) said yes, 6 or 16% said no
2. Do you feel crosswalks are properly maintained? (Is the paint still noticeable?)
79% (30) said yes, 8 said no
3. Should the time allowed to walk across the street in a crosswalk be extended?
Respondents were evenly divided between yes and no on this question.
4. Do you feel jaywalking violations should be made more severe in order to prevent people from illegally and recklessly walking across the street?
79%(30) said no, 6 said yes and 2 did not respond
5. Should there be added lighting around crosswalks so pedestrians can be more visible at night time?
89% (34) said yes, 4 said no
6. Should speed limits be lowered in order to prevent pedestrian-related accidents?
92% (35) said no to this and 3 said yes
7. Do you feel crosswalk signals should be updated all around the city?
74%(28) said yes, 10 said no
8. Should programs designed for both drivers and pedestrians on safety be made mandatory as part of obtaining a driver's license?
55% (21) said no with 42% (16) saying yes.