



Traffic and Parking Board Annual Report July 2023 – June 2024

*The **mission** of the Traffic and Parking Board is to consider matters concerning substantial changes to traffic and on-street parking regulations, and taxicabs prior to action by the Director of TES, the City Manager or City Council. When reviewing these matters, the Board shall prioritize safety of all users when making recommendations. The Traffic and Parking Board held hybrid public meetings where the meetings were held in person in the City Council Chambers at City Hall with electronic access provided to the public who preferred to participate online. The Traffic and Parking Board membership completed the following activities during its 2023/24 year.*

Membership: During the year, membership included the following individuals:

- Lavonda Bonnard
- Annie Ebbers
- Casey Kane
- James Lewis
- Ashley Mihalik
- Jason Osborne
- Kursten Phelps
- Ann Tucker

Leadership: James Lewis served as Chair and Ann Tucker served as Vice-Chair.

Membership: Jason Osborne served on the Board through January 2024. Kursten Phelps was appointed to the Board and participated in her first meeting in February 2024.

City Liaison: Sheila McGraw, Principal Planner with the Mobility Services Division of the Department of Transportation & Environmental Services served as the Staff Liaison to the Board.

Meetings: The Board met ten times in the 2023-24 year. The ten meetings from July 2023 to June 2024 were conducted in-person in the Council Chambers at City Hall except for the June

meeting which was held in the Sister Cities Conference room. All meetings had an electronic Zoom option for public participation.

Member Activities: The following Board members participated in these groups:

- Transportation Commission: Casey Kane

Sub-Committee Activities:

- The Board established a sub-committee on taxicab regulations comprised of three Board members, Lavonda Bonnard, Annie Ebbers, and James Lewis. The sub-committee held three meetings and presented their recommendation to the rest of the Board at the March meeting. The recommendations from the Board were brought before City Council at their May 18, 2024 meeting which resulted in increased fares including raising the initial meter charge to \$5.00 and raising the per mile charge to \$2.60 per mile.

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments: In total, the Board reviewed 48 docket items this past year. The more significant issues the Board approved and rendered recommendations on are as follows:

- Recommended design elements for segments of the Duke Street in Motion project including signal changes, traffic flow changes, and one-way conversions.
- Recommend changes to the taxicab regulations to City Council including raising the initial meter charge to \$5.00 and raising the per mile charge to \$2.56 per mile, eliminating the vehicle age requirement, and to remove the City from the dispute resolution process.
- Approved the administrative process for pickup and drop-off loading zone procedure.
- Recommended parking and traffic changes on Mount Vernon Avenue at the intersections of Glebe Road, Russel Road, and Executive Avenue
- Recommended roundabouts at the intersections of Hickory Street and Kennedy Street and the Glebe Road, Montrose Avenue, and Ashby Street Intersection.
- Recommend a City Code Amendment for Residential Parking Permit (RPP) Restrictions for In-home Childcare Providers.
- Recommended changes to traffic patterns to allow for bicycle lanes on East Abingdon Drive.

Goals for July 2024 – June 202:

- Engage in Vision Zero implementation by providing feedback on related proposals and support staff in implementation.
- Participate in Alexandria Mobility Plan implementation by providing feedback on projects and support staff in implementation.
- Work toward better aligning efforts with the Planning Commission, Transportation Commission and other City Boards and Commissions, including coordination directly with those Boards.
- Work to identify City departments to address Maintenance of Traffic plans as they related to accommodations in plans for people walking and biking and how these plans are enforced.
- Continue to consider equity in the Board's decision-making and ensure the Board is using a consistent approach in recommending changes to City streets.
- Continue to receive regular briefs on the overall transportation goals of the City to enable the Board to contextualize the Board's work and provide better guidance to the Director.

- Provide feedback to the Council and staff on broader traffic and parking issues, including dockless mobility, Alexandria Mobility Plan, and Duke Street In Motion.

Attachments: None