

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025, 7 P.M.
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair James Lewis, Vice Chair Ann Tucker, Annie Ebbers, Lavonda Bonnard, Casey Kane, Ashley Mihalik, and Kursten Phelps.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: T&ES – Katy North, Division Chief; Ryan Knight, Division Chief; Sheila McGraw, Principal Planner; Max Devilliers, Urban Planner III; Alex Carroll, Principal Planner; Bryan Hayes, Urban Planner III; and Silas Sullivan, Urban Planner II.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.
2. Approval of the December 9, 2024, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane requested a correction to the December 9, 2024, minutes be made regarding the Duke Street Transitway Written Update, that the Director of T&ES notify the Board when the *Director of T&ES* makes a recommendation that differs from the recommendation made by the Board.

Ms. Ebbers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bonnard to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES:** The Board received written staff updates on:
 - 2024 Capital Bikeshare Ridership Record Breaking Year
 - Ms. Phelps requested a bikeshare station be located at Patrick Henry Elementary School and Mr. Kane noted a discrepancy in the number of new bikeshare stations being installed and also asked that more bikeshare stations be installed west of Quaker Lane. Ms. Tucker asked for a presentation from the Capital Bikeshare program manager at a future meeting.
 - 200 Block of King Street Walk Zone Pilot Phase One Update
 - Mr. Kane asked staff to update the webpage and the Board with the initial feedback received during phase one of the pilot.
 - Transportation Planning Project Updates
 - King & Commonwealth Streetscape Project Update
 - Edison Crosswalk Update
 - Mr. Kane requested that bicycle-related guidance updates be shared with the Board when possible.
 - Parking Enforcement Contractor Update
 - Wheeler Avenue Follow Up

- Mr. Kane requested that his photos of the trailers obstructing public right-of-way be shared with the Board and provide a written update.
- Taxicab Compliance Follow Up

4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD:**

- Sue Sommerfield requested the removal of parking on Moncure Drive to enable her to easily move her recreational vehicle in and out of her yard.
- Scott Corzine requested that the Heritage at Old Town redevelopment be scrapped for a new visitor center that would accommodate tour buses and provide for shuttles to and from the waterfront to prevent tour buses from entering the Historic District.
- Nusrati Shah spoke in opposition to the recent stand fee increase.
- Surake Bunkdersam spoke in opposition to the recent stand fee increase and wants to form his own taxi company.
- Desmond Williams spoke in opposition to the recent stand fee increase and wants the dispatch system modified.
- Daniel Hadgu spoke in opposition to the recent stand fee increase.
- Carolyn Griglione asked for a status update on the King and Beauregard intersection project, to which Mr. Knight responded that staff are working with VDOT on the design process this summer.
- Zari Kariman spoke in opposition to reducing stand fees due to changes in ridehailing business.
- Abdul Karim raised concerns with the City Code requirements for taxi companies.

CONSENT ITEMS

5. **ISSUE:** New Stop Sign and Parking Removal in Parkfairfax

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hayes presented the item to the Board. Mr. Kane asked how this project is related to the Slow Zone pilot, to which Mr. Hayes responded that this project is not a formal Slow Zone but rather general traffic calming.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: None.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane requested the item be removed from consent.

Ms. Ebbers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bonnard to recommend the Director of T&ES:

- remove four (4) parking spaces at the intersection of Gunston Road and Lyons Lane;
- remove one (1) parking space at the intersection of Martha Custis Drive and Mount Eagle Place;
- remove one (1) parking space at the intersection of Gunston Road and Chalfonte Drive; and
- add one (1) stop sign at the intersection of Gunston Road and Chalfonte Drive.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Parking Removal - King Street and South Pitt Street

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Phelps to recommend the Director of T&ES remove up to two (2) parking spaces for the creation of an ADA-compliant bus stop on the 500 block of King Street. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Residential Pay by Phone – 200 block of North Fairfax Street

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Phelps to recommend the Director of T&ES implement a residential pay by phone requirement (\$1.75 per hour) for the 200 block of North Fairfax Street. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

8. **ISSUE:** Sanger Avenue Corridor Modifications

DISCUSSION: Mr. Sullivan presented the item to the Board. Ms. Tucker requested that paint and/or flexposts be used to improve the situation for pedestrians on Sanger underneath I-395. Mr. Kane requested that lighting underneath I-395 be improved and there be a barrier along the sidewalk underneath I-395 to provide pedestrians with a sense of protection from vehicular traffic. Mr. Kane also requested that the traffic signal patterns be updated to reduce driver demand to rush up to the intersections to make turns as well as allow for a diagonal all-way pedestrian crossing at Sanger Avenue and Van Dorn Street. Ms. Mihalik requested that wayfinding signage for area parks be installed along the corridor. Chair Lewis requested that Parking Enforcement be notified immediately once the parking restrictions signage along the corridor is updated.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: None.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Phelps to recommend the Director of T&ES:

- remove timed parking restrictions
- remove up to 6 on-street parking spaces
- remove one peak-period general purpose travel lane in each direction

The motion carried unanimously.

9. **ISSUE:** Parking Removal on Taney Avenue

DISCUSSION: Mr. Knight presented the item to the Board. Ms. Phelps requested an additional crossing guard at Taney Avenue and North Latham Street. Mr. Kane requested that Taney Avenue be repaved in front of Patrick Henry Elementary School.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Aaron Thomas testified in support.
Michael Rodriguez testified in support.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Phelps made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bonnard to recommend the Director of T&ES:

- remove up to 10 parking spaces at the Howard Street, Latham Street, and Pegram Street intersections, and
- remove up to 5 parking spaces at the Pickett Street intersection; and
- install stop signs at all approaches of Taney Avenue at Howard Street and Pickett Street intersections

The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. **STAFF UPDATES:** Ms. McGraw notified the Board that the March 24th meeting would be Chair Lewis final meeting. Ms. McGraw will email out the deadline for the new Board position closing. Ms. McGraw will also miss the next few meetings due to parental leave.

11. **COMMISSIONER UPDATES:** Mr. Kane provided the Board with the following updates:

- The Transportation Commission received a briefing from the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) on the King/Commonwealth project.
- VPRA also briefed the Transportation Commission on the pedestrian tunnel connecting Mill Road to Duke Street closing due to the increase in rail lines, but a new connection above will be created for pedestrians.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Tucker moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Ebbers. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.