



## **Traffic and Parking Board Annual Report July 2022 – June 2023**

*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. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Traffic and Parking Board was able to continue their duties and 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. The Traffic and Parking Board membership completed the following activities during its 2023/23 year.*

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

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

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

**City Liaison:** Sheila McGraw, Principal Planner with the Mobility Services Division of the Department of Transportation & Environmental Services took over as Staff Liaison in February of 2023. Alex Block, Principal Planner with the Mobility Services Division of the Department of Transportation & Environmental Services acted as the staff liaison to the Traffic and Parking Board previously. Katye North, Division Chief of the Mobility Services Division of the Department of Transportation & Environmental Services served as the Staff Liaison during the interim while the position was being filled.

**Meetings:** The Board met ten times in the 2022-23 year. The ten meetings from July 2022 to June 2023 were conducted in-person in the Council Chambers at City Hall, with an electronic Zoom option for public participation.

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

- Transportation Commission: Casey Kane
- Duke Street in Motion Advisory Group: Casey Kane

**Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments:** In total, the Board heard 35 public hearing items, not including consent items, this past year. The more significant issues the Board approved and rendered recommendations on are as follows:

- Recommended a proposed ordinance that authorizes the use of speed cameras in school zones and work zones.
- Recommend the permanent closure (pedestrianization) of the Unit Block of King Street and the Northern Portion of the Strand.
- Approved the administrative process for reviewing local on local stop sign requests.
- Recommend the City Council amend the city code to eliminate the age of vehicle requirement for taxis and increase the initial meter charge by \$1.
- Recommended the implementation of a Neighborhood Slow Zone Pilot in the Lynhaven Neighborhood.
- Recommended an updated approval process for curb cut applications and their appeals.
- Recommended the updated Parklet requirements.
- Recommended the installation of No Turn on Red restrictions at 10 intersections with Patrick Street and Henry Street.

**Goals for July 2023 – June 2024:**

- Establish a sub-committee of Traffic and Parking Board members and Taxi industry members to review fees and other regulations regarding Taxis and recommend changes to the City Council.
- 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.
- 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