

**From:** [Katie North](#)  
**To:** [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]Tonight's TPB Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, May 19, 2025 5:50:41 PM

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**From:** William Schuyler <wjschuyler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2025 4:50 PM  
**To:** Katie North <katie.north@alexandriava.gov>  
**Cc:** Yvonne Callahan <Yvonneweightcallahan@gmail.com>; President OTCA <president@theoldtowncivicassociation.org>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Tonight's TPB Meeting

Dear Chairwoman Tucker and Members of the Traffic and Parking Board:

First, Congratulations, Madam Chair, on your new role.

Second, we are writing in reference to the written report in the May 19, 2025 docket regarding the closure of the 200 Block of King St.

You may remember that the Old Town Civic Association supported the City's plan to conduct a pilot project on this block. We agreed it was a good idea to explore given the success of the closures of the unit and 100 blocks of this street.

Our support was contingent on the idea that a full evaluation of the pilot be conducted before deciding if permanent closure was the best use of this block. Given the written report, it appears the City has decided to close the block even before the evaluation is completed. We are also very concerned that the evaluation as described involves only traffic and pedestrian patterns and will not review the larger questions about what is the best use of this block.

As we pointed out in our letter of support, the uses and business types on this block are very different than the other blocks. We have no sense at all if closure helps or hurts these businesses. And, as representatives of the residents of Old Town, we want to be assured that the increased demand for parking on the residential streets that has resulted from the loss of the parking on this commercial block is a reasonable price to pay for the resulting increased commercial activity or the improvement of pedestrian space. We do not see anything suggesting that kind of review in your written report.

We would ask the Traffic and Parking Board to request this analysis be completed before it is brought back to you for a recommendation. We were assured by the City staff this would be completed. Please help us make sure we are making the best choices about how we want to use this very valuable block.

Thank you for considering our request. If we can provide any additional information, please contact:

Yvonne Weight Callahan, President of the Old Town Civic Association,  
at [yvonneweightcallahan@gmail.com](mailto:yvonneweightcallahan@gmail.com) or

William Schuyler, Vice President OTCA, at [wjschuyler@gmail.com](mailto:wjschuyler@gmail.com)

Thank you,

OTCA

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**From:** [Zack DesJardins](#)  
**To:** [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Remarks during public comment period  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025 10:41:27 AM

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Hello, can you please make sure the Board sees the attached photos of a crash around 9:15 am at King/Callahan intersection? Did not stop to ask what happened but a person was sitting in the crosswalk and a large truck was parked some distance away.

Zack

On Mon, Apr 28, 2025, 6:56 PM Zack DesJardins <[ZacharyDesJardins@gmail.com](mailto:ZacharyDesJardins@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hello, please share with the members of the Traffic & Parking Board.

Thank you,

Zack











**From:** [Bruce Snapp](#)  
**To:** [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Public Hearing on stop sign at Kentucky Ave. and Old Dominion Blvd.  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025 3:36:26 PM

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The intersection of Kentucky Avenue and Old Dominion Drive is in need of urgent attention. The sightline for vehicles turning from Kentucky onto Old Dominion are very poor, especially on the left. As the attached photos show, the view to the left is blocked by a very full evergreen tree and by vehicles parked on Old Dominion. As a result, drivers must exercise great caution to make sure vehicles are not coming from the left. The problem is exacerbated because people often exceed the speed limit on Old Dominion, which reduces the time available for vehicles turning from Kentucky to proceed safely.

Safety would be enhanced by changing the yield sign to a stop sign to encourage drivers to come to a complete stop before proceeding. Consideration should also be given to increasing the no parking area at the curb beyond its current distance and asking the residents to trim the lower branches of their evergreen tree.

Bruce Snapp  
517 N. Overlook Drive

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**From:** [Alek Becker](#)  
**To:** [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Docket # 6 on May 19th  
**Date:** Friday, May 16, 2025 6:08:54 PM

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I'm writing to show my support for changes to Mill Road and to encourage an affirmative vote for docket #6 to move this project forward.

- The proposed bike lanes fills a missing link to connect the West End with the waterfront, allowing riders to follow the Holmes Run Trail, Eisenhower Ave Trail, Jamieson Ave bike lanes and Wilkes St Neighborhood Bikeway to the Mount Vernon Trail. It also connects to a newly constructed multi-use trail that runs from Stovall St to Alexandria Community Shelter.
- The project allows people biking to avoid a high stress gap at Pershing Ave/Telegraph Rd intersection where 85% of drivers roll through stop signs.
- The proposed bike lanes will provide a buffer space from traffic for people walking on the sidewalk.
- This safety project requires a trade-off in convenience for a small number of drivers by removing some underused travel lanes and eliminating one of two left turn lanes on Stovall St and Mill Rd.
- Our city's plans: Pedestrian and Bicycle [Master Plan](#), Complete Streets [Work Plan](#), Eisenhower East [Small Area Plan](#), Energy and Climate Change [Action Plan](#), and Vision Zero [Plan](#) support this short but important segment of bike lane.
- The project helps make the case to add protection to the Jamieson Ave bike lanes and extend them through from Dulany St to Holland Ln as part of a future project.

Thank you,

Alek Becker

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**From:** [Alex Goyette](#)  
**To:** [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Support Item 6 at 4/28 Hearing - Corridor Improvements for Mill Road  
**Date:** Thursday, May 15, 2025 5:02:29 PM

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Good afternoon,

Please support the corridor improvements for Mill Road.

With Council's regrettable decision last year to leave a dangerous infrastructure gap on Duke Street, the Eisenhower mixed use trail will remain the city's safest option for east-west bike travel for the foreseeable future. These improvements to Mill Road will extend that route's connectivity into the heart of Carlyle, a fast-growing and walkable neighborhood with a number of amenities that residents in the Eisenhower Valley and West End would be able to access much more safely by bike.

Thank you,  
Alex

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**From:** [Bob Hartt](#)  
**To:** [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Mill Road Improvements  
**Date:** Thursday, May 15, 2025 8:49:04 PM

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Traffic and Parking Board Members,

I wish to register my support for the improvements proposed by city staff for Mill Road. The removal of travel and turn lanes and the addition of bike lanes and improved pedestrian access in the Mill Road and Jamison area will make it safer for all travelers. It will also help implement the previously approved mobility, complete streets and small area plans for this area.

As someone who frequently travels through this section primarily as a cyclist and pedestrian, but also in motor vehicles, I have experienced several crash close calls, so I strongly recommend the Traffic and Parking Board approves the staff recommendation.

Thank you,

Robert Hartt

4005 Ellicott Street

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**From:** [bonnoday@gmail.com](mailto:bonnoday@gmail.com)  
**To:** [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Support of corridor improvements on Mill Road  
**Date:** Thursday, May 15, 2025 11:06:32 AM

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Thank you for proposing the corridor improvements on Mill Road, including the removal of travel and turn lanes and the addition of bi-directional bike lanes in the Mill Road and Jamison area. I coordinate the Tuesday Night Tandem bike group, which pairs a sighted captain with a blind or low-vision stoker on tandem bikes. We frequently ride through this intersection as we ride from our home in central Alexandria to the Mount Vernon trail. We've noticed the gap in safe bicycle lanes in this area and the tendency for traffic to travel through this area at very high speeds. Cars generally do not stop, but roll through the intersection, unless of course they happen to see our bicycles crossing.

We appreciate the City staff's plan to close the bike lane gap and create a safer intersection for cyclists, pedestrians and drivers. We hope the Traffic and Parking Board will support the staff recommendation.

Cordially,  
Bonnie O'Day  
4005 Ellicott Street  
Alexandria VA 22304

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**From:** [Marta Schantz](#)  
**To:** [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Quick note in support of Staff Rec for Docket item 6  
**Date:** Friday, May 16, 2025 11:00:50 AM

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Hi Traffic and Parking Board,

Sending a quick note in support of that staff's recommendation for Docket item 6. Fully support bike lanes on Mill Rd! The Eisenhower route will remain one of the only real east-west bike connections we have, and this plugs one of the remaining gaps in that connection.

Thank you,  
Marta

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**From:** [Tom VanAntwerp](#)  
**To:** [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Support for staff recommendations for docket item 6  
**Date:** Friday, May 16, 2025 11:17:52 AM

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To the Traffic and Parking Board,

I'm writing to express support for staff recommendations for docket item 6 to add bike lanes to Mill Road. This change will greatly improve cyclist safety and help make east-west cycling in Alexandria into a more complete route.

Thank you,  
Tom VanAntwerp

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**From:** [docpat@netzero.net](mailto:docpat@netzero.net)  
**To:** [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)  
**Cc:** [coreywholmes@gmail.com](mailto:coreywholmes@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** FW: Metro Road Improvements and Repaving Plan Public Comment from Corey Holmes  
**Date:** Monday, May 19, 2025 4:53:42 PM

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To Traffic & Parking Board:

I am forwarding the written comments below on behalf of Dr. Corey Holmes.

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**From:** Doc Holmes <[coreywholmes@gmail.com](mailto:coreywholmes@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025 10:23:44 AM  
**To:** Danielle McCauley <[Danielle.McCauley@fsresidential.com](mailto:Danielle.McCauley@fsresidential.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Metro Road Improvements and Repaving Plan

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Hi Danielle,

I am out of the country, but can you submit the statement below for record in the upcoming Traffic and Parking Board Meeting?

#### Statement Opposing Lane Reduction on Metro Road

I strongly oppose the City Transportation staff's "Option 1" proposal to reduce vehicle lanes on Metro Road during the upcoming paving project. This "road diet" plan would eliminate a currently functional vehicle lane to create a marked buffer area extending from the sidewalk, effectively restricting traffic flow on a critical thoroughfare.

This proposal directly contradicts the clearly expressed wishes of our community, which has consistently voiced opposition to any changes in Metro Road's lane configuration over the past six months of communications and meetings. Our position has been clear and unwavering: we do not support reducing vehicle capacity on Metro Road.

The proposed lane reduction is particularly concerning given the City's own future plans to redirect traffic flow. According to established city plans, all traffic currently making left turns from Eisenhower Avenue onto Van Dorn Street and from Van Dorn onto Eisenhower at the Eisenhower/Van Dorn intersection will be rerouted through Metro



Road in both directions. This rerouting is expected to increase traffic volume on Metro Road by two to three times current levels. Reducing lane capacity now, before this significant traffic increase, demonstrates poor planning and will inevitably create severe congestion and gridlock. I explicitly request that the Board reject "Option 1" and maintain Metro Road's current lane configuration.

We must preserve Metro Road's existing vehicle capacity to accommodate both current and future traffic needs. The proposed "road diet" would only create unnecessary congestion that will worsen dramatically as planned traffic pattern changes are implemented.

Respectfully,

Dr. Corey W. Holmes

Summers Grove Resident