

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025, 7 P.M.
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING**

M I N U T E S

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Ann Tucker, Vice Chair Casey Kane, Annie Ebberts (virtual), Lavonda Bonnard, Ashley Mihalik, and Kursten Phelps.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: T&ES – Katye North, Division Chief; Alex Boulden, Division Chief; Andre Williams, Civil Engineer III; Sara Brandt-Vorel, Principal Planner; and Max Devilliers, Urban Planner III.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.
2. Approval of the May 19, 2025, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Phelps made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mihalik, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2025, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES:** The Board received written staff updates on:
 - Sanger Avenue Paving and Project Updates
 - Capital Bikeshare Expansion
 - Mr. Kane asked why the ratio of 100 classic to 60 e-bikes was chosen for procurement, to which Ms. North responded it was related to requirements and cost.
 - Status of Parking Meter Rates
 - Mr. Kane asked which parking policies in particular was the written update referring to, to which Ms. North responded that enforcement mechanics from the Police Department's end were a large factor. Ms. Tucker asked when an evaluation of the parking enforcement contractors would be published, to which Ms. North responded that staff expect to share results at the September Board meeting.
 - Removal of Loading/PUDO Zone on southbound 100 block of South Fairfax St.
 - Taxicab Compliance Follow-Up
4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD:** None.

CONSENT ITEMS

5. **ISSUE:** Parking Removal – 1500 Block of Portner Road at Slaters Lane

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauritzen, to recommend the Director of T&ES remove 20 feet of on-street parking on the east side of Portner Road immediately south of Slaters Lane. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

6. **ISSUE:** Curb Cut Appeal – 202 West Myrtle Street

DISCUSSION: Mr. Williams presented the item to the Board. Ms. Tucker asked if a tree being in the public right-of-way would have affected the City's decision-making, to which Mr. Boulden responded it would have because it would have triggered an examination by the City Arborist. Mr. Kane asked why the property owner applying for the curb cut could have adjacent neighbors object the proposal on the basis of a tree located on private property, to which Mr. Boulden responded that it is helpful for the City to understand the perspectives of those who would be directly affected by the proposed change and who experience the matters in that specific location daily.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Claudia Smigrod testified in opposition. Kelton Frye testified in support.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mihalik, to deny the appeal and affirm the Director's approval of the curb cut application. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. **STAFF UPDATES:** Ms. Brandt-Vorel provided the Board with an update regarding King Street Tactical Study at Alexandria City High School (ACHS). Mr. Kane suggested traffic signal and leading pedestrian interval timing adjustments specifically around school arrival and dismissal similar to morning and evening rush-hour adjustments. Ms. Tucker asked if staff had received concerns from neighbors, to which Ms. Brandt-Vorel responded that the resident who would be directly fronted by the proposed combined DASH bus stop opposed that specific proposal due to the high volume of boardings and alightings that would occur in front of his home. Ms. Phelps asked if staff had received feedback from ACHS students, to which Ms. Brandt-Vorel responded she would check. Ms. Tucker suggested installing a center-running fence along King Street at ACHS similar to the one installed in front of Beatley Library. Ms. Tucker also asked if staff had spoken with ACPS and RP&CA about these proposals, to which Ms. Brandt-Vorel responded she had. Mr. Lauritzen suggested a mid-block crossing somewhere around 3315 King Street. Ms. Mihalik implored City staff to address similar issues at all schools citywide due to poor driver behavior during school arrivals and dismissals. Mr. Lauritzen asked why the westbound right-turn lane in Option 1 was not present in Option 2, to which Ms. Brandt-Vorel agreed to check on.

8. COMMISSIONER UPDATES: Mr. Kane provided the following updates:

- The Transportation Commission submitted letters of endorsement to the City Council regarding two grants; one for procuring additional buses and another for repairing the bus depot roof.
- The City will be receiving funding for fare-free WMATA bus routes in Alexandria
- The City Council will soon be discussing DASH routes replacing ACPS school buses
- A raised crosswalk among other safety-related roadway treatments were approved around William Ramsay Elementary School
- The Transportation Commission will not be meeting in July nor August this year

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Phelps moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Bonnard. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.