

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025, 7 P.M.  
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** T&ES – Katie North, Division Chief; Sheila McGraw, Principal Planner; Maha Gilini, Civil Engineer III; Sara Brandt-Vorel, Principal Planner; Max Devilliers, Urban Planner III; and Bryan Hayes, Urban Planner III.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.
2. Approval of the June 23, 2025, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Phelps, to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2025, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES:** The Board received written staff updates on:
  - Complete Streets Project Updates
    - Ms. Phelps requested that the cycletrack on Mill Road could be extended to Dulany Street by replacing the bike lanes on Jamieson Avenue.
    - Ms. Mihalik noted that there are still two eastbound travel lanes on Sanger Avenue at North Beauregard Street, to which Mr. Hayes responded that it would be addressed later this week along with the flexposts and other physical interventions on Sanger Avenue underneath Interstate 395.
  - Capital Bikeshare Fare Changes
    - Mr. Kane noted that Visit Alexandria needs to update their Capital Bikeshare-related information on their website and that the Capital Bikeshare-related brochures on the City’s website also need to be updated.
  - Daylighting Administrative Procedure Update
    - Mr. Kane asked when the future project along Mount Vernon Avenue will occur, to which Mr. Hayes responded that an update regarding past, present, and future work along Mount Vernon Avenue will be provided to the Board at the September meeting.

4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD:** None.

**BOARD ACTION:** None.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

5. **ISSUE:** Addition of No U-Turn Restriction – Intersection of Richmond Highway and Slaters Lane

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Kane noted that the ‘No U-Turn’ sign is located too far from the intersection and requested that it get moved closer in addition to cleaning up the other signage around that intersection.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebberts, to recommend the Director of T&ES restrict U-turns for the southbound left turn on Richmond Highway at Slaters Lane. The motion carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

6. **ISSUE:** Safe Routes to School Crossing Improvements Near Schools Phase I Project – Parking Removal

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Hayes presented the item to the Board. Ms. Mihalik asked why a crosswalk was not included on south side of the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and Uhler Street, to which Mr. Hayes responded that staff wanted to minimize impact and that most pedestrians crossed the intersection on its north side. Mr. Kane asked about what could be done in the interim, to which Mr. Hayes responded that staff expect construction to begin in summer 2026 for most elements of this project. Mr. Kane asked when parking would be removed, to which Mr. Hayes responded that it would be removed once construction began, but staff can work on interim solutions if need be. Ms. Bonnard asked if the ‘No Parking’ signs are only meant to keep drivers from obstructing crosswalks, to which Mr. Devilliers responded that they are. Ms. Tucker requested that the ACPS superintendent attend a future Board meeting. Mr. Lauritzen argued that metered parking in Del Ray would help to deter long-term storage of vehicles. Ms. Phelps asked if scooter/bike corral infrastructure could be used to remove parking where needed, to which Mr. Devilliers responded that Mobility Services could consider it where demand is high. Ms. Tucker asked for a written update on this project at the September meeting given the urgency of roadway safety around schools. Ms. Tucker asked why staff chose to prioritize the Princess and North West Streets intersection for this project, to which Mr. Hayes responded that there are greater safety concerns due to high traffic volumes and the Queen and North West Streets intersection having many fewer turning movement options.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Jim Durham testified in support.

Dino Drudi testified in opposition to parking removal at North West Street and Princess Street.

David Munoz testified in opposition to parking removal in Cameron Station.

Mike Doyle testified in support.

Robert Cox testified in support.

Alek Jovovic testified in support of new crosswalks but in opposition of current proposal of parking removal.

Elena Hutchison testified in support but wants physical infrastructure to prevent parking in those spaces, and wants more parking removal around the Groves Avenue intersection due to frequency of U-turns and double parking.

Asa Orrin-Brown testified in support.

**BOARD ACTION:** Ms. Ebbers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mihalik, to recommend the Director of T&ES:

- Remove four parking spaces and add three parking spaces at the Taney and North Jordan Street intersection near Patrick Henry K-8 School.
- Remove one parking space on Cameron Station Boulevard near Samuel Tucker Elementary School.
- Remove three parking spaces and add one parking space at the Princess and North West Streets intersection near Jefferson-House PreK-8 School.
- Remove two parking spaces at the intersection of Groves and Commonwealth Avenue near Mount Vernon Community School.
- Remove four parking spaces at the Mt. Ida and Commonwealth Avenue intersection near Mount Vernon Community School.
- Remove four parking spaces at the Uhler and Commonwealth Avenue intersection near Mount Vernon Community School.
- Implement temporary solutions where possible until construction begins.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** King Street Access & Safety at Alexandria City High School - Travel Lane Changes

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Brandt-Vorel presented the item to the Board. Ms. Tucker asked when construction would begin, to which Ms. Brandt-Vorel responded it would begin this fall. Mr. Kane asked if the traffic signal at Chinquapin Drive can handle varying signal timings at different times of day, to which Ms. Brandt-Vorel confirmed it could. Mr. Kane asked how cyclists would get around passengers waiting for the bus at the shared stop, to which Ms. Brandt-Vorel responded they could bike around the stop if passengers were standing in the bike lane or around the bus entirely if a bus was at the stop. Mr. Lauritzen asked why staff was not proposing a mid-block crossing closer to Chinquapin Drive, to which Ms. Brandt-Vorel responded that the options laid out would likely eliminate the need for students to cross King Street outside of a crosswalk. Ms. Tucker asked if staff would be adding a trash can to the new consolidated bus stop, which Ms. Brandt-Vorel confirmed they would. Ms. Tucker asked which option DASH prefers, to which Ms. Brandt-Vorel responded that DASH is ambivalent.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Jim Durham testified in support of Option 1.

Mike Doyle testified in support of Option 1.

Asa Orrin-Brown testified in support.

Ken Notis testified in support of Option 1.

Joseph Delmontague testified in opposition.

Gabriel Morey testified in support and suggested removing the bus pull-out in the design for Option 1 as well as maintaining the refuge island.

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

- Replace the center turn lane and southernmost travel lane on King Street between Kenwood Avenue and Chinquapin Drive with a protected bicycle lane and a dedicated bus pull off.
- Replace the northernmost and southernmost travel lane on King Street between Kenwood Avenue and Radford Street with protected bicycle lanes.
- Remove one eastbound right turn lane from King Street approaching the intersection of King Street and Kenwood Avenue.

The motion carried unanimously.

**8. ISSUE:** 200 Block of King Street Permanent Closure - Parking Removal, Signal Changes

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Devilliers presented the item to the Board. Mr. Kane asked if snow removal on the 200 block of King Street would be prioritized at the same level as the Unit and 100 blocks of King Street, to which Mr. Devilliers said it would. Mr. Kane also requested that City staff consider bringing back the exclusive pedestrian phase for the traffic signal at King and Fairfax Streets along with signs educating pedestrians when they can cross. Mr. Lauritzen requested that staff consider pedestrianizing King Street between Fairfax and Patrick Streets as well.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Jim Durham testified in support. Asa Orrin-Brown also testified in support, and requested additional bicycle and scooter parking at King and Fairfax Streets.

**BOARD ACTION:** Ms. Mihalik made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bonnard, to recommend the Director of T&ES permanently remove 17 parking spaces and modify the traffic signal at the intersection of Fairfax and King Streets, as well as recommend City Council approve the ordinance approving the permanent closure of the 200 block of King Street. The motion carried unanimously.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**9. STAFF UPDATES:** Ms. McGraw provided the Board with an update regarding the Traffic and Parking Board Annual Report and Attendance Report and the Traffic and Parking Board Virtual Meeting Policy.

**10. COMMISSIONER UPDATES:** None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Ebbers moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Bonnard. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.