

From: [Madison Welch](#)
To: [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Pay by Phone on 900 Block of Cameron St
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 11:59:16 AM

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Dear Traffic and Parking Board,

I am supportive of the proposal to allow drivers on 900 block of Cameron St to pay by phone. I encourage this policy to be extended to other adjacent blocks such as 1000 Cameron St.

Regards,
-Madison Welch

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From: Sarah
To: [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Cameron Mills/Woodland Terr. Parking
Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025 11:07:32 AM

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> Dear Board Members,

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> The only reason you are here discussing removing parking spots near Cameron Mills and Woodland Terrace is due to the ACPS's Central Office short sided decision to put a bus stop for the George Mason swing space, with 50+ students, at this location. They REFUSE to acknowledge it was a mistake and alter the bus route. Parents contacted the central office to discourage the use of this spot starting in March of 2025 and were consistently ignored. Please hear me when I say this, the problem with this bus stop is NOT a lack of a curb cut, crosswalk, or sidewalk, it is the fact that there are too many children at this stop.

> Not only is it unsafe to the kids, Dash bus riders have to stand in the street, and pedestrian traffic is completely obstructed.

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> If ACPS had any interest in being good stewards of our tax dollars, they would have taken the no cost solution of adding stops. Instead, they kicked the issue to TE & S to spend money on a solution that does NOT address the actual problem, at all.

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> I would encourage you to decline the request to remove parking spots for 2 reasons:

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> 1) The school bus stop will only be at this location for the duration of the George Mason rebuild. In fact, there is no evidence to support the spot will be there next school year, thus the permanent removal is unnecessary.

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> 2) I would encourage you to kick the issue right back to ACPS and reiterate that the safety of the children at this stop can only be addressed by adding stops to the route so there is no longer 50 or more kids in one place.

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> Thank you for your consideration.

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> Sincerely,

> Sarah Heckenberg

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> Sent from my iPad

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Oct. 25, 2025

Alexandria Traffic and Parking Board
City of Alexandria Department of Transportation & Environmental Services
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: Opposition to Parking Removal at Cameron Mills Road & Woodland Terrace

Dear Members of the Traffic and Parking Board,

I am the George Mason Elementary School PTA President, and I am writing to express concerns regarding the proposed removal of residential parking spaces at the intersection of Cameron Mills Road and Woodland Terrace.

This proposed action stems from safety concerns raised by parents and the George Mason Elementary School PTA regarding the school bus stop temporarily located at this intersection during the George Mason Elementary modernization project. Our concerns have always been focused on the safety of children: more than 50 students currently wait for the school bus along a narrow sidewalk, shared with a DASH stop, at a complex and visibility-challenging intersection.

Parents repeatedly urged ACPS Transportation to relocate and/or split this stop to alleviate crowding and improve safety. Multiple alternative, safer stop locations were suggested. Despite this, ACPS moved forward with keeping the bus stop at Cameron Mills & Woodland and requested the City install curb cuts and a crosswalk.

While I am grateful that a crosswalk and curb cuts were added to increase safety for children and pedestrians at this intersection, I believe the current design is flawed and does not effectively address the core problems. The crosswalk leads to areas without sidewalks (both the west side of Cameron Mills and North side of Woodland Terrace), forcing pedestrians into the roadway, and does not resolve the overcrowding at the bus stop. Now, as a consequence of this temporary bus stop remaining in place, the City is proposing to remove critical residential parking spaces, claiming that parked vehicles obstruct sight-lines.

This trade-off creates new safety concerns: residents will instead be pushed to park on a street with no sidewalk, forcing children to walk in the roadway and residents to unload their cars on an unsafe pass-through street - undermining the very safety goals this project is attempting to achieve.

To be clear:

- **The PTA did not endorse the removal of residential parking.**

- **The PTA did not request a crosswalk in a location unattached to sidewalks.**
- Our advocacy was specifically tied to the **temporary** presence of an unsafe school bus stop - not to permanent infrastructure changes that **negatively** impact residents and fail to solve the core safety issues.

I believe this proposal prioritizes a short-term workaround over a common-sense safety solution: **move the bus stop**. Doing so would eliminate the need for costly infrastructure modifications or parking loss. We respectfully ask the Traffic and Parking Board to:

1. **Deny the removal of residential parking** at Cameron Mills Road and Woodland Terrace; and
2. **Recommend that ACPS Transportation re-evaluate the location of the current bus stop** and relocate it to a safer location further down the street where parents have already identified feasible options.

This decision should meaningfully improve safety for children - not trade one safety hazard for another or create long-term burdens for residents over a temporary need.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to transportation safety for all Alexandria residents. I would welcome the opportunity to speak further or provide additional information on behalf of concerned families.

Sincerely,

Suzie O'Brien

George Mason Elementary Parent

George Mason Elementary PTA President 2025-2026

From: [Raquel Suarez Hawk](#)
To: [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Objection to Proposed Parking Spot Reduction on Cameron Mills Road (Related to ACPS Bus 95 Stop)
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025 7:18:06 PM

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Traffic and Parking Board,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed plan to remove resident parking spots on Cameron Mills Road as a solution to concerns surrounding the temporary ACPS Bus 95 stop.

The decision to eliminate parking impacts the daily lives and convenience of residents and it does not solve the root issue. Reducing residential parking should not be the go-to solution for what is a temporary problem created solely by the placement of the bus stop.

The safety concerns that prompted the need for traffic measures were initially raised because of the bus stop's current location. We have repeatedly advocated for a more sensible, safer, and less impactful solution over the past several months and have asked that ACPS relocate that stop on the corner of Woodland Terrace and Cameron Mills Rd.

The bus stop is temporary, only required until the George Mason Elementary School construction is complete. Relocating the stop to one of the many alternative locations we have previously suggested is not only a safer option but also eliminates the negative impact on neighborhood parking entirely.

I urge the Board to reject the proposal to remove resident parking on Cameron Mills Road and instead use its influence to direct ACPS to adopt the common-sense solution of moving the temporary Bus 95 stop.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Best,

Raquel Suarez Hawk

George Mason Parent and Cameron Mills Rd. Resident

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From: [Sara Abriatis](#)
To: [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Fwd: Concern Regarding Removal of Parking on Cameron Mills Road
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 6:03:14 PM

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Please see below in reference to the letter we received Oct 24 re: the removal of a parking space in front of our house.

Thank you.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Sara Abriatis <saratracya@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Oct 24, 2025 at 4:16 PM
Subject: Concern Regarding Removal of Parking on Cameron Mills Road
To: <Hillary.Orr@alexandriava.gov>

Dear Ms. Orr,

I am writing to express concern and request clarification regarding the plan to remove parking in front of my home on Cameron Mills Road. While I appreciate the recent addition of the crosswalk and understand the city's commitment to improving pedestrian safety, the decision to eliminate parking in front of my property raises several important questions and concerns.

First, I would like to better understand the rationale for this change. Specifically, how does removing parking on Cameron Mills directly improve safety? From my perspective, this action does not appear to address several core safety issues at this intersection and surrounding area, including:

- The crowded and frequently unsafe conditions at the GMES bus stop,
- The absence of sidewalks on Woodland Terrace on both sides of this intersection,
- The absence of sidewalks along Woodland Terrace, and
- Ongoing congestion and speeding on Woodland Terrace, which has increasingly become a cut-through for drivers avoiding the Braddock Road intersection.

In fact, removing the parking space in front of my home may unintentionally worsen safety. I will now have to park on Woodland Terrace, a narrow and busy street, where loading and unloading my children with no sidewalk will be more difficult and potentially dangerous. The street already houses cars from the residents directly on this street and is not wide enough to support car parking on both sides, which is often necessary, and the high volume of drivers using this as a cut through. I have had my corner where the new sidewalk is run over many times as people take the turn too tight to avoid traffic coming from Braddock Road. What is the plan to solve these issues?

Additionally, I would like to understand why this particular bus stop was selected for ADA accessibility improvements given that there is currently no crosswalk across Woodland

Terrace or connecting sidewalks to support safe pedestrian movement.

I respectfully request that the Department provide:

1. The specific safety analysis or rationale behind the decision to remove parking on Cameron Mills,
2. An explanation of how this change fits into broader plans for improving safety and accessibility in this area, and
3. Consideration of alternative measures that could achieve safety goals without eliminating necessary residential parking.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued work to improve our community's transportation safety. I look forward to your reply and continued conversation on this matter.

Sincerely,

Sara Abriatis

Resident, 2400 Cameron Mills Rd

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From: Brendan Kiviat
To: [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Public Comment - Docket Item 7: Parking Removal Crossing Improvements on Cameron Mills Road at Woodland Terrace
Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025 1:42:12 PM

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Good afternoon,

My name is Brendan Kiviat and I live in the 22305 zip code, ride the 104 bus and regularly walk in the area of Cameron Mills Road and Woodland Terrace. I support removing the parking space to improve pedestrian safety and ADA accessibility at this location. I would also like to pose the following questions and concerns:

1. Will the crosswalk include flashing beacons or activated warning signals? This crossing serves students and is the only ADA-accessible bus stop for over 1,200 feet. Active signals would improve safety.
2. Should staff remove additional parking spaces for better sight lines? Daylighting—removing parking near intersections—is proven to save lives and nearly all homes in the area have dedicated driveways. I'm particularly interested in this option for Woodland Terrace on the east side of the intersection pictured in the docket where vehicles often block sightlines to higher speed traffic getting onto Cameron Mills from Braddock forcing drivers to creep into the notably weathered existing crosswalk where they block pedestrian crossings.
3. Does this crossing affect signal timing at Braddock Road? Can signals be coordinated to improve pedestrian safety along the corridor (Fontaine St, Davis Ave, etc.)?

Thank you,
Brendan

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From: [Yas Seddiq](#)
To: [Sheila McGraw](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Cameron Mills Crosswalk
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 4:35:37 PM

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Hey there — just wanted to say thanks for the new crosswalk and bus stop improvements on Cameron Mills. It's such a big help for kids who are running a little late for the bus and need to cross safely. I've already noticed drivers slowing down more, and it just feels safer overall. Really appreciate the City making this happen.

Thanks again!

Yas

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From: [Yasir Nagi](#)
To: [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Public Comment on Docket #9 - Yoakum Parkway Improvement
Date: Sunday, October 26, 2025 10:42:56 PM

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Hi,

I'd like to submit a public comment on Docket #9 - Yoakum Parkway Improvement.

My wife and I live at the Tuscany apartments, on Yoakum Parkway. We strongly support the flex posts that provide bikers with a greater sense of protection from cars, and would have preferred seeing this approach taken along all of Yoakum parkway like Option 2 suggests.

We are disappointed by the high priority given to preserving the number of on-street parking on Yoakum parkway, at the inconvenience and detriment of bikers who will have to interact with merging cars into and out of parking spaces.

We also find the current amount of free on-street parking to be unnecessary and de-incentivizing for the future of biking on Yoakum. Yoakum parkway is already serviced by Dash bus 35, a free bus route that runs every 10 minutes throughout the day to the shopping centers on Van dorn and the metro stop. Metrobus A28 also runs here, directly to the pentagon for commuters. **Dedicating the scarce amount of public right-of-way for the free storage of personal cars is questionable, but doing so while these convenient and free public transit routes exist is just missing the mark.** Free abundant parking also conflicts with the city's goal of incentivizing greener modes of transportation, such as biking or taking the bus.

We strongly believe on-street parking should be reduced to promote and build better bike lanes. If on-street parking was reduced, people would consider other modes of transportation, like the free dash bus running every 10 minutes as previously mentioned, rather than driving their cars, which would then lead to a reduction in traffic in the area, thus to less crashes and less wear-and-tear on the roads.

Thank you,
Yasir Nagi

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From: [Ken Notis](#)
To: [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Docket Item 9, Yoakum Parkway
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 8:16:24 PM

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I am writing on behalf of Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

We support Option 2 on Yoakum, which provides a protected two way protected bike lane the entire length of the study area. This does more for the bike network than option 1.

Ken Notis
Chair, Alexandria BPAC

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From: [Ken Notis](#)
To: [TES-Traffic and Parking Board](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Yoakum Parkway (Item 9 on the docket)
Date: Friday, October 24, 2025 7:48:09 AM

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I support Option 2 on Yoakum. A two protected bike lane will help add to our all ages and abilities bike network, and help lead it towards a fully connected network.

Ken Notis

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