

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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 – Katye North, Division Chief; Sheila McGraw, Principal Planner; Ryan Knight, Division Chief; Alex Carroll, Principal Planner; Max Devilliers, Urban Planner III; Bryan Hayes, Urban Planner III; and Silas Sullivan, Urban Planner II.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.

2. Approval of the July 28, 2025, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Phelps made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebbers, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2025, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES: The Board received written staff updates on:

- ACPS Redistricting Walk Zone Mapping Update
 - Mr. Kane asked if staff have a plan to eventually fix the unusual hazards, to which Ms. Carroll responded that staff will be doing so in the spring of 2026 and beyond in addition to Safe Routes to School follow-ups.
- Safe Routes to Schools Crossing Improvements Update
 - Mr. Kane asked how long it takes to remove a parking space and if staff could conduct interim solutions, to which Ms. Carroll responded that staff would look into the feasibility of doing so.
- Mount Vernon Avenue Projects Update
 - Mr. Kane noted that many projects have a very long timeline, to which Ms. Carroll responded that most projects will require more engagement and reconciliation amongst various groups in the area.
- Residential Parking Standards Project Update
 - Mr. Kane asked what the status of this project is, to which Ms. McGraw responded that staff will be bringing the results of the study to the City Manager in October followed by the Board in November at the earliest.

4. LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES UPDATE FOR THE BOARD: Wendy Ginsberg spoke on the Board's legislative priorities.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD: None.

CONSENT ITEMS

6. ISSUE: Parking Removal – Pedestrian Safety Improvement on Jamieson Avenue at Englehardt Lane and Courthouse Square

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kane asked why parking must be removed for this proposal, to which Mr. Hayes responded that the horizontal shift of the lanes toward the curb require it. Mr. Kane asked how staff will ensure that drivers do not park in the bike lane, to which Mr. Hayes responded that no vertical elements are planned for the bike lane at this time, but staff will continue to monitor how drivers behave in this location to determine next steps. Mr. Kane requested that staff request that Parking Enforcement focus on this area once the project is complete.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: None.

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

- One (1) parking space at the Jamieson Avenue and Courthouse Square intersection, and
 - Up to seven (7) parking spaces at the Jamieson Avenue and Englehardt Lane intersection.
- The motion carried unanimously.

7. ISSUE: Intersection Improvements - King Street and North Beauregard Street

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kane asked if the slip lane at this location will be removed, to which Mr. Knight responded that it will be but is referred to as a right-turn median lane in the docket memo. Mr. Kane asked if the traffic signal currently or will detects bicycles queuing, which Mr. Knight confirmed it does. Ms. Mihalik asked if buses were considered as part of the right-turn median lane removal, to which Mr. Knight responded that a detailed turning movement analysis as part of the removal was conducted and deemed feasible for all vehicles.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: None.

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

- Remove the right turn lane median on the northwest corner of the King Street and North Beauregard Street intersection
- Add a striped out median on King Street that could eventually be used for an additional left turn lane if congestion levels deem warranted in the future
- Extend the left turn lane for the westbound approach of King Street at the North Beauregard Street intersection

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

8. ISSUE: Corridor Modifications – Jordan Street

DISCUSSION: Mr. Sullivan presented the item to the Board. Mr. Kane asked if the traffic signal phase for Jordan at Howard would be elongated to compensate for delays as a result of buses boarding in the travel lane, to which Mr. Sullivan responded that it would be considered during the design process. Mr. Lauritzen asked about treatments being considered/made to the Duke and Jordan Streets intersection, to which Mr. Knight responded that a number of projects are planned for that intersection targeting roadway safety, so this project will not address that intersection. Mr. Lauritzen mentioned that sharrows are a relatively undesirable treatment for roadway users, to which Mr. Sullivan responded that staff tried to maintain as much on-street parking as possible due to the high demand for said parking and relatively low cyclist volumes on South Jordan Street in particular. Ms. Ebberts asked if staff considered a resident's request for a traffic circle at South Jordan Street and Venable Avenue, to which Mr. Sullivan responded that staff did consider it, but most residents preferred a stop sign particularly due to the slope which encourages driver acceleration. Mr. Kane asked if the island will be concrete and requested one on Taney Avenue as well, to which Mr. Sullivan responded that the element will be vertical but staff have not determined if it will be flexposts or a concrete island. Mr. Kane suggested that signs stating "Motorists yield to cyclists" be installed as well as speed tables, to which Mr. Knight responded that Jordan Street did not meet the requirements for speed tables. Ms. Phelps asked if staff analyzed how the addition of parking in the former bus stop on North Jordan Street would affect vehicular congestion given that drivers currently use the former bus stop for queueing, to which Mr. Knight responded that staff would look into it during the design process. Ms. Phelps asked if the parking removal on South Jordan Street at Venable Avenue was being requested for daylighting purposes, which Mr. Sullivan confirmed as such. Ms. Phelps asked if the bike lanes proposed for South Jordan Street would be adjacent to the curb or adjacent to the parking lane, to which Mr. Sullivan responded that they would be adjacent to the parking lanes with a striped buffer while there would be vertical elements on North Jordan Street. Ms. Phelps noted that there are issues associated with the entrance to the 7-Eleven parking lot, to which Mr. Knight responded that staff would consider what could be done to address said issues on public right-of-way. Ms. Phelps also noted that the pedestrian signal for crossing South Jordan Street at Duke Street is malfunctioning.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Asa Orrin-Brown testified in support and noted that the Foxchase community should provide the City with a public easement on their property to allow for a multiuse trail given the City's accommodation of public right-of-way to meet the community's parking needs. Mr. Orrin-Brown also noted that drivers park on the sidewalk adjacent to the Shoppes of Foxchase as well as 7-Eleven due to the lack of distinction between the sidewalk and the roadway.

Alex Goyette testified in support.

Annie Patterson testified in support and asked if the pedestrian crossing across North Jordan Street immediately east of the Shoppes of Foxchase will be controlled with an actual traffic signal for all roadway users, which Mr. Sullivan confirmed it would be.

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

- Remove up to 11 on-street parking spaces and add 5 parking spaces on North Jordan Street,

- Remove up to 5 on-street parking spaces on South Jordan Street, and
- Establish stop-control at the intersection of South Jordan Street and Venable Avenue
- Add stop sign on South Jordan Street at Holmes Run Parkway

The motion carried unanimously.

9. ISSUE: Travel Lane Change – Franklin and Gibbon Streets at South Patrick Street

DISCUSSION: Mr. Knight presented the item to the Board. Mr. Kane asked if there is a project planned to address vehicular speeding on South Patrick Street, to which Mr. Knight responded that staff hope the new planted medians and resulting narrower travel lanes will discourage speeding. Mr. Kane asked if staff plans to adjust the pedestrian signal timing, to which Mr. Knight responded that there are no plans to do so currently but that it would be a good idea to do so. Mr. Lauritzen asked how many vehicles warrant a protected right-turn lane, to which Mr. Knight responded that the threshold is 100 or more vehicles per hour. Mr. Lauritzen asked if there will be a pedestrian refuge median, which Mr. Knight confirmed there would be. Ms. Mihalik noted that vegetation should not obstruct visibility for roadway users. Ms. Tucker asked why not remove an entire travel lane or convert the entire lane into on-street parking, to which Mr. Knight responded that staff considered doing so but couldn't get the design to work given the constraints of the space especially with the need to move both the curb and storm inlets.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Matthew Cline testified in support and noted that he has never seen drivers parking on the north side of Franklin Street at South Patrick Street and that many drivers turn right from Franklin Street onto South Patrick Street despite it being illegal during rush hour. Mr. Knight noted that staff would look into these issues.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Ebbers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauritzen, to recommend the Director of T&ES convert the existing dedicated eastbound through lane into a shared left-through lane on Franklin Street west of South Patrick Street. The motion carried unanimously.

10. ISSUE: City Code Amendment – Food Trucks

DISCUSSION: Mr. Devilliers presented the item to the Board. Mr. Lauritzen asked where the three on-street vending locations are located, to which Mr. Devilliers responded. Mr. Kane asked if this change would prevent food trucks from parking on Wheeler Avenue, which Mr. Devilliers confirmed it would.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: None.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebbers, to recommend the City Council approve the amendment to the City Code related to food truck vending locations and enforcement without an escalated fine structure. The motion carried unanimously.

11. ISSUE: City Code Amendment – Taxicab Requirements

DISCUSSION: Ms. McGraw presented the item to the Board. Ms. Tucker requested that data be used to make changes to the ADA-compliant vehicle requirement by fall 2026.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Muhyiain Mohammed testified in support.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bonnard, to recommend

- The City Council approve the amendment to the City Code to Title 9, Chapter 12 – Taxicabs and Other Vehicles for Hire, and
- The City Manager approve the changes to the Taxicab Regulations.

The motion carried unanimously.

12. ISSUE: Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity – City Cab (Taxicab New Company Application)

DISCUSSION: Ms. McGraw presented the item to the Board. Mr. Kane asked if the taxi companies provide the taxi stands, to which Ms. McGraw responded that the Board would have to recommend approval of creating additional taxi stands. Ms. Tucker asked if the newly proposed company has an ADA-compliant van in its initial fleet, to which Mr. Rivera responded it does. Ms. Tucker asked why there is a discrepancy in the number of drivers, to which Mr. Rivera responded that the discrepancy is characterized by a project growth in the first two years. Ms. Ebbers asked what kind of data would be collected, to which Mr. Rivera responded that the new company would provide whatever data is required by Code.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Surafel B Woldemariam testified in support.

Ahmad Shah Nusrati testified in support.

Tilahun Yesuf Amedie testified in support.

Daniel Hagdu testified in support.

Desmond Williams testified in support.

Abdul Karim testified in opposition.

Daniel Mores testified in support.

Daniel Woldegiorgis testified in support.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Ebbers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauritzen, to recommend the City Manager grant a certificate of public convenience and necessity to City Cab LLC and authorize 180 taxicab certificates. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. STAFF UPDATES: Mr. Devilliers provided the Board with an update regarding the recent City Council’s vote to permanently pedestrianize the 200 block of King Street. Ms. McGraw provided the Board with an update regarding the Board’s FY 2025 legislative and budget priorities.

14. COMMISSIONER UPDATES: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mihalik moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Phelps. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.