

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026, 7 P.M.
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Casey Kane, Vice Chair Annie Ebbers, Ashley Mihalik, Kursten Phelps, Dane Lauritzen, and Mark Stout.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: T&ES – Katye North, Division Chief; Sheila McGraw, Principal Planner; and Max Devilliers, Urban Planner III. APD – Jamie Gernatt, Sergeant.

1. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair: Ms. Ebbers made a motion to nominate Mr. Kane for Board Chair, which carried unanimously. Ms. Phelps made a motion to nominate Ms. Ebbers for Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Stout, which carried unanimously.
2. Election of Traffic and Parking Board representative for Transportation Commission: Mr. Stout made a motion to nominate himself for Commissioner, seconded by Mr. Kane. Ms. Ebbers made a motion to nominate Ms. Phelps for Commissioner, which carried unanimously.
3. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.
4. Approval of the March 23, 2026, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Ebbers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Phelps, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2026, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD:** Elena Sorokina requested that the Board consider lowering the speed limit on Skyhill Road from 25 mph to 15 mph, or implement other speed mitigation measures. Ms. McGraw suggested that Ms. Sorokina apply for the Neighborhood Transportation Improvements Program.

Bill DePuy raised concerns about construction workers parking at length on several blocks in Old Town North with little to no enforcement, reducing the parking supply for residents. Mr. Kane suggested that Mr. DePuy coordinate with the Planning & Zoning Department, but could escalate to the Planning Commission or City Council if need be.

6. Parking Enforcement Presentation: Sgt. Jamie Gernatt presented to the Board on the parking enforcement contractor effect in Old Town and parking enforcement citywide generally.
7. **WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES:** The Board received written staff updates on:

- Complete Streets Updates
 - Mr. Stout is interested in seeing before and after traffic data for Holland Lane regarding Jamieson Avenue. Ms. Phelps requested that staff include regular written updates on crashes. Ms. Mihalik mentioned that the protected left-turn phase for Mill Road at Jamieson Avenue needs to be adjusted.
- Duke and West Taylor Run Update
- Braddock Road Corridor Appeal Update
 - Mr. Stout noted that the recently published WMATA concept plan for joint development at the Braddock Road Metro station appeared to conflict with the Braddock Road Complete Streets project approved by the Board in February, especially with regard to the layout of East Braddock Road between North West Street and the railroad overpass. Mr. Stout requested staff to provide an update concerning any conversations they may be having with WMATA staff to resolve this apparent conflict, and he urged them to use this as an opportunity to begin a broader community-based planning effort that would include both projects.
- Commonwealth Avenue Follow Up
 - Ms. Ebbers asked how the City will be redirecting bicyclists toward the Four Mile Run Trail, which Ms. North responded she would check with Project Implementation.
- North Fairfax Street Daylighting Follow Up
- West Braddock Road Project Notification
 - Ms. Mihalik requested that staff engage students in the area as well as the School Board to be as inclusive as possible, and Ms. Phelps added that staff could also engage students at the recreational centers in the area as well.
- Commonwealth Transportation Board Fiscal Year 2027-2032 Six Year Improvement Program

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

8. ISSUE: Expanding Restricted Overnight Parking District – Gresham Place

DISCUSSION: Mr. Devilliers presented the item to the Board. Mr. Kane asked if residents included in the district can be removed, to which Mr. Devilliers responded that, for consistency and ease of enforcement, staff typically require that an entire block organize to either join or exit a district, using the official petitioning process which requires a majority. Mr. Kane also asked if staff spoke to residents on West Glebe Road, Elbert Avenue, and elsewhere, to which Mr. Devilliers responded he had and will continue to do so through the evaluation process.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: None.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Ebbers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stout, to recommend the City Manager approve the expansion of Restricted Overnight Parking District (OPD) to include Gresham Place. The motion carried unanimously.

9. ISSUE: Parking Additions and No Turn on Red – 1100-1400 Blocks of Duke Street

DISCUSSION: Mr. Devilliers presented the item to the Board. Mr. Stout requested a ‘No Turn on Red’ restriction for northbound traffic on South West Street approaching Duke Street. Ms. Mihalik asked about RPP restrictions, which Mr. Devilliers added that the blocks are in RPPD 4, so residents could petition to restrict the parking for those without a valid District 4 permit in the future if desired. Ms. Phelps asked about daylighting at intersections, to which Mr. Devilliers responded that the added parking would abide by existing ordinances of the City Code and any additional professional advice from Transportation Engineering to maintain adequate sight lines. Mr. Lauritzen asked why staff is proposing to perpetuate car dependence by adding parking instead of bike facilities, to which Mr. Devilliers responded that bike facilities are not planned for this section of Duke Street due to its width and vehicular speeds, and staff is focusing resources on the bike facilities along Wilkes Street, Prince Street, and Cameron Street. Mr. Lauritzen asked for cyclist data on this section of Duke Street, which Mr. Devilliers responded that staff could not collect using existing software the City has access to.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Paul Schissler testified in support of the ‘No Turn on Red’ restriction for northbound drivers on South West Street approaching Duke Street, and requested a three-way stop at Jamieson Avenue and South West Street.

Linda Canada testified in support of the ‘No Turn on Red’ restriction for northbound drivers on South West Street, and testified in opposition to adding parking in front of the Shiloh Baptist Church.

Ruth Arnold testified in support of the ‘No Turn on Red’ restriction for northbound drivers on South West Street approaching Duke Street, and requested a three-way stop at Jamieson Avenue and South West Street.

Ms. Ebbers asked if staff has any concerns about a ‘No Turn on Red’ restriction for northbound drivers on South West Street approaching Duke Street, which Ms. McGraw confirmed that staff does not. Mr. Kane requested that staff consider ‘No Turn on Red’ restrictions for all approaches when future requests/recommendations are brought before the Board, and that staff consider making changes to the intersection of South West Street and Jamieson Avenue to address residents’ concerns. Ms. Mihalik asked if staff has a ‘No Turn on Red’ map, to which Ms. McGraw responded that staff is currently working on a comprehensive proposal for ‘No Turn on Red’ restrictions throughout Old Town as well as an interactive map.

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

- Add up to 15 unrestricted on-street parking spaces in front of 1119-1125 Duke, 1321 Duke, 1401 Duke, and 1447 Duke, and

- Convert a 60-foot-long loading zone in front of 1429 Duke Street into up to three unrestricted on-street parking spaces, and
 - Convert a 30-foot-long disability parking space in front of 1415 Duke Street into one unrestricted on-street parking space, and
 - Implement a ‘No Turn on Red’ restriction for southbound and northbound traffic on South West Street approaching Duke Street.
- The motion carried five to one, with Mr. Lauritzen opposed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. STAFF UPDATES: None.

11. COMMISSIONER UPDATES: Mr. Kane provided the Board with the following updates:

- The Transportation Commission elected their new Chair and Vice Chair.
- There is a new draft GoAlex comprehensive plan that will be looking at teaching students on how to get around without a car. The Commission reviewed the plan and City Council will have to endorse it prior to state approval.
- The crosswalks connecting to the Eisenhower Avenue Metrorail Station are moving forward.
- The Duke Street at West Taylor Run Parkway plans are at 90% design stage.
- The City’s SmartScan will be used for detecting pavement conditions, street signs, pavement markings, and more.
- Mr. Kane will be speaking before City Council on behalf of the Board on the Braddock Road Corridor Project.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Ebbers moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lauritzen. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.