

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026, 7 P.M.
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Annie Ebbers, Vice Chair Ashley Mihalik, Kursten Phelps, Dane Lauritzen, Mark Stout, Rosemarie Spano, and Marcos Bernier.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: T&ES – Hillary Orr, Deputy Director; Katye North, Division Chief; Sheila McGraw, Principal Planner; Ryan Knight, Division Chief; Max Devilliers, Urban Planner III, Andre Williams, Civil Engineer; and Silas Sullivan, Urban Planner II. CAO – Lindsay Dubin.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.
2. Approval of the July 27, 2026, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Stout made a motion, seconded by Ms. Phelps, to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2026, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES:** The Board received written staff updates on:
 - West End Transportation Open House
 - West End High-Crash Intersection Audits Update
 - Citywide crash update will be given in October. Mr. Lauritzen asked staff to provide more detailed information on the webpage.
 - Seminary West Safety Improvements
 - Mr. Lauritzen asked staff to provide more detailed information on the webpage.
 - Left Turn at Jameison Avenue and Mill Road Update
 - Ms. Phelps noted that drivers do not stop for pedestrians and cyclists when making the left turn from Eisenhower Avenue onto Mill Road.
 - ACPS Walk Zones Update
 - Ms. Spano asked for an additional update in October.
 - ACPS Parking Update
 - Ms. Phelps asked for an additional citywide update in the future.
 - H1 2026 Daylighting Request Summary
 - Use of Administrative Procedure to Remove Parking at Crosswalk
4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD:** Liz Burdick raised concerns about high vehicular volumes, speeds, and crashes on the 1700 block of Crestwood Drive and requested speed bumps be installed and potentially a speed radar.

Charlotte Prather raised concerns about high vehicular volumes, speeds, and crashes on the 1700 block of Crestwood Drive and requested speed bumps be installed and potentially a speed radar.

Christina Prather raised concerns about high vehicular volumes, speeds, and crashes on the 1700 block of Crestwood Drive and requested speed bumps be installed and potentially a speed radar.

Matthew LaFratta raised concerns about high vehicular volumes, speeds, and crashes on the 1700 block of Crestwood Drive and requested speed bumps be installed and potentially a speed radar.

Teddy LaFratta raised concerns about high vehicular volumes, speeds, and crashes on the 1700 block of Crestwood Drive and requested speed bumps be installed and potentially a speed radar.

Mike Leonard raised concerns about high vehicular volumes, speeds, and crashes on the 1700 block of Crestwood Drive and requested speed bumps be installed and potentially a speed radar.

Patrick McGee raised concerns about high vehicular volumes, speeds, and crashes on the 1700 block of Crestwood Drive and requested speed bumps be installed and potentially a speed radar.

Richard Hopf raised concerns about the valet zone and scooter corral on the 100 block of North Lee Street causing vehicular congestion and confusion on weekends.

Kate Costa raised concerns about high vehicular volumes, speeds, and crashes on the 1700 block of Crestwood Drive and requested speed bumps be installed and potentially a speed radar.

Erika Holownia raised concerns about high vehicular volumes, speeds, and crashes on the 1700 block of Crestwood Drive and requested speed bumps be installed and potentially a speed radar.

William Buschur raised concerns about the closed portion of the Wilkes Street trail due to the redevelopment of the Heritage Old Town site and its impact on getting children to and from school. Staff will provide the Board with a update at the October meeting.

Linda Britton raised concerns about vehicular issues at the intersection of Slaters Lane the George Washington Parkway. Mr. Knight will reach out to Ms. Britton.

CONSENT ITEMS

5. ISSUE: Parking Restrictions Modification – 200 Block of Wilkes Street

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lauritzen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bernier, to recommend the Director of T&ES modify the parking restrictions on the 200 block of Wilkes Street to 2-hour parking from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Saturday, District 1 permitholders exempt. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Loading Zone Removals – Montgomery Center

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lauritzen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bernier, to recommend the Director of T&ES replace the following zones with the prevailing restrictions—or lack thereof— on the remainder of each respective block:

- Three loading zones on the north side of the 300 block of Madison Street,
- Two loading zones on the west side of the 800 block of North Fairfax Street,
- One loading zone and one disability parking space on the south side of the 300 block of Montgomery Street, and
- One loading zone and one mid-block ‘No Parking’ zone on the east side of the 800 block of North Royal Street.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** City Code Amendment – Disability Parking on Residential Blocks

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lauritzen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bernier, to recommend the City Council approve the amendment to the City Code related to disability parking on residential blocks. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

8. **ISSUE:** Curb Cut Appeal – 622 South Henry Street

DISCUSSION: Mr. Knight presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Jim Riggs testified in support of approving the curb cut application.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Stout made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauritzen, to uphold the denial of the curb cut application at 622 South Henry Street. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **ISSUE:** Curb Cut Appeal – 3 West Mason Avenue

DISCUSSION: Mr. Knight presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Susan Zook testified in opposition to approving the curb cut application.

Katherine Allen testified in support of approving the curb cut application.

David Werngart testified in support of approving the curb cut application.

Zach Desjardins testified in support of approving the curb cut application.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Phelps made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mihalik, to uphold approval of the curb cut application at 3 West Mason Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

10. ISSUE: Curb Cut Appeal – 411A Clifford Avenue

DISCUSSION: Mr. Knight presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ashley Preston testified in opposition to approving the curb cut application.

Sarah Friedman testified in opposition to approving the curb cut application.

Duncan Blair testified in support of approving the curb cut application as the applicant's legal representation.

Teresa Lustig testified in support of approving the curb cut application.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Phelps made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stout, to uphold the approval of the curb cut application at 411A Clifford Avenue. The motion failed, with Ms. Phelps and Mr. Stout in favor and the remaining Board members against.

Mr. Lauritzen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Spano, to deny the approval of the curb cut application at 411A Clifford Avenue. The motion carried with five Board members in favor and Ms. Phelps and Mr. Stout against.

11. ISSUE: Parking Removal and Addition - Dawes Avenue Safety Improvements Project

DISCUSSION: Mr. Sullivan presented the item to the Board. To view the presentation and discussion on this item, please skip to 2:03:39 in the meeting recording online here: <https://alexandria.granicus.com/player/clip/6967>.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Annette Haggray testified in support.

Melissa McMahon testified in support.

Ken Notis testified in support.

Zach Desjardins testified in support.

Asa Orrin-Brown testified in support.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Phelps made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bernier, to recommend the Director of T&ES approve the following parking modifications:

- Removal of fifty-six on-street parking spaces between Netherton Drive and King Street,

- Removal of fifteen on-street parking spaces between Netherton Drive and 5190 Dawes Avenue, and
- Addition of one on-street parking space between Seminary Road and 5190 Dawes Avenue.

The motion carried unanimously.

12. ISSUE: Parking Removal and Loading Zone Addition - Old Dominion Boulevard Safety Improvements Project

DISCUSSION: Mr. Sullivan presented the item to the Board. To view the presentation and discussion on this item, please skip to 2:40:43 in the meeting recording online here: <https://alexandria.granicus.com/player/clip/6967>.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: David Thompson testified in opposition.

Brian Wiggins testified in support.

Michael Martini testified in support.

Melissa McMahon testified in support.

Layla Asplen testified in support.

Meredith Taylor testified in support, but is opposed to staff's recommendation of adding a stop sign for eastbound traffic on Tennessee Avenue at North Overlook Drive.

Zach Desjardins testified in support.

Craig Owsiany testified in support, but argued that the iterative process will cost more overall, and requested that a parking study be conducted and that the property lines in the area be provided for review.

James Rorke testified in opposition and raised concerns about the church being included in the Overnight Parking District given that it is not a residence.

Lorenz Noe testified in support.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Stout made a motion, seconded by Ms. Phelps, to recommend the Director of T&ES approve the following parking modifications:

- Removal of eight on-street parking spaces on the 3600 block of Old Dominion Boulevard,
- Removal of one on-street parking space on the 3500 block of Old Dominion Boulevard,
- Removal of two on-street parking spaces on the 500 block of Tennessee Avenue, and
- Addition of a Loading Zone on the 3500 block of Old Dominion Boulevard, with the following restrictions: Sunday through Saturday, all-day.

Ms. Spano added a friendly amendment to request that Police increase parking enforcement of the Overnight Parking District restrictions.

The motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

13. ISSUE: Parking and Loading Zone Additions - Russell Road Safe Routes to School Project

DISCUSSION: Mr. Sullivan presented the item to the Board. To view the presentation and discussion on this item, please skip to 3:42:39 in the meeting recording online here: <https://alexandria.granicus.com/player/clip/6967>.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Joe Dresson testified in support.

Karl Calbacher testified in opposition to Concept C and in support of Concept 1.

Coutney Ripkin testified in opposition to adding parking and loading on Russell Road.

Marta Schantz testified in opposition to adding parking and loading on Russell Road.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Phelps made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauritzen, to recommend the Director of T&ES approve the following parking modifications:

- Addition of up to five on-street parking spaces on the 600 block of Russell Road,
- Addition of two loading zone spaces on the 600 block of Russell Road, with the following restrictions: Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m., and
- Addition of up to six on-street parking spaces on the 700 block of Johnston Place.

The motion failed with six Board members against and Mr. Stout in favor (1 in favor, 6 against).

Ms. Mihalik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauritzen, to recommend the Director of T&ES not approve the following parking modifications:

- Addition of up to five on-street parking spaces on the 600 block of Russell Road,
- Addition of two loading zone spaces on the 600 block of Russell Road, with the following restrictions: Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m., and
- Addition of up to six on-street parking spaces on the 700 block of Johnston Place.

The motion carried with four Board members in favor and Mr. Stout, Ms. Spano, and Mr. Bernier against.

INFORMATION ITEMS

14. STAFF UPDATES: Ms. McGraw provided the Board with an update regarding the Board's legislative priorities. The Board discussed ideas and decided to finalize said priorities via email.

15. COMMISSIONER UPDATES:

- Ms. Phelps updated the Board that, at their most recent meeting, the Transportation Commission discussed their legislative priorities and approved the GO Alex budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Phelps moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Spano. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:42 p.m.