



## 1. INTRODUCTION

Old Town is the historic core of Alexandria. The street system is largely a symmetric grid. Most streets have sidewalks and on-street parking on both sides of the street. Old Town's buildings house a wide range of uses including retail shops, entertainment venues, offices, government functions, and residences. In addition, there are a number of popular destinations for tourists in Old Town. Nearly all buildings are oriented according to the street pattern and have doors that open to sidewalks and the street. Old Town's urban form encourages a multimodal trip-making pattern; however, a significant number of people travel to the area by car, putting pressure on the area's parking system. As a result of the number of people driving and parking in Old Town, there is a perception that the parking supply is inadequate to accommodate demand.

Old Town is vibrant as a result of the diversity of destinations and the activity level that occurs during days and evenings on weekdays and weekends. To continue to support the area's vibrancy, the City has undertaken an evaluation of the parking system to understand current conditions and ultimately develop strategies and implement measures to better manage parking in Old Town. The evaluation of the system and development of recommendations is advised by policies contained in the City's current Comprehensive Transportation Master Plan.

This study report presents existing parking conditions and identifies recommendations that would improve parking conditions in Old Town.

### 1.1 STUDY PURPOSE

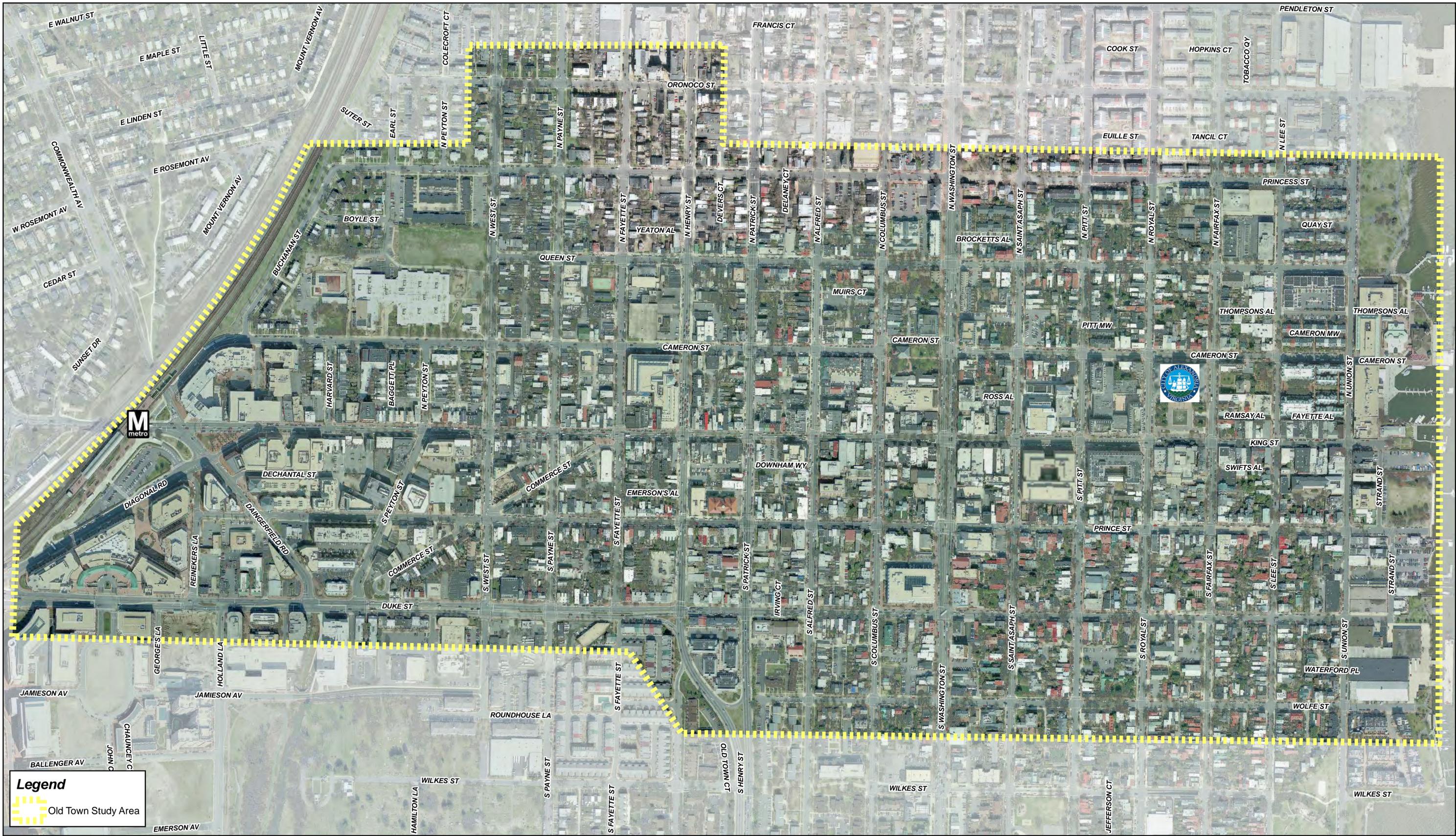
The study was performed to document existing public parking conditions in Old Town and develop parking system recommendations to resolve existing issues and accommodate the continued evolution of Old Town. This study is focused on publicly-available parking and does not include an evaluation or recommendations for private lots and garages. This study contains the following:

- Detailed parking data that can be used in ongoing and future planning efforts and for coordination with stakeholders as opportunities to implement new parking management policies are considered
- Identification of existing parking issues in Old Town identified through data analysis and information provided by the City
- Recommendations to resolve existing issues, better manage the parking system, and provide for continued growth of parking demand in Old Town
- Parking toolbox as a reference when considering possible measures to resolve parking system issues

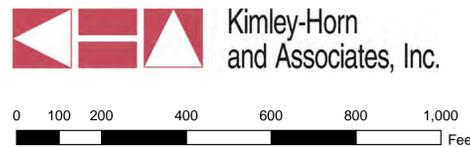


## 1.2 STUDY AREA

The study area consists of approximately 85 city blocks and is bordered by Princess Street to the north, the King Street Metrorail station and railroad tracks to the west, Duke Street and Wolfe Street to the south, and the Potomac River waterfront to the east. The study also includes the three blocks between N. Henry Street and N. West Street located one block north of Princess Street. The Old Town project study area is shown in **Figure 1-1, Old Town Parking Study Area.**



**Figure 1-1:  
 Old Town Parking Study Area**



**FIGURE  
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