

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
NOVEMBER 23, 2009**

**DOCKET ITEM:** 4

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install “NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER” sign restrictions at the following locations:

- 1) On the Duke Street service road 25 feet to the west of Fendall Avenue; and,
- 2) On the Duke Street service road 25 feet to the west of South Floyd Street.

**APPLICANT:** Cameron Knolls Home Owners Association

**LOCATIONS:** The Duke Street service road intersections with Fendall Avenue and South Floyd Street.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the request.

**DISCUSSION:** This request was submitted by the residents of the Cameron Knolls Home Owners Association. The Community is located in the 4000 block of Duke Street. Parking demand is very high in this area because of the dense housing population and limited supply of parking. Parking is allowed on the south side of the 4000 block of the Duke Street service road and vehicles are parking up to the respective intersections obstructing sight distance. This service road operates one-way in the eastbound direction and speeds are fairly low. As vehicles park up to the stop sign, vehicles exiting Fendall Avenue and South Floyd Street do not possess an adequate sight triangle.

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**DOCKET ITEM:** 5

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to change the 2010 George Washington Birthday Parade route.

**APPLICANT:** City Of Alexandria

**LOCATION:** 500 block south Fairfax Street to west on Queen Street to south on North Saint Asaph Street to east on Cameron Street to south on North Royal Street to the end on 400 block of South Royal Street.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the request.

**DISCUSSION:** This change in parade route was initiated by the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee in collaboration with the City of Alexandria Police Department. The proposed route change is expected to reduce traffic control costs associated with parade day street closures by \$7,000.00. The new route will enable South Saint Asaph Street and Franklin Street to remain open. In addition, North and South Washington Street will remain open. The proposed change in route will redistribute the impacts of the formation area, and will eliminate some of the parking and circulation impacts to those residents that were within the perimeter of the former parade route.

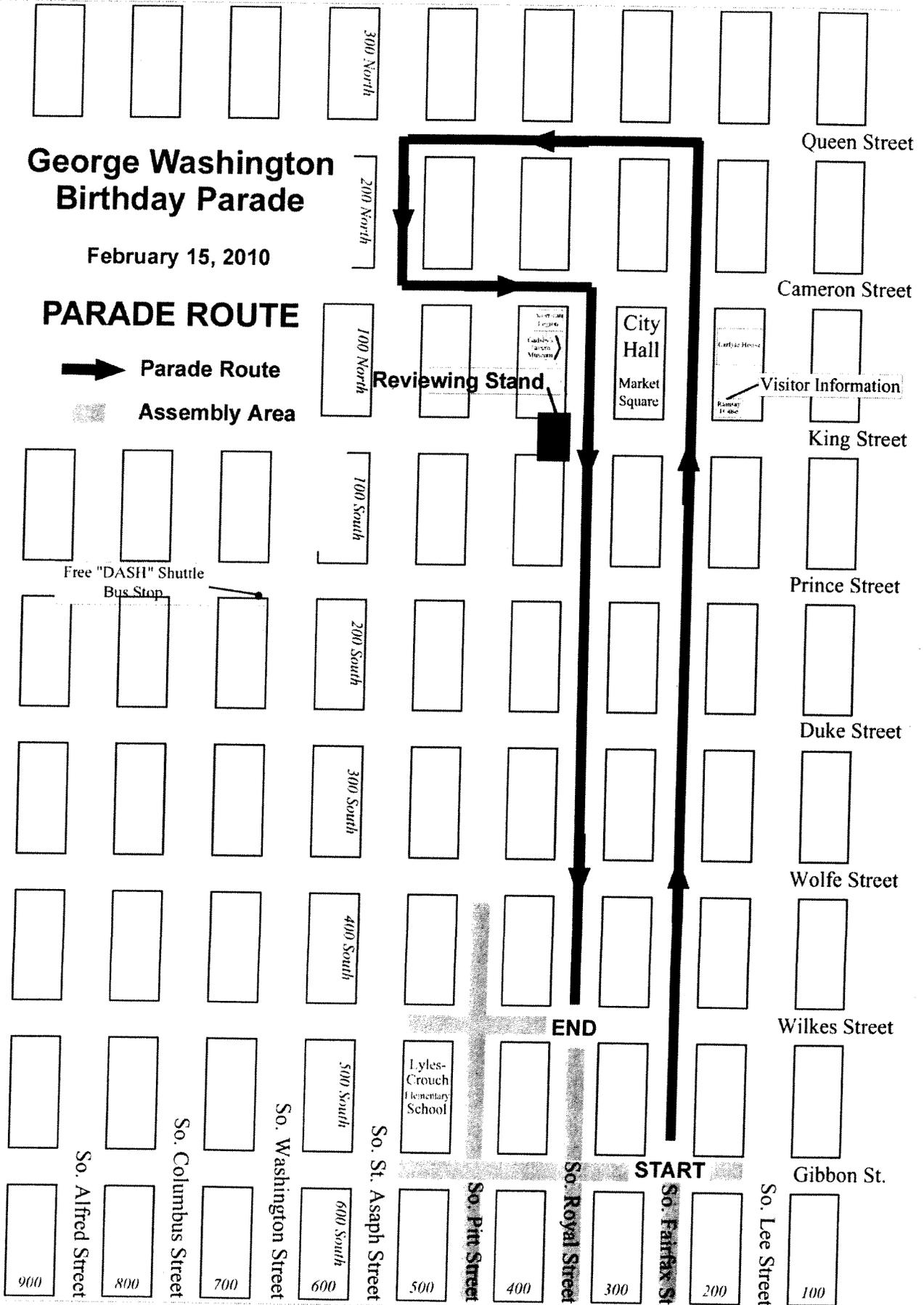
The residents and merchants of the 300 blocks of Cameron Street, King Street, Prince Street, Wolfe Street and Wilkes Street will be impacted by this change. Parking in this area will not be removed, but during the parade, cars will only be able to leave in the event of an emergency. In so far to accommodate the inconvenience, the City will provide permitted parking on the 100 block of South Royal Street and 600 & 700 blocks of South Union Street for residents in the affected area.

# George Washington Birthday Parade

February 15, 2010

## PARADE ROUTE

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**DOCKET ITEM:** 6

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install “NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS” restrictions on both sides of the driveway for the Prescott Condominium in the 200 block of North Fayette Street on the east side of the street.

**APPLICANT:** Barbara Von Hauzen, 1115 Cameron Street

**LOCATION:** 200 block North Fayette Street

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the request

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Barbara Von Heuzen states that there is inadequate sight distance exiting the Prescott Condominium driveway located at the 200 block of North Fayette Street between Cameron Street and Queen Street. Vehicles are parking very close to the driveway entrance and obstructing the visibility of oncoming vehicles on either side of the driveway. The proposed signs will be posted at the end of the radius where the driveway apron meets the tangent section of street curb.

Ms. Von Heuzen stated that she has spoken with Prescott Condominium Board concerning this issue and they are in agreement with this request. Furthermore, the West Old Town Civic Association was contacted concerning this request on numerous occasions but has not responded.

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**DOCKET ITEM:** 7

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to assign a parking fee and require motorcoaches and tour buses to register in advance for short-term parking in Old Town

**APPLICANT:** City of Alexandria

**LOCATION:** 500 block of North Union Street and 900 block of North St. Asaph Street

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of this request.

**DISCUSSION:** In March 2009, the City Council approved a series of short-term recommendations by the City of Alexandria Motorcoach Task Force intended to improve motorcoach management. One recommendation called for staff to develop a motorcoach registration system for future Council consideration that would include fees and daily limitations on certain types of trips and for implementation by March 2010.

At its meeting on November 2, 2009 staff presented its proposal for a registration system to the Motorcoach Task Force. The Task Force subsequently voted 7-1-1 to recommend to the Traffic and Parking Board that the registration system should focus on parking and that the City should require motorcoaches to reserve in advance to use existing on-street parking spaces in the 500 block of North Union Street and the 900 block of North St. Asaph Street. Parking would be free in 2010 and spaces would be \$10 each in 2011. The parking permits would be good for up to four hours and available from 8 am to 11 pm.

The purpose of this fee is to better enable the City to anticipate the number of buses coming into the City at any particular time, not to create a financial disincentive to visit or to fund, in whole or in part, a specific improvement or program. Accordingly, the fee is set relatively low to encourage participation and compliance.

Currently, the City has a total of six (6) on-street parking spaces on North Union and North St. Asaph streets for motorcoach/tour bus use. The spaces are currently free, first-come and first-served and signed for short-term (3-hour) parking. There are an additional 25 spaces available for short-term and overnight motorcoach parking at the Masonic Memorial. Short-term parking permits are \$10 each and overnight permits are \$25 each for parking at the Masonic Memorial. Motorcoaches currently reserve the Masonic Memorial spaces in advance through the Alexandria Convention and

Visitors Association (ACVA). The city also has an additional six spaces available for free, unreserved short-term motorcoach parking at 3540 Wheeler Avenue.

Loading and unloading will remain unreserved and free. There are currently seven locations (15 total spaces) in Old Town on Washington Street and east of Washington Street where motorcoaches may actively load and unload; parking is not allowed at these spaces.

Pending approval by the Traffic and Parking Board, staff will develop an on-line parking registration form. The form will be available to the public on the City website beginning in early 2010 and will allow businesses, tour companies or operators to register in advance to park at North Union Street or North St. Asaph Street. (The availability and fees for short-term and overnight parking at the Masonic Memorial will remain unchanged except for the access to the on-line form. This will be moved from the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association website to the City website.)

The Alexandria Police Department has been involved in development of the parking registration system and will use parking officers to enforce motorcoach parking restrictions, particularly in the peak season of March through June. According to City Code §9-12-162, tour and sight-seeing motorcoaches may not park in any location other than in designated parking spaces. Coaches that park illegally in spaces designated for advance permit parking may be subject to a \$100 fine.

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**DOCKET ITEM:** 8

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install pedestrian-actuated traffic signals (Rapid-Flash Beacons)

**APPLICANT:** City of Alexandria

**LOCATION:** Three locations: (1) 201 Yoakum Parkway (2) Duke Street at Telegraph Road interchange, (3) Braddock Road at Braddock Road Metro

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board recommend to the City Council that these signals be approved.

**DISCUSSION:** Pedestrians are having difficulty crossing streets at several uncontrolled, midblock locations where motorists are not stopping or yielding for pedestrians in the crosswalks.

To address the problem, the City proposes to install a new pedestrian-actuated beacon to improve motorist compliance. The device, a Rectangular Rapid Flashing LED Crosswalk Beacon (Enhancer), was granted interim approval by the Federal Highway Administration in July 2008 for use at midblock crossings not controlled by traffic signals or stop signs.

This new device may provide the City with a lower-cost solution to a problem with many marked crosswalks that do not meet MUTCD warrants for the installation of traffic signals, which is that many motorists do not stop or yield to pedestrians crossing in the crosswalk. Studies have shown that where these beacons have been installed, independent evaluations have recorded that after 1 year over 85% of the motorists stop or yield to the crossing pedestrian with zero rear-end conflicts. The beacons are currently being used successfully in Washington, DC.

The three locations proposed for installations are used by more than 25 pedestrians per hour during peak hour and because staff has documented repeated community requests for safety improvements. A fourth location, the intersection of Mount Vernon Ave. and Kennedy Street, was approved for installation of a pedestrian-actuated warning signal by the City Council in 2005 in association with the Mount Vernon Avenue Commons project (which is also known as the "Triangle" property and "Del Ray Central"). Many additional locations were initially identified for improvements in the 2008 City of Alexandria Transportation Master Plan and

Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Plan, and, pending successful completion of this pilot, additional locations could be proposed in the future.

The locations currently proposed for installation of rapid flash beacons are:

1. 201 Yoakum Parkway (between Edsall Road and Stevenson Avenue): Heavily-used transit stops are located on both sides of the four-lane roadway between multi-family housing units. Until fall 2009, this location had no accessible curb ramps or marked crosswalk. The City added accessible ramps and a high-visibility crosswalk but the Rapid-Flash Beacon is intended to improve motorist compliance.
2. Duke Street at Telegraph Road: The sidewalk on the north side of Duke Street between West Taylor Run and Roberts Lane is heavily used by pedestrians headed to and from Old Town, PTO and the King Street Metro. Crosswalks currently exist at the two vehicular ramps but motorists rarely yield to pedestrians.
3. Braddock Road at Braddock Road Metro: This heavily-used mid-block location is currently delineated by in-pavement lights. By upgrading to rapid-flash beacons, the City hopes to improve visibility of the lighting and compliance by motorists.
4. Mount Vernon Ave. at Kennedy Street: As noted above, this location was approved as a development condition of Mount Vernon Commons (DSP 2005-00041) by City Council on December 16, 2006. The developer has contributed \$16,000 for installation of the pedestrian signal which will cover the complete signal installation at one crosswalk.