Old Town Area Parking Study (OTAPS) Work Group

Kickoff meeting: June 18, 2012

City Hall Room 2000

Agenda

1) Welcome and Introductions
2) Purpose of Reconvening the OTAPS Work Group
3) OTAPS & Waterfront status updates
4) Draft meeting schedule and work program
5) Group Discussion
6) Public Comment
7) Adjournment

- **Rob Kaufman**, Real Estate Developer
- **Charlie Banta**, Alexandria Hotel Association
- **Jody Manor,** Alexandria Restaurant Commission
- **Marsha Wright**, Old Town Pendleton Shop
- **Andrew Blair**, Garage Owner/Operator
- **John Gosling**, Old Town Civic Association
- **Bert Ely**, Old Town Civic Association
- **Aimee Houghton**, Upper King St. Neighborhood Association
- **Heidi Ford**, West Old Town Citizens Association
- **Charlotte Hall**, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
- **John Hassett**, U.S. PTO
- **Mark Abramson**, Citizen Representative
- **Mark Feldheim**, Citizen Representative
- **Nate Macek**, Waterfront Commission
- **Peter Pennington**, Waterfront Commission
- **Mollie Danforth**, Alexandria Commission on Persons w/Disabilities
- **Merrie Morris**, Old Town Business and Professional Association
- **Abi Lerner**, Deputy Director of Transportation, Chair, City Staff
- **Barbara Ross**, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning, City Staff

Purpose of the OTAPS Work Group

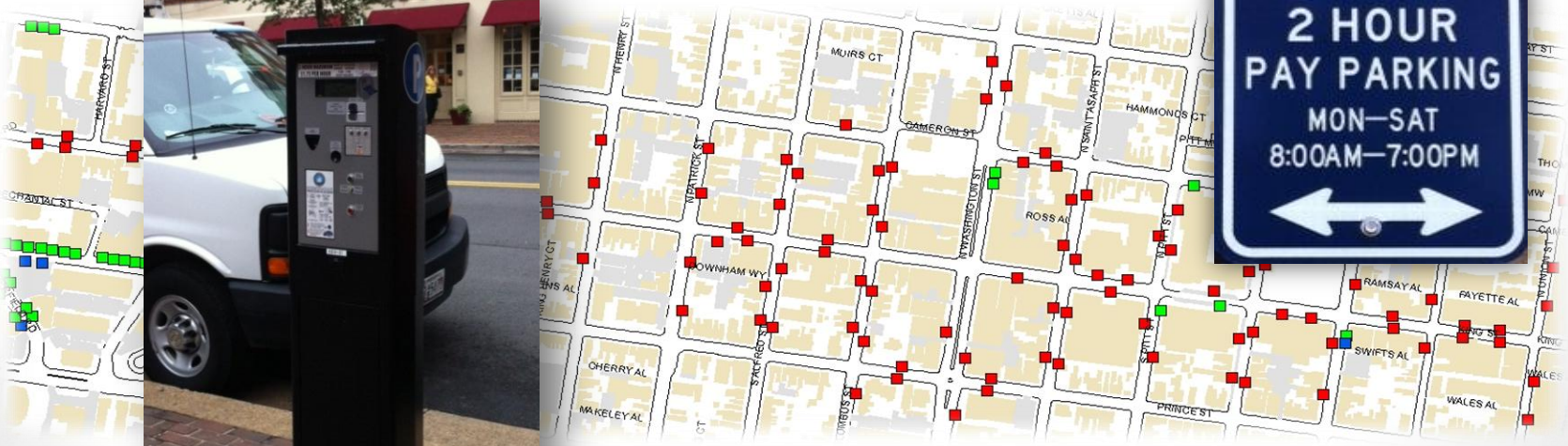
- Develop implementation recommendations from:
  - ***OTAPS Work Group Report***
  - ***Waterfront Small Area Plan***
- Prepare implementation report for Council

OTAPS Status Update
Completed Recommendations

- Removal of old parking directional signs
- Installation of new parking directional signs

OTAPS Status Update
Completed Recommendations

- Parking meter rate increase ($1/hour to $1.75/hour)
- Installation of new multispace meters in Old Town
- Make parking meter hours consistent in Old Town (8:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday-Saturday)



OTAPS Status Update
Completed Recommendations

- Creation of an on-line guest parking permit app

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Guest Parking Permits App

This app allows eligible City residents to obtain and print Guest permits under the City's permit parking programs, including the Residential Parking Permit Program. A Guest permit allows a vehicle to remain parked for up to 24 hours in an unmetered space in a residential parking permit district that would normally be limited to two or three hours, or waives the daytime parking restrictions.

You may also use this app to check the validity of a Guest permit that was obtained through this app, even if you are not associated with the permit. This allows you to make sure that a permit you see in your neighborhood is being used properly.

To use this app to obtain a permit, you must have a MyAlex customer account. This account allows you to use various apps on the City's website, like this one, with the same username and password. If you don't already have a MyAlex account, you will be prompted to create one.

The first time you use this app, you must also confirm that you reside in a permit district, and that there is no other restriction on your eligibility. Once you confirm your eligibility, you will not have to confirm it again for one year unless you move. You can confirm your eligibility in one of two ways:

- If you already have a vehicle registered with the City for tax purposes, you can use the associated Customer number and Account number (found on your personal property tax bill) to confirm your eligibility.

  OR

- You can confirm your eligibility in person at any Alexandria Library branch or at City Hall, and you will be given a one-time PIN to use with this app. You must present a government-issued ID card or utility bill that includes your current resident address.

If you have any questions or comments about this app, please click here or call 703.746.3902.

In order to request a permit, you must log in with MyAlex.

QUICK LINKS

- Check a Permit
- My Permits
- Request a New Permit
- Residential Parking Permit Program Facts

301 King St., Room 1600
Alexandria, VA 22314
703.746.3900
Fax: 703.838.4987
E-mail

Office Hours:
Monday - Friday,
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

OTAPS Status Update
Implementation in Progress

- Adding single spaces meters that accept credit cards (pilot program)
- Pay by Phone
- Wayfinding program (installation of garage mounted "P" signs)

OTAPS Status Update
Implementation in Progress

- Improving parking information on City's website

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Overview of Parking District Restrictions

- Residential Parking Districts: 2 or 3 Hour Parking
- District 12 Residential Parking
- Over-night Parking District
- Metered Parking
- Handicapped Parking

Residential Parking Districts

2 or 3 Hour Parking (depending on the location) EXCEPT for Vehicles displaying the appropriate residential parking.
In 1979 the Alexandria City Council designated certain areas in the City as residential permit parking districts. Council established these parking districts because of the increased demand for parking, particularly in the Old Town and residential areas of the City near METRO stations. The residential permit parking ordinance prohibits on-street parking for more than two or three hours during varying time periods. Vehicles displaying the appropriate parking permits are exempt from these restrictions. The City's Transportation Division posts signs in each block of the parking districts describing the time limits and hours of enforcement. Only persons who maintain their residence within the boundaries of a permit parking district are eligible to obtain parking permits. Guest permits may be obtained online, or at any Alexandria Library branch, in addition to City Hall.

For more information:

- Residential Parking Permit Program
- Residential Parking Permit Program Districts Map
- Treasury Division - 703.746.3902 - 301 King St., Suite 1510, Alexandria, VA 22314

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- Prepare my leaves for curbside collection?
- Obtain and review public documents and records?
- Find volunteer opportunities?
- Find neighborhood parks?
- Apply for a marriage license?
- Pay my taxes or parking citation?

OTAPS Status Update
Long-term Recommendations

- Encourage parking garage owners to add meters and extend hours
- Open private garages to public
- Make garages more desirable through steps such as distance based pricing
- Evaluate the value and feasibility of providing real-time parking information
- Manage and monitor parking capacity through technology
- Use City owned facilities for valet parking
- Improve City-owned parking garages/lots: lighting, cleanliness, striping, signs, accept multiple forms of payment
- Market in partnership with others (ACVA, CoC,etc) to disseminate parking information

OTAPS Work Program
Short-term Recommendations

OTAPS

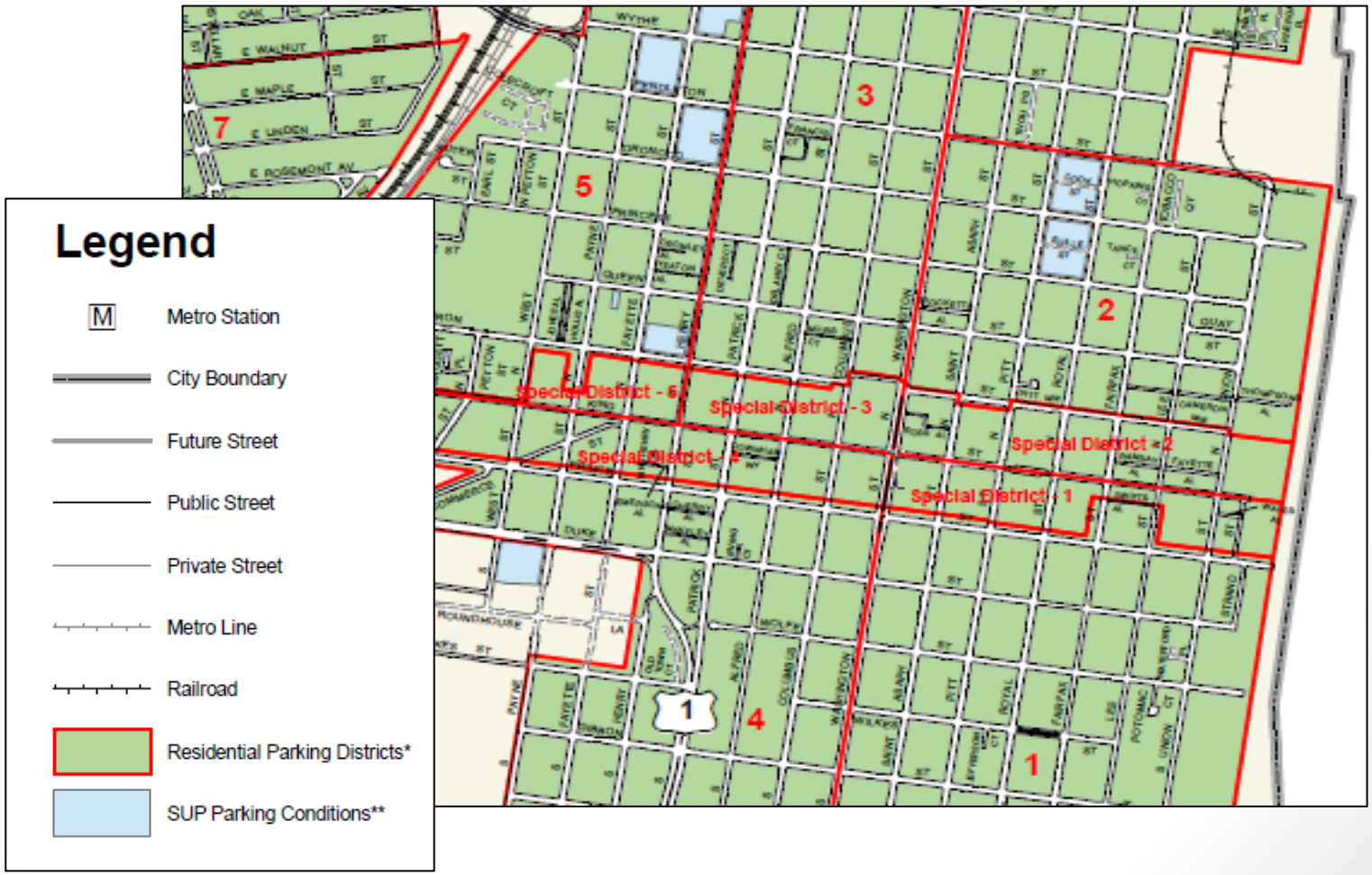
- ❑ Consider residential parking protections
- ❑ Introduce a two year pilot employee permit parking program
- ❑ Set triggers for action to be taken to increase garage utilization or add garage parking capacity

City-wide *Parking initiatives*

- ❑ On-street parking for carshare
- ❑ Bikeshare

Next Meeting Agenda:
Residential Parking Permit Program

- History and background



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Next Meeting Agenda: Residential Parking Permit Program

- Issues
- Staff recommendations and issues discussed with the previous work group:
  - Decrease allowable parking duration in the residential permit districts within Three blocks of King Street to one hour for non-permit holders
  - Install multispace meters within the covered study area in the Old Town Area Parking Study
  - Comparison with neighboring jurisdictions

DRAFT Meeting Schedule

#	Date & Time *		Meeting Topic
1	Monday	June 18	• Kick off meeting
2	Tuesday	July 17	• Discussion of Residential Parking Permit (RPP)
3	Tuesday	July 31	• Discussion of Residential Parking Permit (RPP)
4	Tuesday	Aug.14	• City-wide employee handicapped permit program • Adding meters in unmetered commercial areas
5	Tuesday	Aug. 28	• Set triggers for action to be taken to increase garage utilization or add garage parking capacity • Bikeshare • On-street carshare program
6	Tuesday (As needed)	Sep. 11	• TBD

* All meetings will be held from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM in Room 2000 at City Hall

Questions/Comments

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NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JULY 17
5:30 to 7:30 PM, City Hall Room 2000

For more information visit
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