



City of Alexandria, Virginia

Duke St & West Taylor Run Pkwy Study

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

SUBJECT: Second Meeting
DATE/TIME: July 20, 2015, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Bishop Ireton Resource Room
ATTENDANCE: Approximately 60

Mr. Garbacz presented the findings of staff's analysis and the RK&K peer review and presented the three possible improvements: 1) Restricting access to Telegraph Rd from West Taylor Run Pkwy; 2) Restricting access through the community; and, 3) Adding a left turn from eastbound Duke Street onto the westbound Telegraph Rd ramp.

The participants of the meeting then discussed the following issues:

1. Increase the length of the green light for West Taylor Run at Duke Street
 - May help dissipate the queue of traffic on West Taylor Run
 - Might encourage more traffic to use West Taylor Run Parkway

2. Restrict access to Telegraph Road from West Taylor Run Parkway
 - Improves traffic flow on Duke Street because ramp would stay green when West Taylor Run Pkwy has a green light
 - Access restrictions would need to be in place to prevent shifting traffic to other neighborhood streets.
 - Westview Terrace residents would be negatively impacted by this change
 - Traffic could use Dove Street to access Telegraph Rd with this proposal
 - Would also restrict other nearby residents access to Telegraph Rd
 - Would increase traffic on Quaker Lane and on Duke Street
 - Make the traffic signal operation more like the Bradlee Shopping Center at King Street

3. Restrict traffic from entering the neighborhood
 - Restrict how traffic leaves the neighborhood rather than restrict entry
 - Create a resident only zone so that only residents could enter the neighborhood
 - There are other signs in the City that state local traffic only at Sunset Dr. and at Dogwood
 - Concern that other Janney's Lane residents would not be able to access Duke Street
 - Access restrictions only work with enforcement.
 - With mobile apps, people will know when the police are not present so enforcement may be difficult.
 - Access restrictions will only work if traffic is improved on Duke Street.
 - Quaker Hill residents sensitive to restricting access
4. Restrict traffic from entering the Alexandria
 - Would make it harder for residents to enter Alexandria
 - May create traffic cut through in other neighborhoods like Park Fairfax
5. Widen the eastbound ramp from Duke St to Telegraph Road to two lanes
 - Would help move traffic on Duke Street
 - All the eastbound traffic would still need to be in the right lane
 - Would require some engineering and design
6. Install a left turn from eastbound Duke Street onto the westbound Telegraph Road ramp.
 - Would allow traffic to use left lane on Duke Street and improve traffic throughput
 - Possible pedestrian improvement at the ramp
 - Might backup traffic on Diagonal Rd and King St
7. Broaden the study area to holistically look at the City
 - Need to look at Seminary Rd and the effects of BRAC and new HOV ramps
 - Need to look at how traffic flows through the City
8. Block the service roads during certain times of the day
 - Would have negative impacts on how people get out of their neighborhood
9. Build the Eisenhower Connector

- Longer term project

10. Improve Duke Street

- Add another eastbound lane to Duke Street
- Create reversible lanes

11. Improve transit service

- Construct a Metro station at the metro rail yard
- The federal transit subsidy has been cut and more people are commuting by car.

12. Station a Police Office at Duke and West Taylor Run

At the end of the meeting consensus could not be reached on which measures to implement. Each measure impacted the different neighborhoods differently. A measure that might help one street could possibly place more traffic on another street or restrict access for others.

The group agreed that the best course of action is for the City to work with the Presidents of Clover College Park, Taylor Run and Seminary Hills to develop a survey to solicit input from a larger group of residents.

Assignments:

- Bob to check with the City Attorney's office concerning creating access restrictions that exclude residents
- Bob to provide a graphic showing traffic distributions for various proposals
- Bob to coordinate with the presidents of Clover College Park, Taylor Run and Seminary Hills to develop a survey to solicit input from a larger group of residents.

Future Meetings:

The next meeting will be after survey data is collected and compiled.