

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2016 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

D O C K E T

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.
2. Approval of the November 16, 2015 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

PUBLIC HEARING:
4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove “No Parking” sign on the west side of 2500 block of Russell Rd.
5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to post ALL-WAY STOP signs on Main Line Boulevard at the following intersections: Seaton Avenue, Maskell Street, Swann Avenue, Bluemont Avenue, McKenzie Avenue, Custis Avenue, and East Howell Avenue
6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to reduce the speed limit on Seminary Road and Quaker Lane from 35 MPH to 25 MPH
7. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES**

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2015, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
ROOM 2000**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, William Schuyler, Randy Cole, Elizabeth Jones, Melissa McMahon and Kevin Beekman.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: James Lewis

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief Traffic, Christopher Spera, City Attorney, Curtis McClish, Hack Inspector and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.
2. Approval of the October 26, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mrs. Carolyn Griglione spoke about the inconsistency of question number 6 on the West Taylor Run survey compared her outreach efforts into the community concerning the speed limit reduction on Seminary Road. She felt that the City's survey was not valid for this reason.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Recommendation by the Hack Inspector's Office that Mr. Abbasi's driver's permit, #1037, be suspended for 20 days for violation of City Code Section: 9-12-60 (A)(13) Rude or discourteous conduct towards a passenger

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mrs. Zari Karimian, owner of VIP Cab, answered the Board's questions and explained what VIP Cab was doing to address this issue with both the driver and the customer. She explained that Mr. Abbasi had apologized to the customer.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board. Mr. Spera and Officer McClish provided background information about the code and previous cases.

BOARD ACTION:

Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to suspend Mr. Abbasi's driver's permit for 10 days and that VIP Cab was to enroll him in anger management or customer service training approved by Mr. Garbacz. Documentation would need to be provided to the City showing his successful completion of the class. The motion carried with Mr. Johnson, Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Cole, Ms. Jones and Mr. Beekman voting in favor of the motion and Ms. McMahon voting in opposition to the motion.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to expand the taxi stand on the north side of the 2000 block of Ballenger Avenue.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke about this item.

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

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve staff's recommendation to expand the taxi stand on the north side of 2000 block of Ballenger Ave. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to convert a grandfathered certificate of public convenience and necessity (Certificate) into a permanent Certificate.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Abdul Karim and Mr. Grant Redmon spoke in favor of this request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve a request to convert a grandfathered certificate of public convenience and necessity (Certificate) into a permanent Certificate with a condition of providing three months of dispatch records to the City. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to post "No Thru Truck" restrictions on West Rosemont Avenue between Russell Road and Commonwealth Avenue.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. David Norcross and Mrs. Linda Holland spoke in favor of the request. Additionally, Mrs. Holland mentioned about the alternate routes that trucks may go through other neighborhood streets.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve staff's recommendation to post "No through Trucks" signs on West Rosemont Avenue between Russell Road and Commonwealth Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install Stop signs on the Potomac Street/Pommander Walk Street approaches to the intersection of Potomac Street and Franklin Street.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bob Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve staff's recommendation to add stop signs on Potomac Street/ Pommander Walk Street. The motion carried unanimously.

9. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Schuyler updated the Board on their meeting with the City to discuss the fiscal year 2017 budget and the challenges for the next year.

Mr. Bob Garbacz updated the Board on the Duke and West Taylor Run survey as well as the proposed speed limit reduction on North Quaker Lane and Seminary Road that would be coming before the Board in 2016.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2016
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove the “No Parking” sign on the west side of 2500 block of Russell Road in front of the Del Ray Baptist Church.

APPLICANT: Robert Morrison

LOCATION: 2500 Russell Road

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

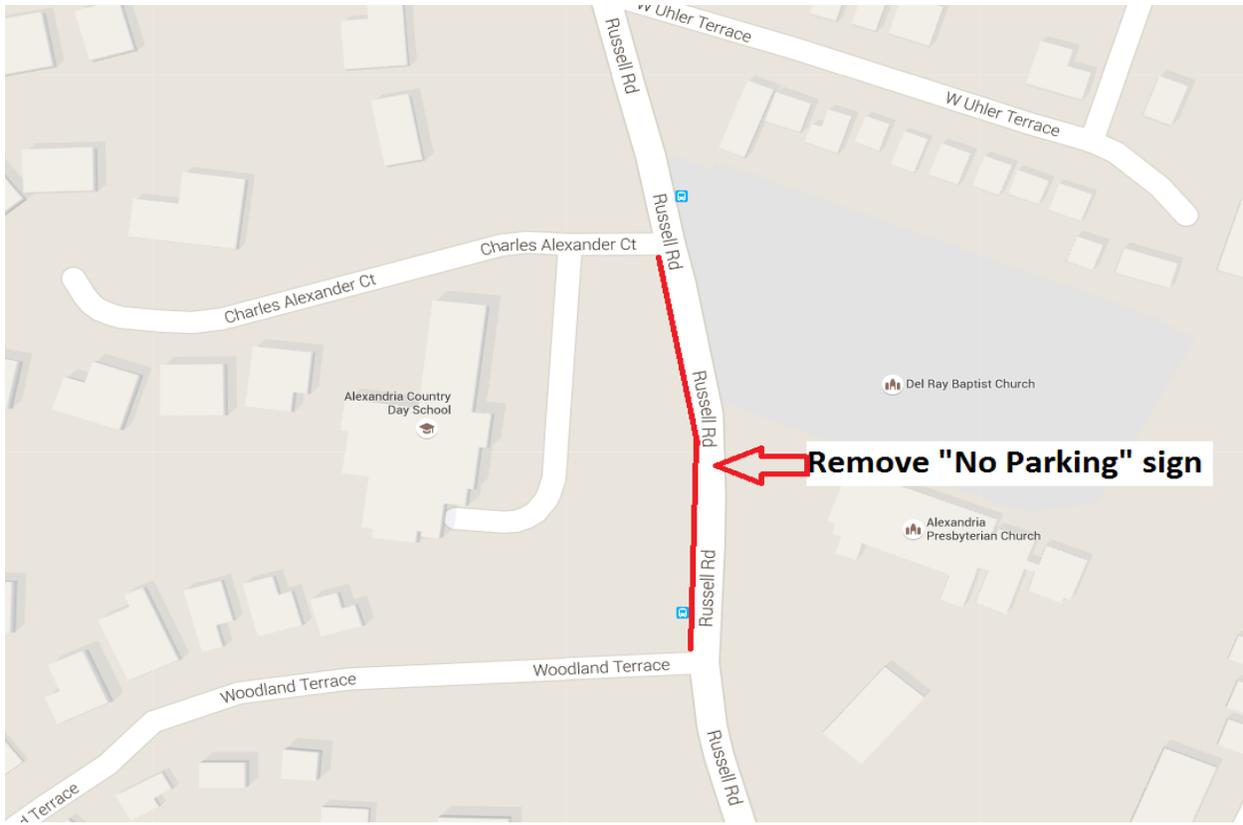
That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to remove “No Parking” sign on the west side of 2500 block of Russell Road in front of the Del Ray Baptist Church.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Morrison is requesting that the existing parking sign be removed on behalf of the Del Ray Baptist Church, as shown in Attachment 1. The Del Ray Baptist Church is growing and needs the additional parking to accommodate parking demands on Sundays. Other churches in the past, such as First Baptists and Alfred Street Baptist, have been allowed to park in travel lanes for Sunday services. Del Ray Baptist is not requesting to park in a travel lane, only that the existing “No Parking” sign be removed.

The “No Parking” sign has been at this location for over 30 years. The roadway is over 40 feet wide and is wide enough to support parking on both sides as is the case further down the hill. There is only one sign posted at this location and the limits of the parking restriction are not defined. If approved, staff recommends pulling parking back on both sides of the church driveway to provide enough visibility for traffic exiting the driveway as shown in Attachment 2. To provide visibility, to the south of the driveway staff recommends prohibiting parking for 25 feet south of the driveway, and to the north, prohibiting parking for the entire length of the bus stop.

Attachment 2



Attachment 1

From: Robert Morrison [mailto:rmorrison2@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 3:58 PM
To: Bob Garbacz
Cc: 'Chris Joyce'; Bob Metheny; Bryant Streett; Chris Sicks; Chuck Capone; Lee Beckham; Rob Pittman; Scott & Lorrie Strong; Steve Porter
Subject: Parking Sign Removal

Mr. Carbacz

This is to request the removal of the parking sign on the West side of Russell Road opposite Del Ray Baptist Church, at 2405 Russell Road.

Alexandria Presbyterian Church shares the property of Del Ray Baptist Church.

Both churches are growing exponentially. APC now has 550+ members and DRBC 250+.

The parking lot is stripped for 285 cars. An arrangement has been made with the Country Day School to use their 54 parking spaces.

Country Day school uses the DRBC parking lot during the week in addition to their lot.

Currently, APC members park on the East side of Russell Road. We would like to be able to park on the West side as well.

The only time street parking is needed are Sunday's from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. since the parking lots are adequate at all other times.

Thank You for your consideration.

Robert E Morrison
Elder Emeritus
Alexandria, VA
Email – rmorrison2@comcast.net
Cell – 571447-6522

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2016
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 5

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to post ALL-WAY STOP signs on Main Line Boulevard at the Seaton Avenue, Maskell Street, Swann Avenue, Bluemont Avenue, McKenzie Avenue, Custis Avenue, and East Howell Avenue.

1. Maskell Street
2. Swann Avenue
3. Bluemont Avenue
4. McKenzie Avenue
5. Custis Avenue
6. East Howell Avenue

APPLICANT: T&ES Staff

LOCATION: 2000 to 2800 Main Line Boulevard

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommend to the T&ES director posting ALL-WAY STOP signs at the following intersections when conditions justify the need.

DISCUSSION:

Main Line Boulevard is a new street located in the Potomac Yard development connecting South Glebe Road to Monroe Avenue and points south. Many of the parcels along Main Line Boulevard are vacant or are under construction with a few blocks of occupied newly constructed residential buildings. The City has not accepted Main Line Boulevard in the City roadway system, and currently the developer still maintains this roadway. It is anticipated that the various segments of this roadway will be accepted in the City's system over the next five years as the different parcels of land are developed and accepted by the City.

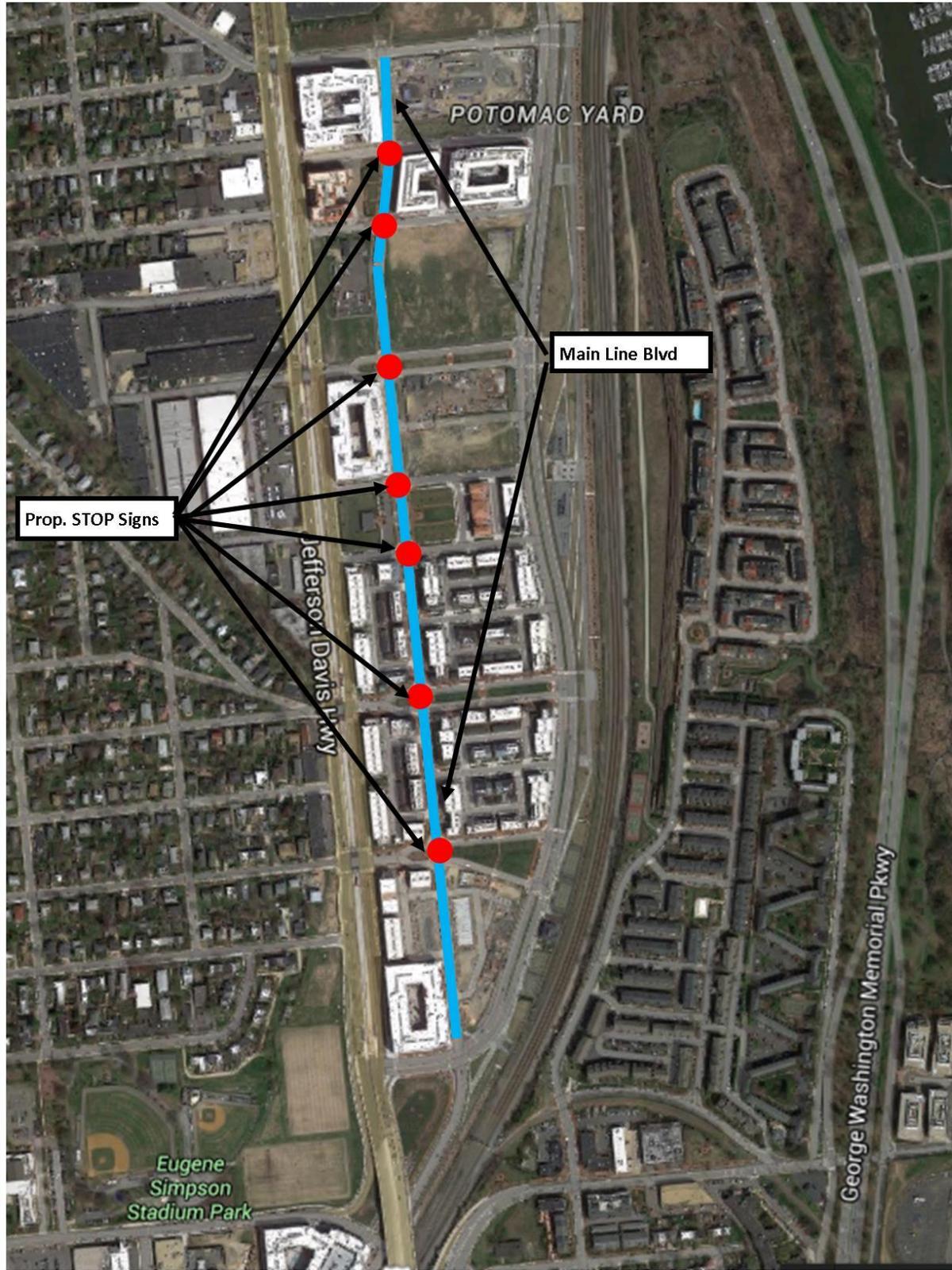
Over the last six months, staff has received concerns from the residents in the community about the safety at the intersections through several Call Click Connect requests. Following the

concerns, staff performed an engineering analysis and evaluated each intersection. The study demonstrated that

current traffic and pedestrian volumes at the intersections do not meet the warrants for an all-way stop sign as described in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the national standards for signs, signals and pavement markings. However, projected vehicle volumes and pedestrian volumes as a result of new development and a new Metrorail station are anticipated to meet the necessary volumes in the future. The need for these all-way stop signs was overlooked in the developer's signing and marking plans and needs to be addressed retroactively. I

In addition, in an effort to maximize on-street parking and pedestrian safety, the Potomac Yard street network was designed with curb extensions at most intersections, which allow shorter crossings for pedestrians at crosswalks, and also allow parking close to the intersections. . This design restricts motorist's visibility when approaching intersections, making it difficult for road users to negotiate the intersection unless conflicting cross traffic is stopped, further compounding the need for all-way stop signs at these intersections. This condition of visibility is a consideration in the warrants for all way stop signs in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Based on these considerations, staff recommends all-way stop controls as shown in Attachment 1, and is requesting approval from the Traffic and Parking Board to post the signs once the roadway is adopted into the City's network..



City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2016
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 6

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to reduce the speed limit on Seminary Road and Quaker Lane from 35 MPH to 25 MPH

APPLICANT: T&ES Staff

LOCATION: Seminary Road and Quaker Lane

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board recommend to the City Manager that that speed limits on Seminary Road and Quaker Lane be decreased from 35MPH to 25MPH

DISCUSSION:

In the summer of 2015, residents of both Seminary Road and Quaker Lane requested that the City create a program to help reduce speeds on Seminary Road between North Pickett Street and Janneys Lane and Quaker Lane between Duke Street and West Braddock Road (Attachment 1). Staff attended meetings with the community in June, July and December 2015 to discuss these concerns with the residents and work toward a solution. In a survey with 575 respondents, 47% supported reducing the speed limit and adding an additional fine while 37% opposed. Over 250 residents who live along this corridor signed a petition in favor of this solution. At the most recent public meeting on December 7th, 2015, nearly 100 people who live in the area attended, and the response to reducing the speed limit, and increasing enforcement was generally positive. The Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) and the Alexandria Police Department (APD) have been working together collaboratively to assess the impact of this community request.

Based on discussions between T&ES and APD, it was agreed that the initiative should include reduced speed limits, from 35mph to 25mph, and increased enforcement for both Seminary Road and Quaker Lane. The Alexandria Fire Department was consulted and voiced no opposition to reducing speed limits. While increased fines for offenders were an option proposed by the community, it was ultimately agreed that this initiative should not include additional fines at this time. With the proposed initiative, the

streets will be monitored to evaluate the effectiveness of the speed limit reduction and increased enforcement efforts before an increase fine would be considered.

As part of this process, staff evaluated all roadways in the City that currently have a 35mph speed limit posted and are residential in nature. Seminary Road and Quaker Lane were selected because, of these roadways, they had the highest number of crashes per mile and residential driveways per mile. This initiative will be evaluated for a two year period before expansion to other streets would be considered. If expansion were to occur in the future, streets would have to meet certain criteria to qualify for this program. Criteria would likely include existing speed limits of 35mph, 85th percentile speeds exceeding 40mph, residential driveways per mile ,and crashes per mile. Evaluation will include speed and crash data for these corridors.

If the board recommends to the City Manager that the speed limits on these roadways be lowered to 25mph, the City would communicate the change in speed limit through social media, eNews, a news release, and notification to civic associations]. Variable message board would also be placed along Seminary Road and Quaker Lane alerting drivers of the change prior to implementation. New speed limits would go into effect in the Spring of 2016, with additional enforcement along these corridors as well the installation of speed indicator signs in both directions between Howard Avenue and Quaker Lane. Increased enforcement times would be based on an analysis of existing speed data to determine which hours of the day yield the highest speeds.

