

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 22, 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 February 1, 2016 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove 70 feet of Parking at 333 North Fairfax Street in front of the bus stop.
5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove 2 parking spaces at 307 East Glebe Road Road and La Vern Avenue.
6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to change the hour of the Loading Zone at 216 South Peyton Street from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM to 9:00 AM-9:30 AM and 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM
7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove 150 feet of parking from 7:00 am – 9:00 am on the west side of Yale Drive between Janney’s Lane and the first curb cut.
8. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES**

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TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2016, 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, James Lewis and Kevin Beekman.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief Traffic, Hillary Orr, Complete Street Program Manager and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I.

9. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.
10. Approval of the November 16, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mrs. Dana Linnet spoke about the traffic issue on East Taylor Run Parkway. She reported that commuter traffic is using East Taylor Run Parkway, a residential street, to access Telegraph Road. The cut through traffic is creating congestion along residential streets in her community. She requested that the City reduce the traffic problem on her neighborhood streets.

PUBLIC HEARING:

12. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove the “No Parking” sign on the west side of 2500 block of Russell Rd.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Robert E. Morrison, spoke in favor of the request.

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

BOARD ACTION:

Ms. McMahon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve staff’s recommendation to remove “No Parking” sign on the west side of 2500 block of Russell road and restrict parking at 25 feet south of the crosswalk at Charles Alexander Ct. and 40 feet north of the bus stop on west side. The motion carried unanimously.

13. **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, E. Custis Avenue, and East Howell Avenue.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mrs. Tanya Culbert, Mrs. Andrien Lopez, Mrs Nanly Knotz, Mr. Bill Hampel and Mr. Thzodros Grinsel Jr. spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Jerry King does not support the request.

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

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve staff's recommendation to post ALL-WAY STOP signs on Main Line Blvd. at the following intersections: Seaton Avenue, Maskell Street, Swann Avenue, Bluemont Avenue, McKenzie Avenue, E. Custis Avenue, and E. Howell Avenue whenever the intersections meet the warrant of MUTCD and work closely with the residents to solve the speeding issue on Main Line Blvd. The motion carried with six members voting in favor of the request and Mr. Johnson abstaining.

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

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Christine Michaelis, Mr. Fran Terrel, Ms. Myra Oppel, Ms Carol Johnson, Ms. Mary Kerwin, Ms. Lucy Thompson, Mr. Kevin Durkin, Mr. Casey Kane, Ms. Kerry Adams, Mr. Bill Pfister, Mr. Michael Wayne, Ms. Sue Goodhart, Ms. Marisa Randodallo, Ms. Carolyn Griglione, Mr. Arthur Peabody Jr., Mr. Jim Durham spoke in favor of this request.

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

BOARD ACTION: Mrs. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to change the speed limit on Seminary Rd from I-395 to North Quaker Lane, and on North Quaker Lane from King Street to Duke Street. The Board also requested a report of an after study for this change at October Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried with six members voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Johnson abstaining.

- 15. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

The Board appointed Ms. Melissa McMahon to be the Traffic and Parking Board's representative to Motor Coach Taskforce.

Mrs. Hillary Orr reported the finished complete streets projects to the Board and the future projects that the City is working on.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2016
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove 70 feet of parking in front of the bus stop at 333 North Fairfax Street.

APPLICANT: T&ES Staff

LOCATION: 333 North Fairfax Street

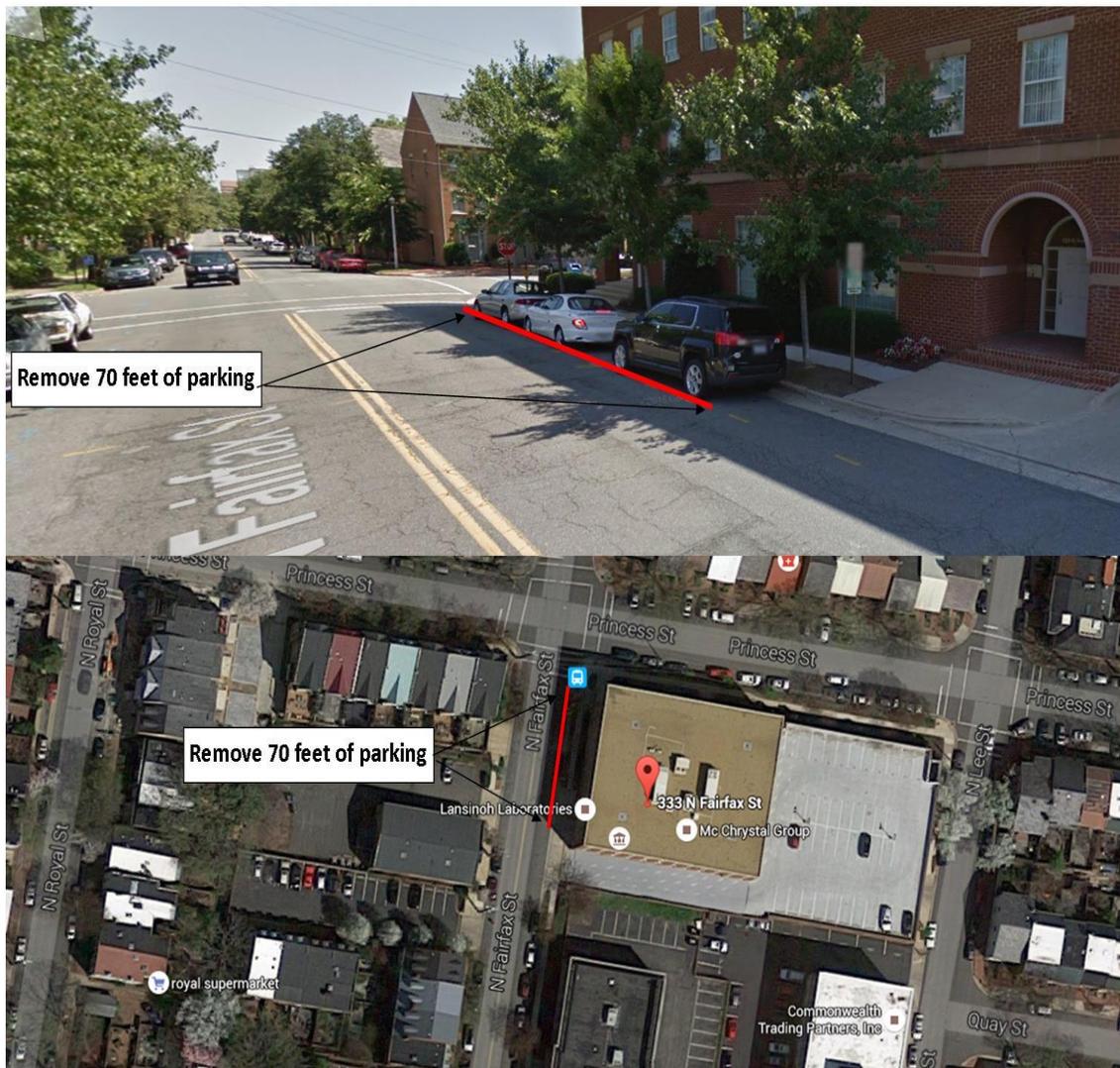
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES the removal of 70 feet of parking in front of the bus stop at 333 North Fairfax Street.

BACKGROUND: The Transportation and Environmental Services Department is in the process of making all of the City's bus stops compliant with the ADA as required by law. The process involves a civil construction component to provide wheelchair access as well as removing parking so the bus can pull close enough to the stop to allow disabled persons access. The City of Alexandria has been actively working in partnership with the Alexandria Commission for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) to improve the access for all persons at transit stops across the City. In some cases, this has meant removal of parking spaces to facilitate safely boarding the bus directly from the curb. Without parking removal at a bus stop, such as 333 North Fairfax Street, riders have to step off of the curb onto the street to then have to step up into the bus itself, which creates safety issues. The removal of parking spaces on Fairfax Street now allows for the bus to pick up passengers directly from the curb. Parking is an important resource, and is limited, and as a result, any removal is carefully balanced against requirements for safe pick-up and drop-off of bus users.

DISCUSSION: At its October 27, 2014 meeting, the Traffic and Parking Board (T&PB) approved staff's recommendation of a procedure to allow the Director of T&ES to make changes to current parking configurations within 100 feet of a bus or other transit stop without docketing each individual change for approval by the Traffic and Parking Board. The procedure includes staff installing notice signs near bus stops with proposed changes two weeks prior to making any

parking changes; if objections with regards to loss of parking are received, staff will bring that specific parking change to the Traffic and Parking Board.

In the case of parking removal at 333 North Fairfax Street, an oversight occurred and the notice signs were not posted prior to the installation of the permanent signs prohibiting parking. After the permanent signs were installed, the City received input from citizens with concerns about parking removal. As a result, the parking removal was docketed for the Traffic and Parking Board, and the notice signs regarding the parking removal were posted for two weeks in February 2016.



City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2016
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 5

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove two parking spaces on the south side of East Glebe Road at 307 E. Glebe Road to the west of La Vern Avenue.

APPLICANT: Paula Winchester

LOCATION: 307 E. Glebe Road.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to remove two parking spaces (44 feet) on the south side of East Glebe Road at 307 E. Glebe Road immediately west of La Verne Avenue.

DISCUSSION: Parking supply is in high demand in this community so many vehicles are parking too close to intersections to afford proper sight distance. This intersection is challenging because La Verne Avenue intersects Glebe Road at a sharp angle. Over the past five years there have been no crashes reported at this intersection, however, the concern is that when traffic volumes increase in the future due to the build-out of Potomac Yard, the potential for safety issues will increase. Staff has been working with the community on this issue and has received public support for the proposed parking removal as shown in Attachment 1.

Attachment 1

From: Winchester, Paula [mailto:PWINCHESTER@imf.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2016 1:23 PM
To: Bob Garbacz
Cc: Katie North; Steve Sindiong
Subject: Request for Parking Restrictions & Do Not Block the Box Sign/Road Markings

Dear Bob,

For your consideration please, and to have this added to the next TPB meeting.

I am the owner/resident of the corner property at 307 E. Glebe Road, Alexandria, and have parking access/egress at the rear of the property on La Verne Avenue, which is one-way eastward. To address safety concerns shared by neighbors on La Verne Avenue (see PDF for 6 endorsements), I am seeking to restrict parking west of the E. Glebe/La Verne Avenue corner and to request road markings/signage for “Do not Block the Box” (see diagram and pictures below).



Justification: By restricting residential parking approx. 44 feet from the corner, this will afford cars entering E. Glebe from La Verne Avenue more on-traffic visibility.

Currently (bottom three pictures) Vehicles need to drive right out onto E. Glebe to check for oncoming traffic. Vision is further hindered when cars illegally park beyond the corner.

Solution: (right-bottom) Request to restrict parking to west of existing sign post (in red) to expand on-traffic visibility.



The E. Glebe/La Verne corner is very close to Route 1 and Mon-Fri daytime traffic is backed up to Montrose. To make a left-hand turn onto E. Glebe from the one-way La Verne Avenue is (i) very difficult as cars do not respect the T-junction and “block the box,” and (ii) extremely dangerous, because even if waiting cars do allow enough room to squeeze through, because of the backed-up traffic drivers cannot see traffic coming from the westward direction.

Solution: Similar to the Old Town Railway Station (behind Metro), paint a solid thick white line on the road with signage “DO NOT BLOCK THE BOX” to hold cars behind the line until the lights change. This would enable traffic entering from La Verne Avenue to safely make left-hand turns onto E. Glebe.



Please let me know if you require any further information.

Thank you,

Paula Winchester
307 E. Glebe Road
Alexandria, VA 22305
Office: 202 623-6241

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2016
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 6

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to change the hours of the Loading Zone at 216 South Peyton Street from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM to 9:00 AM-9:30 AM and 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

APPLICANT: Roxane Yakoub, Security Services Superintendent, ACPS

LOCATION: 216 South Peyton Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to change the hours of the Loading Zone at 216 South Peyton Street from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM to 9:00 A.M. – 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM.

DISCUSSION: As shown in Attachment 1, Alexandria City Public Schools initiated this request to free-up parking on the street when the loading zone is not needed. The loading zone is located in front of the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) Chance for Academy. As shown in Attachment 2, the current restrictions are "No Parking Loading Zone 8AM- 5PM Mon-Fri." This loading zone was created for the buses servicing the school. The school only needs the loading zone in the morning and afternoon. Changing the hours to 9:00AM – 9:30AM and 4:00 PM – 4:30PM would enable the buses to drop off as well as allow parking for teachers during the instructional time.

Attachment 1

From: Roxane Yakoub [mailto:roxane.yakoub@acps.k12.va.us]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2016 8:36 AM
To: Bob Garbacz
Cc: james.bartlett@acps.k12.va.us; Richard Groot; Victor Martin
Subject: Parking Signs to be Changed

Good Morning,

Thank you so much for taking my call this morning.

The signs that I was talking about are at 216 S. Peyton St., in front of the ACPS Chance For Academy. Right now they say "No Parking Loading Zone 8AM- 5PM Mon-Fri" it is a loading zone for the buses and we only need it for the morning and afternoon. If the HOURS only can be changed to 9:00AM-9:30AM and 4:00PM-4:30PM Mon-Fri this would enable the buses to drop off as well as free up a couple of spaces for the teachers during the instructional time. I know there are at least 2 signs, there may be three, I apologize that I don't know for sure. I am in the process of trying to confirm that, I will get that information to you as soon as possible.

I have attached a picture of one of the signs for reference.

Please let me know if you need any more information, again thank you for your assistance in this.

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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2016
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 7

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to prohibit parking from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM school days on the west side of Yale Drive between Janney's Lane and the first curb cut, for 150 feet.

APPLICANT: Melissa Yeardon, President, CCPCA Board

LOCATION: Intersection of Janney's Lane and Robinson Court.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to prohibit parking from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM school days on the west side of Yale Drive between Janney's Lane and the first curb cut, for 150 feet.

DISCUSSION: In the morning on school days, motorists dropping off students at MacArthur Elementary School are parking along both sides Yale Drive, between Janney's Lane and the first curb cut on Yale Drive. Yale Drive is 30 feet wide curb to curb at this location which is too narrow to support two lanes of parking and two vehicle travel lanes. This issue is further compounded because of the traffic signal and the increased traffic generated by the school when cars are parking. Staff has observed that motorists on Janney's Lane cannot turn onto Yale Drive because cars waiting for the light on Yale Drive are blocking entry. Removing parking along one side of the street will provide enough spaces for two lanes of traffic and improve safety. As described in Attachment 1, the request is coming from the Clover College Park Board, and the resident adjacent to where the parking is proposed for restriction does not object to the request.

Attachment 1

Parking issues:

- 1. Yale Drive at the intersection of Janney's Lane.** During the morning school hours, this intersection is often severely backed up. The two-way flow of traffic is made even more problematic because of vehicles parked along both sides of Yale near the corner of Janney's. These parked vehicles prevent cars and school buses from turning from Janney's onto Yale because there is not enough room. Because the morning school hours also coincide with the morning rush hour, it makes the back up at this intersection even worse. We are asking that there be no parking from 7 to 9am on the western side of Yale, from Janney's Lane to the first curb cut (red stripe on the graphic.) The resident whose property is adjacent to this no parking area is on the CCPCA board and has no objection to this request.

We look forward to working with you to get these improvements made in Clover College Park. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Best,
Melissa Yeardon, President, CCPCA Board

