CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY JUNE 22, 2015 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 May 18, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove five parking spaces at 3640 Wheeler Avenue and continue planned bicycle lane.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to re-configure parking along North Hampton Drive.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove parking spaces at the intersection of Wilkes Street and South Washington Street.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove 2 parking spaces on E Howell Ave at the intersection with Route 1.

8. **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES**
Meter Updates

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M I N U T E S

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: James Lewis

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Traffic, Ravi Raut, Civil Engineer IV, and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I, and Katye North, Parking Planner.

9. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: There were no deferrals or withdrawals.

10. Approval of the April 27, 2015, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Cole made a motion seconded by Ms. McMahon to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
Mrs. Caren Roushkolb, 704 Upland Place, spoke to the Traffic and Parking Board about the traffic congestion in the West Taylor Run Parkway and Duke Street neighborhood. The Board acknowledged the situation and asked staff to keep the Board updated.

PUBLIC HEARING:

12. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove 100 feet of parking at 1211 Janney's Lane.

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

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

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve staff's recommendation to remove 100 feet of parking on the north side of 1211 Janney's Lane. The motion carried unanimously.

13. ISSUE: Consideration of a request to:

1. Amend Title 5, Chapter 8 of The Code of the City of Alexandria to:
    a. Remove specific locations for meters and allow the Traffic and Parking Board to approve new meter locations.
    b. Clarify the process for establishing the daily hours of operation and maximum time limits for meters.
    c. Allow the maximum time limit for meters to be up to four hours as determined by the City Council.
2. Extend the maximum time limit for meters west of Alfred Street to three hours.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Carolyn Hrecuick, Ms. Danielle Romanetti, Ms. Aimee Hougthton, Ms. Elizabeth Todd, and Ms. Yvonne Weight-Callahu spoke in favor of the request.

DISCUSSION: Ms. North presented this item to the Board and indicated that this proposal resulted from a recommendation of the Old Town Area Parking Study (OPTAPS) Work Group.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. McMahon to approve staff's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

14. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:

1. Mr. Garbacz presented the results of the North Ivanhoe Street speed study to the Board. The average speed was 18 mph and 85th percentile speed was 22.3 mph.
2. Mr. Garbacz updated the Board on the West Taylor Run Parkway and Duke Street study.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
June 22, 2015

DOCKET ITEM: 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove five parking spaces at 3640 Wheeler Avenue and continue planned bicycle lane

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria, Transportation and Environmental Services

LOCATION: 3640 Wheeler Avenue

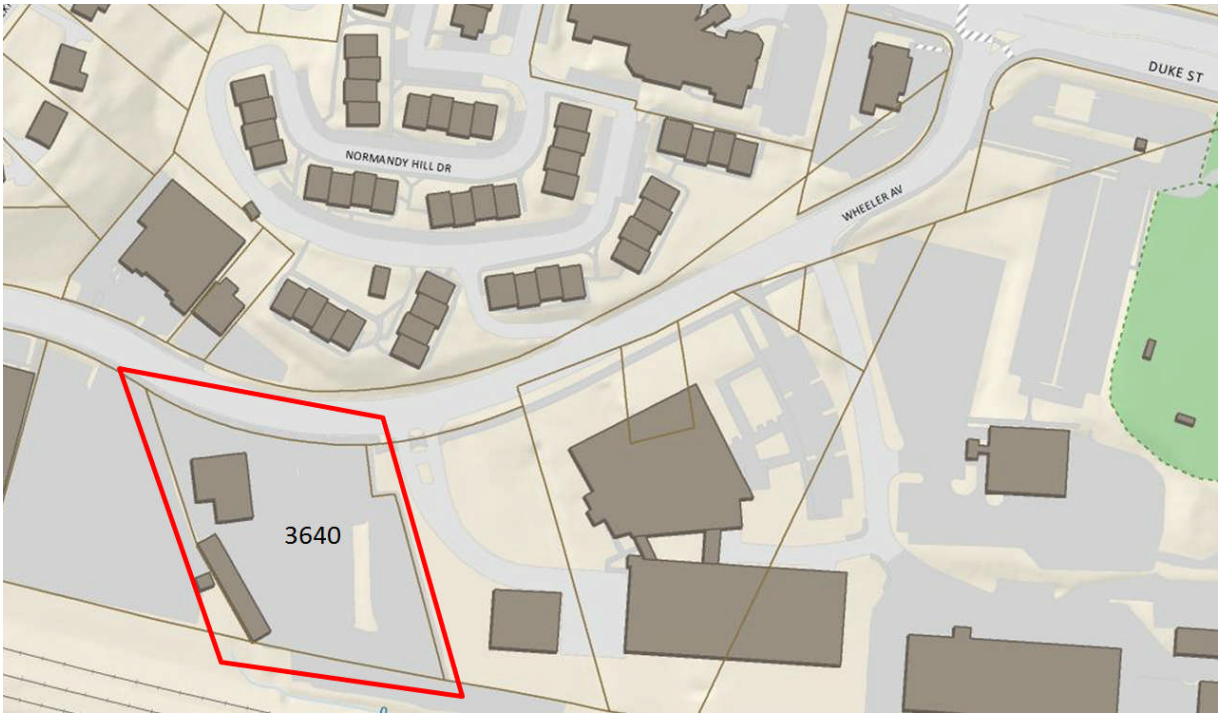
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board recommend to the Director of T&ES removing five parking spaces at 3640 Wheeler Avenue in order to accommodate bike lanes as part of a Complete Streets Project.

DISCUSSION:
The property at 3640 Wheeler Avenue is vacant and going through the City's development review process as DSP 2015-00002 - to be converted to an EZ Storage facility. The parcel can be viewed in Attachment 1. There are currently five parking spaces and four curb cuts in front of this property (Attachment 2). The proposed development will provide parking for customers using the storage facility, and on street parking will be removed as requested by staff.

Because Wheeler Avenue is slated to be resurfaced in summer 2015, staff requests that the Traffic and Parking Board approve the removal of these spaces prior to the presentation to Planning Commission in order to continue the planned bicycle lane for Wheeler Avenue that will connect to the existing bike lane. A bicycle lane along Wheeler Avenue was recommended in the 2008 Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility plan to connect a path from the Holmes Run Trail at South Gordon Street to the existing facility on Wheeler Avenue.

Parking would be removed in conjunction with the resurfacing of Wheeler Avenue and not before.

Attachment 1



Attachment 2

TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
June 22, 2015

DOCKET ITEM: **5**

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to reconfigure parking along North Hampton Drive.

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria, Transportation and Environmental Services

LOCATION: North Hampton Drive between King Street and Braddock Road

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board recommends to the Director of T&ES to modify the parking regulations and add new parking along North Hampton Drive by:

- Converting 49 "No Parking 9AM-5PM" spaces to allow parking at all hours
- Adding 22 new spaces that permit parking at all hours
- Removing parking at bus stops where needed for buses to pull to the curb
- Remove daytime travel lane between Ford Avenue and Kirkpatrick Lane

DISCUSSION:
North Hampton Drive is scheduled to be resurfaced in summer or fall of 2015. Staff received requests in 2014 for traffic calming and new crosswalks along North Hampton Drive. When the roadway was shown to be resurfaced, staff reviewed it from a Complete Street standpoint to determine how to best design the roadway for all users and accommodate the request for traffic calming and pedestrian crossings.

The design developed includes new crosswalks at Kinsey Lane and Kirkwood Lane to provide better access to the bus stops. Additionally, these bus stops will be upgraded to be Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliant by relocating some of the parking that currently exists in the bus stops. By adding parking spaces near the bus stops, there will not be a net loss in parking on these blocks. All bus stops along North Hampton Drive will be ADA compliant with the implementation of this plan.

North Hampton Drive is a wide roadway with very low traffic volumes. During the AM peak hour in the southbound direction, there were 330 vehicles. During the PM peak hour in the northbound direction there were 345 vehicles. The roadway is currently striped as two travel lanes in each direction when parking is not permitted between Kirkpatrick Lane and Ford Avenue between 9am and 5pm Monday through Friday. Volumes show that this lane is not needed for travel during that time, and staff recommends installing parking along the roadway to help provide traffic calming as well as additional parking for residents and businesses.

On the west side of North Hampton Drive between Ford Avenue and King Street parking is currently not permitted. The new plan recommends providing parking along this curb to help narrow the travel lane.

There is adequate space on the roadway to provide a bicycle lane, ADA compliant bus stops and one consistent travel lane in each direction. Available parking spaces any time of the day increase from 16 to 81 with all "No Parking 9am-5pm" spaces not within a bus stop converted to allow parking anytime. There will be 32 additional spaces added along the roadway.

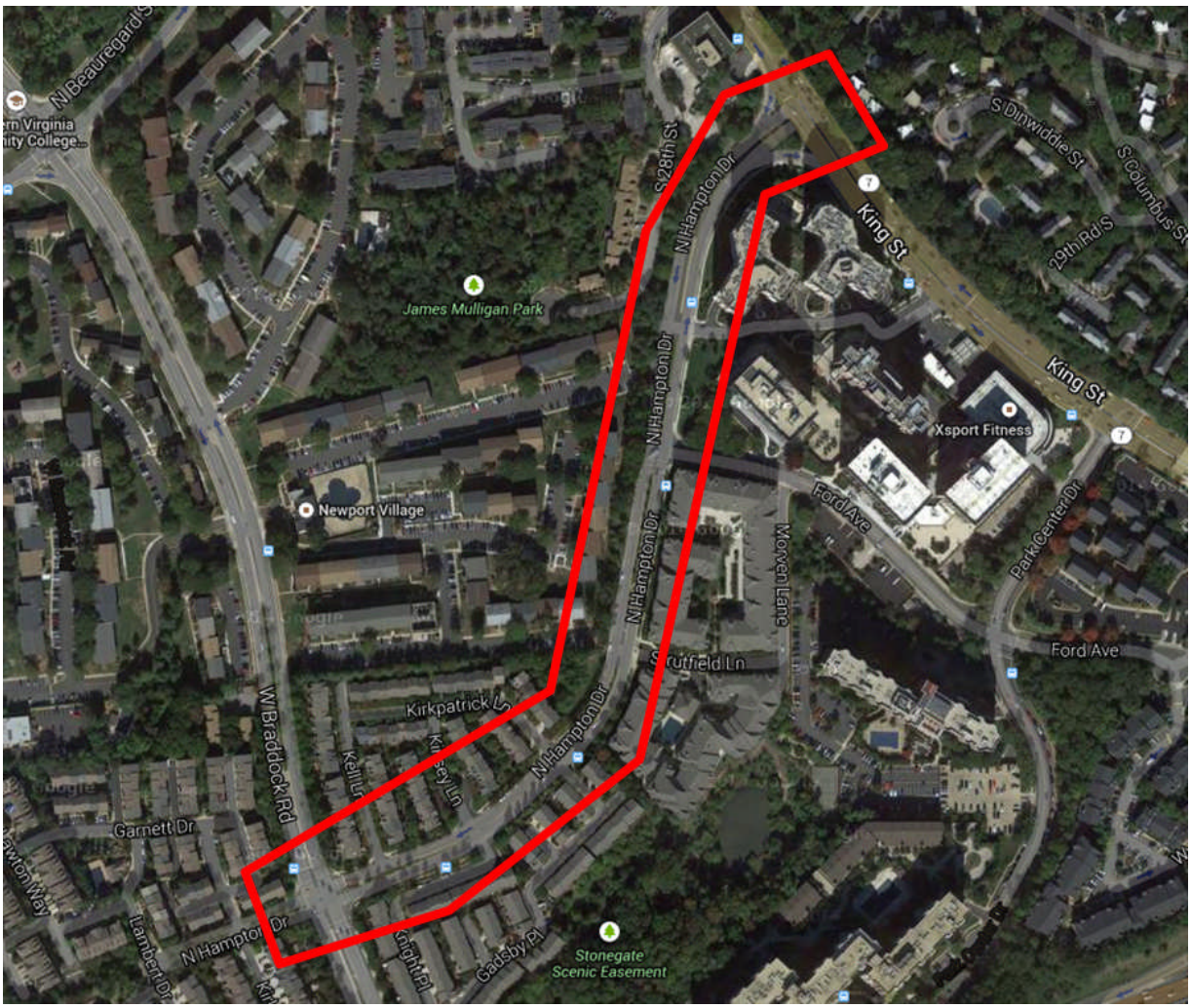
Parking changes along the roadway are as follows:

North Hampton Drive Parking		
Existing		Proposed
Allowed Anytime	No Parking 9AM-5PM	New Allowed Anytime
16	**49**	**81**

Parking changes can be viewed in the graphic in Attachment 3. The full set of plans can be viewed on the project website: http://alexandriava.gov/84359

Staff attended a joint Homeowners' Association meeting on May 19, 2015 and again on June 9, 2015 to brief the group about the project and answer questions. Suggestions were made and the plans were modified to address these recommendations. It was proposed that parking would be permitted at some bus stops on Sundays but residents suggested parking remain restricted at bus stops at all times to improve visibility. Additional parking spaces that were proposed to be added near King Street were removed to provide a safer transition for the turn from King Street onto southbound North Hampton Drive, and two parking spaces were removed to provide visibility when exiting Hunton Place. There was both positive and negative feedback from individuals regarding the proposal, but it was agreed that staff would take the modified plan to the Traffic and Parking Board. Overall, the community agreed the proposed plan was an improvement to current conditions.

Attachment 1



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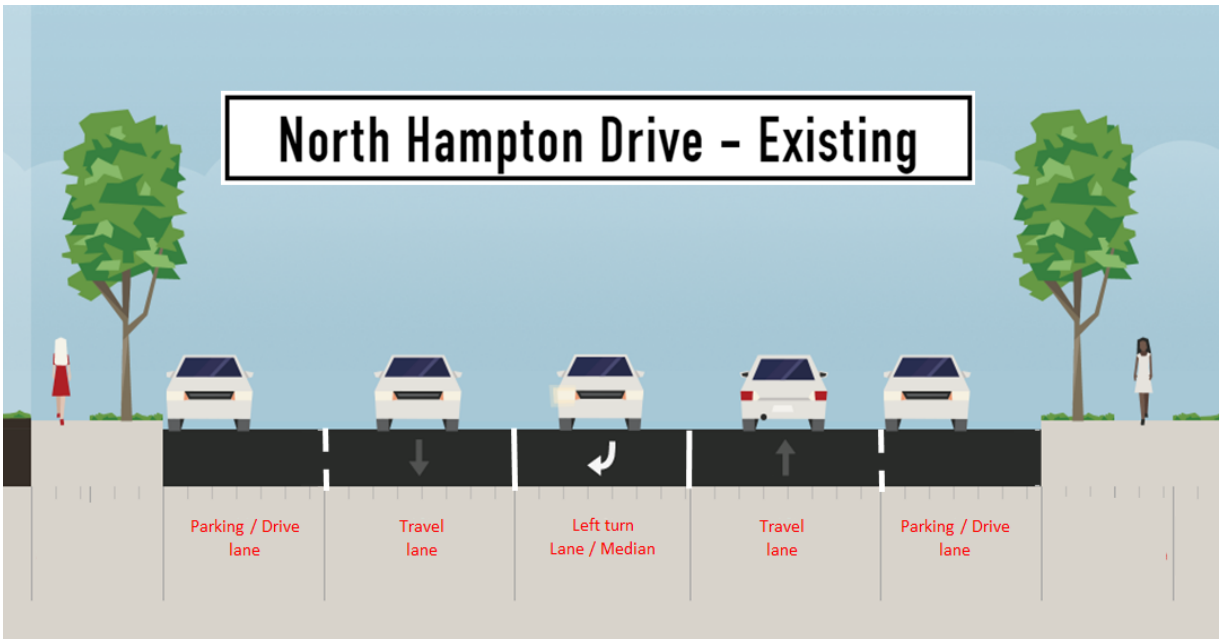

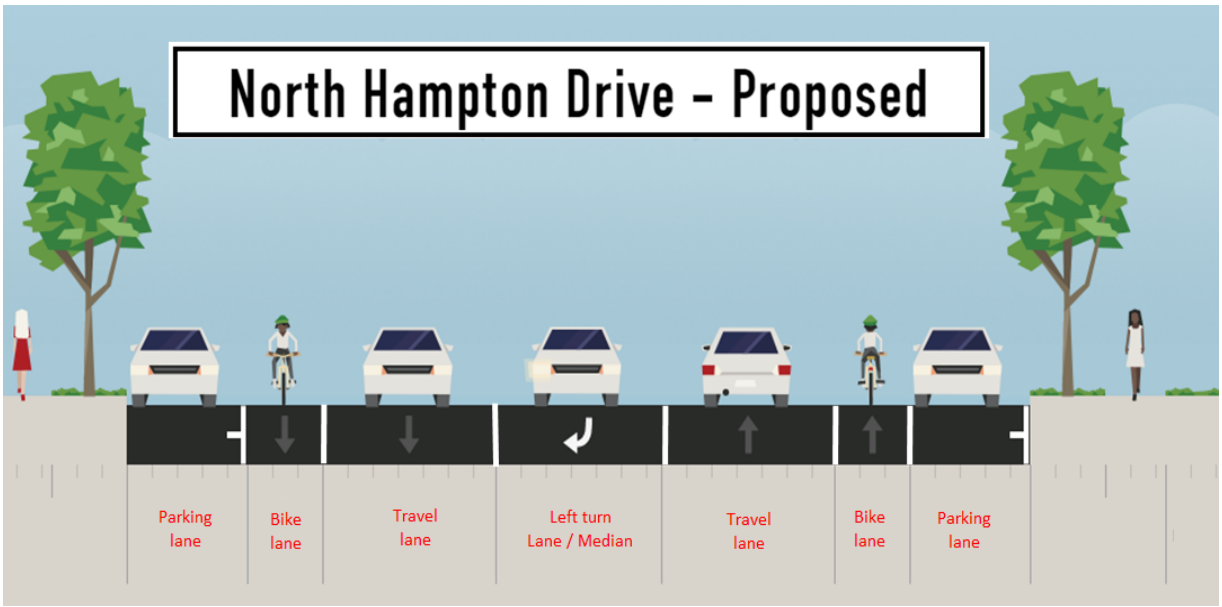

Attachment 3

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DOCKET ITEM: 6

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove parking spaces at the intersection of Wilkes Street and South Washington Street

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria, Transportation and Environmental Services

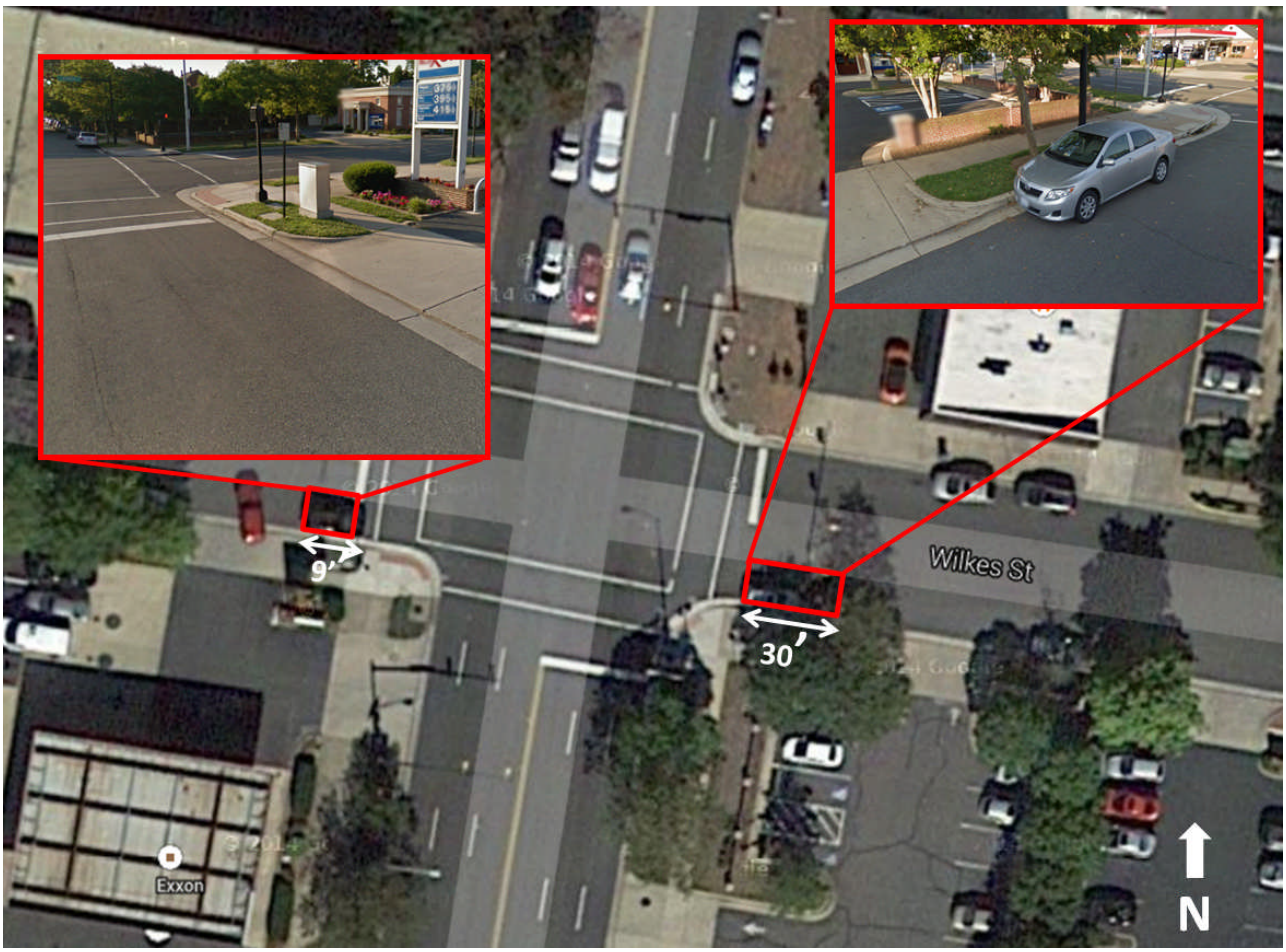
LOCATION: Wilkes Street east and west of South Washington Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board recommends to the Director of T&ES to relocate the three-hour parking sign west of the Exxon entrance and remove one parking space on the east side of the intersection.

DISCUSSION:
City staff received a grant in 2007 for a bikeway along Wilkes Street in Old Town. During the design process and at site visits, staff noticed vehicles parking in locations that created poor visibility for drivers as well as unsafe conditions for pedestrians. Staff has also received requests from residents to improve the parking conditions at this intersection.

On the south side of Wilkes Street at Washington Street, there is a driveway entrance to the Exxon Station. The existing 3 hour parking sign is located between the driveway entrance and the crosswalk. There is approximately 9 feet between the stop bar and the driveway entrance where the sign is located. Vehicles often park in the space, either encroaching into the crosswalk or blocking the driveway entrance. Staff recommends relocating this parking sign to the west of the entrance so vehicles cannot park in this location (Attachment 3). Photos of the situation can be viewed in Attachment 4.

Across the street, just to the east of the crosswalk on the south side of Wilkes Street, there is approximately 25 feet of legal parking space between the intersection and a driveway entrance (Attachment 5). Two vehicles often park in this space with one encroaching into the crosswalk or across the driveway entrance. Staff recommends striping the parking space for one vehicle (22'), thereby providing a safer pedestrian crossing and improving visibility for drivers turning right from northbound Washington Street onto Wilkes Street and out of the parking lot.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Wilkes St
Exxon
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On Apr 1, 2015, at 10:56 PM, Bob Trencheny <tbobx@aol.com> wrote:

Cuong Nguyen

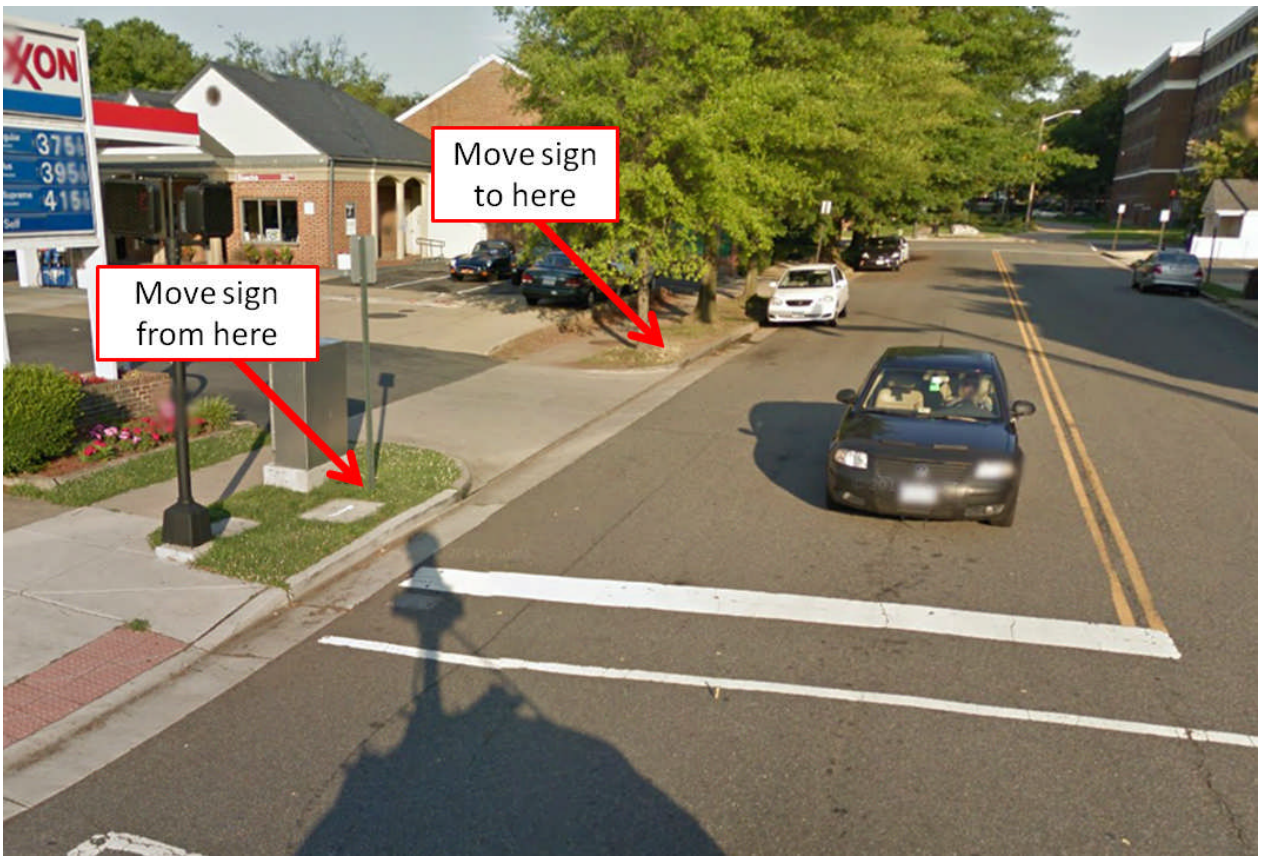
I am requesting the city remove the parking space at the southeast corner of Wilkes St and South Washington Street. The space is on Wilkes St and adjacent to the Exxon Station.

The spot is too small for a medium size car to fit in the space between the lines. Either the car blocks the service station driveway or blocks part of the cross walk creating dangerous conditions. I would prefer the parking space be removed for safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. This spot is on the Wilkes St bike route and I request the city make it a green bike box for cyclists crossing South Washington Street. This would significantly improve bicyclists safety of this heavily used route.

Thank you for considering this request. If necessary I would be happy to meet you or city staff at the intersection to discuss the safety issues.

Vr,
Bob Trencheny
5270 Pocosin Lane
Alexandria VA 22304

Attachment 3



Attachment 4

Legal parking area = 25'
Wilkes St

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DOCKET ITEM: **7**

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove 2 parking spaces on E Howell Ave at the intersection with Route 1

APPLICANT: Jessica Livingston

LOCATION: East Howell Ave and Route 1

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board recommends to the Director of T&ES to remove two parking spaces on the south side of East Howell Ave at the intersection with Route 1.

DISCUSSION:
The East Howell Avenue is an 18 foot wide residential street that serves as an entryway into Del Ray from Jefferson Davis Highway. However, the very end of the street is commercial where it intersects with Jefferson Davis Highway. Parking is allowed up to 20 feet away from this intersection. Allowing parking along this section of East Howell Avenue does not provide enough space for the volume of two-way traffic. This is a signalized intersection and when several eastbound vehicles are stopped for the red light on East Howell Avenue, vehicles turning on to East Howell Avenue from Jefferson Davis Highway do not always have enough space to pass. The property abutting these two spaces is currently being redeveloped.

Remove Two
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E Howell Ave
E Bellefonte Ave
Jefferson Davis Hwy
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Main Line Blvd
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