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King Street Place

Pedestrian Pilot Program on the 100 Block of King

Dear Business or Property Owner,

The City of Alexandria is proposing a pilot program to convert the 100 block of King Street into a temporary pedestrian-only space during the weekends from April – October 2020. Staff has developed a draft design for the block based on input from the business community, safety restrictions, past feasibility studies, and comments from City Council and the Waterfront & Transportation Commissions. **The proposed design would allow for additional outdoor dining, public space, and a larger pedestrian space where vehicles normally travel.** The pilot would remove parking at all times on the 100 block, allowing the outdoor dining and public spaces to remain throughout the week, with safety barriers between the outdoor dining, public space and vehicles. A full, seven days a week, closure may be tested for a portion of the pilot. **Additionally, in response to requests for more public seating, staff is proposing to replace the two unrestricted parking spaces on the unit block of King Street with more options for public seating.** Please be aware of the following during this project:

1. **Trolley Route Modifications.** To accommodate the closing of the 100 block of King Street, the lower King trolley route will be adjusted. The adjusted route will require the removal of some parking spaces necessary for turning movements. The eastbound route would turn north on Lee Street, East on Cameron Street, and South on Union Street to maintain access to the waterfront for those with mobility difficulties.
2. **Pick-up and Drop-off zones.** The King Street Place pilot would provide an opportunity to test out incorporation of a **Pick-Up, Drop-Off (PUDO) zone for valet, loading, ride-sharing, and third-party food deliveries.** Staff would monitor the PUDO zone throughout the pilot to determine if the location or number of spaces used for the PUDO should be adjusted. The PUDO zone is for the use and benefit of all surrounding businesses, not only the businesses on the 100 block of King Street.

For more information about the King Street Place project, visit <https://www.alexandriava.gov/TES>. Please direct questions or comments to Patricia Washington (Visit Alexandria) at patricia@visitalexva.com and Hayley Burton (City – TES) at hayley.burton@alexandriava.gov.

Staff is providing an update to Council on January 28 and is seeking approval of the pilot in February. Prior to this, **staff is holding a business meeting focus group in partnership with the Old Town Business Association on January 21st from 2-3pm at 100 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314 (Mia's Italian Kitchen, 2nd floor).** Staff from various departments will be available to answer more specific questions about the Pilot. **Additionally, a public open house will be held on January 23rd from 2-4pm at 201 N. Union St. Suite 110 Alexandria, VA 22314 (ALX Community).** All are welcome to attend.