

Docket Item #21 Update on the Work of the Motorcoach Task Force

November 25, 2008
City Council Legislative Meeting

City of Alexandria, Virginia

Agenda

- Overview
- Process
 - Update
 - Key Issues
- Designated Routes
- Long-Term Strategies
- Schedule

Overview



- 10 Meetings
 - Legislative Issues
 - Industry Briefings
 - Best Practices
 - Motorcoach Tour
 - Sightseeing Routes
 - Designated Routes
 - Immediate enforcement & communication strategies

Process- Key Issues

- Lack of designated routes puts coaches on sensitive streets/safety (short-term)
- Lack of short-term & overnight parking (short-term and long-term)
- Enforcement (short- and long-term)
- Loading & Unloading (short-term)
- Communications/Education (short-term)

Issue	Priority
Volume of coaches changes seasonally	● ● ● ●
Realistic loading/unloading zones	● ● ● ● ● ●
How to load/unload overnight guests (hotels)	
Lack of designated coach routes puts coaches onto sensitive streets (small, historical etc.)	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

Enforcement & Communication

- More enforcement & increased fines
- Continue operation on Strand (make King one-way westbound)
- ACVA – Targeted communication to industry & drivers
- City – More outreach to residents & business



Designated Routes

- **Criteria:**
 - Functional Classification
 - Adjacent Land Use
 - Street Width
 - Turning Radius & Presence of Parking/Blind Spots
 - Presence of Landmarks/Attractions
 - “Walksheds” & Activity Centers
 - Existing Transit Route (Trolley, DASH, MetroBus...)
 - Access to Commercial Interests & Existing Parking

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DESIGNATED ROUTES

Street	Functional Classification	Right-of-Way Width	Curb-to-Curb Width	Build-to-Build Width	On-Street Parking	Curb Radius	One Way	Adjacent Land Use	Landmark	Transit or Trolley	Parking Access	Turn Restrict.	Notes
Washington	Arterial	88' to 100'	50'-70'	88' to 100'+	Yes/Non HOV	15-25'	No	All (Commercial)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	R to Duke difficult No turns at King No L to Pend. 4-6pm
Madison	Primary Collector	66'	36'-42'	66' to 132'+	Yes	15-25'	Yes	Comm, Residential	No	Yes	No	No	R to Fairfax difficult
Pendleton	Primary Collector	66'	36'-42'	70'-78'+	Yes	15-25'	No	Comm, Res, Public	No	Yes	No	No	R onto Royal difficult
Royal	Local	66'	36'-40'	66'+	Yes	15-25'	No	Resid., Public, Comm (Prim. Res S/King)	Yes	Yes (S of Pend.)	Yes	No	R to King difficult
Fairfax	Local	66'	36' to 40'	66'+	Yes	15-25'	No	Comm, Res, Pub (Prim. Res S/King)	Yes	Yes (N of Prince)	No	No	L onto King difficult
Union	Local	50'	28' to 34'	50'	Yes	15-25'	No	Res, Park, Comm	Yes	Trolley only	Yes	No	
Strand	Local	30'	22'-28'	33' to ++	Yes	15-25'	No	Comm, Park	No	Trolley only	Yes	No	
Prince	Local	66'	40'	64'	Yes	15-25'	No	Comm, Res	No	Trolley only	Yes	No	R to Union difficult
King	Primary Collector	66'	24'-36'-48'	66'+	Yes	15-25'	No	Comm, Res	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Duke	Arterial (to Rte 1) Res. Collector (E of Rte 1)	66'	36'-40'	66'+	Yes	15-25'	No	Residential, Comm	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Franklin	Arterial Res. Collector (E of Washington)	100'	40' to 44'	100'-115'+	Yes	15-25'	Yes	Residential, Comm	No	Yes (W of Royal)	No	No	

Designated Routes (all)



Route – Option A



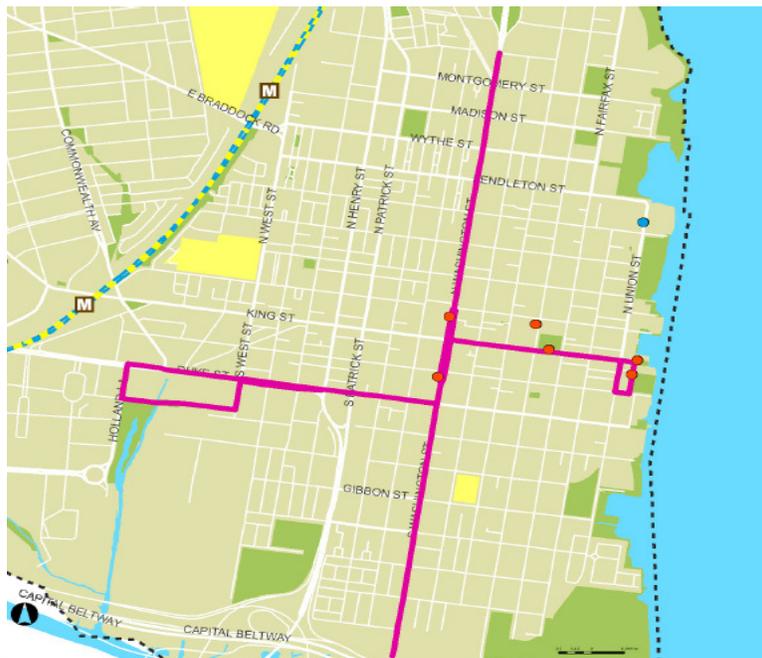
Route – Option B



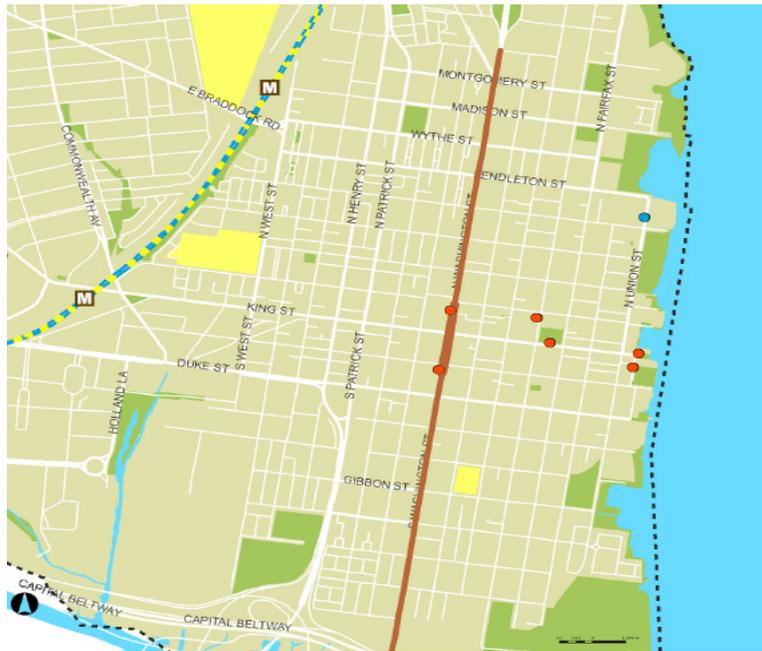
Route – Option B (alts)



Route – Option C



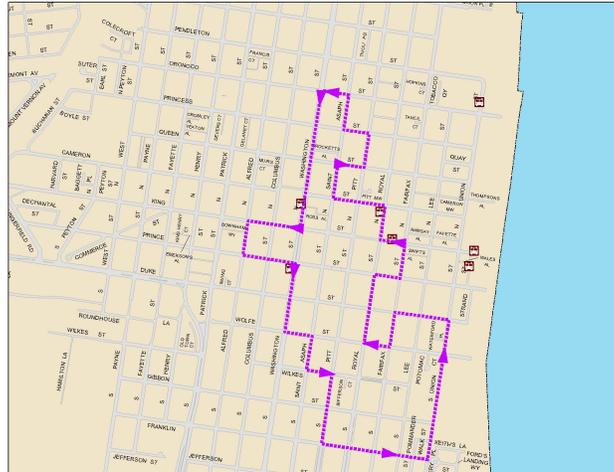
Route – Option D



Designated Routes: Bottom Line

- Enforcement of existing code only (idling & by weight, size)
- Compliance would be voluntary & require cooperation of industry
- Provides access for core purposes & for persons with mobility impairments
- Coordinate routes & drop-off/parking
- Seasonal approaches possible
- Sightseeing routes remain problematic

Sightseeing Routes



Long-Term Action Items

- Permitting/Registration
- Parking
- Refining Motorcoach Trip Types
- Discouraging Vehicles & Encouraging Walking Tours
- Old Town Civic Association issues
- Central Transfer Point

Schedule/Next Steps

- Task Force meetings on December 8 and January 12 to refine routes & long-term issues
- Community Meeting in January
- Presentation to Council in February
- Implement in Spring 2009
- Continue long-term management objectives

More Information

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Thank you!

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