



## MOTORCOACH TASK FORCE APPROVED LOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

City of Alexandria | Department of Transportation & Environmental Services

Blue text indicates additions made by the Task Force to staff's original positions.

### Short Term Parking Location Recommendations

**Recommendation 1** – For short term parking, the Task Force recommends that:

- All existing locations be maintained for free use until phased out by construction impacts.
- Metered hourly parking be added at the Masonic Memorial to proactively absorb demand for short-term spaces that will be phased out.
- **Staff coordinate with Masonic Memorial to appropriately address the needs of motorcoach operators, including determining appropriate hourly rates.**
- An appropriate percentage of Masonic Memorial's existing spaces be maintained for reservation-based trips.

**Recommendation 2** - **The Task Force recommends that staff 1) reconsider Regal Cinemas for short term parking and 2) contact and encourage Visit Alexandria to work with the tenant and property owner of Regal Cinemas to coordinate regarding parking opportunities.**

### Loading and Unloading Location Recommendations

**Recommendation 1** – the Task Force proposes the addition of loading and unloading at the following locations:

- A. 100 **N.** Royal Street (east curb) – extension of existing location on King Street
- B. 100 **N.** Royal Street (west curb) – extension of existing location at Gadsby's Tavern

Times shall be subject to the discretion of the Director of T&ES following a pilot during the peak season in 2017.

**Recommendation 2** – During future periods where waterfront construction impacts tour bus operations, the Task Force recommends:

- Suspending the use of the loading and unloading location at the Unit Block of King.
- Encouraging all the tour buses with destination points at the Waterfront to unload at the existing Market Square location, acknowledging that the addition of the new loading locations at Market Square will improve capacity.

**Recommendation 3** – After the implementation of the Waterfront, the Task Force recommends that:

- The **100 Block of** the Strand be used to support the queuing of buses unloading and loading passengers.
- Passenger loading and unloading on the **100 Block of** Strand be restricted to specific times of day.
- Designs for the **100 Block of** the Strand support DASH Trolley operations and motorcoach unloading simultaneously.
- While accounting for various needs, designs for the **100 Block of** Strand minimize impacts to the pedestrian environment to the extent possible.

**Recommendation 4** – **The Task Force recommends that staff develop a traffic management plan in coordination with the tourism industry that minimizes impact to residential areas, to be coordinated with the timing of the Waterfront's construction.**

**Recommendation 5** – The Task Force recommends that the following locations not be used for motorcoach loading and unloading and be removed from any further consideration:

- A. 100 Block of N. Union
- B. 200 N. of N. Union

The Task Force also endorses staff's recommendations to not use the following locations for motorcoach loading and unloading:

- C. 100 Block of S. Union
- D. 300 Block of Cameron

**Recommendation 6** – The Task Force recommends the City study the use of locations on King Street west of Washington Street for loading and unloading of motorcoaches in coordination with DASH.