

**MOTORCOACH TASK FORCE
LONG-TERM ISSUES**

ISSUE	SOURCE	CURRENT SITUATION	PROPOSAL	TASK FORCE PROPOSAL	ADDRESSED in MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES
Parking	Task Force (11/10)	5 drop-off/pick-up locations, 1 short-term 1 long-term	N/A	Add drop-off/pick-up seasonally at King/Washington, add short-term parking at Jamison Street (200 feet on-street, 600 feet recessed) to provide parking for approx. 20 buses (36 cars existing)	Yes
Central Transfer Point	Task Force (11/10)	None	N/A	Possibly Washington-King	No
Permitting/Registration	Task Force (11/10)	None	N/A	Voluntary registration for all buses bound for Old Town east of Washington Street	Yes
Refining Motorcoach Trip Types ("buckets")	Task Force (11/10)	None	N/A	Establish designated routes for four primary trip types: (1) Core Destinations (i.e. unloading/loading/short-term parking), (2) Hotels, (3) Sightseeing, (4) Drive-through	Yes
Discouraging vehicles and encouraging walking tours	Task Force (11/10)	None	N/A	Add unloading/loading at King-Washington, limited # of sightseeing tours	Somewhat
Limiting # of motorcoaches	OTCA Statement of Constraints (10.30.08)	None	OTCA seeks to limit daily # of motorcoaches	Limitations to pass-through sightseeing and step-on sightseeing; seeking to implement voluntary registration which would allow counts	Somewhat
Designated routes	OTCA Membership letter; ACVA (Stephanie Brown e-mail) of Oct. 14, 2008	None	Support for designated routes so long as provide access to relevant commercial interests. Like OTCA emphasized criteria based choices and expressed concern about concentrating buses on too few routes	Designated routes (at least five (5)) to be color coded for ease-of-use; additional options and variations exist	Yes
Use DASH routes	ACVA (Stephanie Brown e-mail) of Oct. 14, 2008	None	Use DASH routes for designated routes b/c they have been vetted for use by large passenger vehicles	Proposed routes are used by DASH or MetroBus; other options and variations exist	Yes

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Do not use small # of streets	OTCA Membership letter; ACVA (Stephanie Brown e-mail) of Oct. 14, 2008	None	Concerned that small number of streets may concentrate coaches on too few streets	FIVE designated routes proposed including parts of 11 streets	Yes
Size	OTCA Membership letter	None	Limit size of buses entering Old Town	No ability to address size of buses without changing state code	No
Time buses can drive in Old Town	OTCA membership letter	None	Limit access during certain periods	Limit access to unloading/loading/parking to between 7 am and 11 pm	Somewhat
Encourage use of multi-modal options (i.e. trolley)	OTCA membership letter	None	Use trolleys to come up with creative transportation solutions	Some opportunity to implement with increased unloading/loading/drop-off at Washington and King	Somewhat
Educational efforts	OTCA membership letter	ACVA website, brochure		ACVA to address industry, drivers City to step-up efforts aimed at citizens, business	Yes
Enforcement efforts	OTCA membership letter	None		APD to step-up enforcement of existing traffic laws in 2009 and track violations	Yes
Build consensus in residential community	Old & Historic District Residents Group- Chapter 7	Some	Community inputs to process are critical	Civic associations included on Task Force and consensus on some issues	Somewhat
Acquire authority to regulate motorcoaches	Old & Historic District Residents Group- Chapter 7	None	Seek power from Commonwealth; Interim actions include efforts to reduce motorcoach traffic & get industry cooperation	Efforts to implement interim actions include designated routes, voluntary registration in interim. Within 1-3 years, acquire authority.	Somewhat
Eliminate all drive-through motorcoaches in Alexandria	Old & Historic District Residents Group- Chapter 7	None	Exceptions shall be made for those motorcoaches passing through to other places while using Washington Street or other state/fed hways	No legal authority to ban motorcoaches; voluntary registration system proposed for motorcoaches to travel east of Washington Street; pass through motorcoaches may use drop-off on Washington Street	Somewhat
Allow motorcoach stops in Old Town for core purposes only	Old & Historic District Residents Group- Chapter 7	None	Core destinations = those of high cultural value and would include hotels, some boat tours, museums. All motorcoaches coming into City shall display city-issued permits.	Designated routes would encourage voluntary registration to access locations east of Washington Street and would include display of City-issued permit.	Somewhat

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Eliminate motorcoach stops for fast food, ghost tours, casual shopping or other non-core purposes east of Washington Street	Old & Historic District Residents Group- Chapter 7	None	Work with tourist industry to devise alternatives. Promote use of smaller vehicles for accessing locations east of Washington Street.	Not possible to eliminate trip types in manner proposed but TF is working to address the types of trips coming east of Washington Street.	Somewhat
Regulate touring for hire in Alexandria	Old & Historic District Residents Group- Chapter 7	None	Touring for hire should be a regulated activity. Touring of city in motorcoaches should be forbidden but allowed in smaller vehicles. License fees for touring businesses, guides, per-patron fees would help support management.	TF may propose some registration fees for buses.	Limited
Establish rules for motorcoach drivers	Old & Historic District Residents Group- Chapter 7	[Insert existing laws re: driver distraction]	Drivers should be restricted to driving. Motorcoach drivers should be prohibited on local streets.	Designated routes use a mix of arterials, collectors and local streets, many of which are currently used by transit. Motorcoaches cannot be prohibited from all local streets. State code issues.	Limited
Establish a system for management of all motorcoaches in City.	Old & Historic District Residents Group- Chapter 7	None	Establishing permitting system with permits to be displayed prominently. Provide drivers with directions to parking, routes and other relevant info. Use system to generate date and manage in future.	Certain elements of system proposed, including initial voluntary registration system with fees and new routes.	Somewhat
Routes shall only be used to disperse motorcoach traffic	Old & Historic District Residents Group- Chapter 7	None	Routes shall not concentrate traffic on a single route. However, this Proposal is incongruent with previous proposal and others.	Several different routes are proposed.	Limited
Costs shall be borne by those that directly benefit from motorcoach traffic	Old & Historic District Residents Group- Chapter 7	None	City should institute special licenses or other fees.	Some fee options are under consideration	Somewhat
Establish a long-term vision for a visitor center	Old & Historic District Residents Group- Chapter 7	Report completed in 2003	Establish a visitor and transportation center outside of the historic area in a location suitable for visitors	Task Force reviewed 2003 Visitors Center report	Limited