

Proposed Temporary Closure:  
The unit block of King Street  
Northern portion of the Strand

Waterfront Commission  
February 15, 2022

# 2012 - Waterfront Small Area Plan

## ***3.67 - Element 1 - Pedestrian Plaza from Union Street to the River; Marina Repairs and Upgrades***

The Plan recommends closing the unit block of King Street to daily vehicular traffic and transforming it into a pedestrian-oriented plaza, with access limited to emergency services, deliveries, motorcoaches and trolleys. The plaza would extend from Union Street to the water, incorporating the existing King Street Park. The project would include reconfiguration of trees and other plantings in order to create a strong visual connection to and from the water and King Street.

3.68: Limit vehicular access to the unit block of King Street and The Strand between Prince and King Streets to emergency vehicles, deliveries (limited hours), motorcoaches, and the King Street Trolley. The Strand would also be open to vehicles accessing the parking garages and lots that have entrances on this block of The Strand.

4.4: Enlarge the pedestrian hub at King and Union Streets, by closing the unit block to most vehicular traffic, maintaining police, fire, EMS, and delivery, trolley and motorcoach access as necessary. Creating a significant public space will give pedestrians more room to congregate, and allow them a sense of where they are in relation to other points of interest along the waterfront. Consider eliminating on-street parking along the unit block of King and at the immediate intersection of King and Union Street.

# Advisory Group

Old Town Business

RPCA

Planning and Zoning

Dept. of Project  
Implementation

APD

Public Works Services

Fire

TES

- Mobility Services
- Traffic Engineering
- Traffic Operations
- Resource Recovery

## Main issues:

- Stormwater and manhole access
- Flooding
- Deliveries
- Turnaround
- Close full time
- Ped volumes crossing Union Street
- Fire Access

# Proposed Closure and Removals



# Proposed Uses





WATERFRONT

MARINA

TROLLEY

DO NOT ENTER

DO NOT ENTER

ONE WAY

Museum



WATERFRONT

MARINA

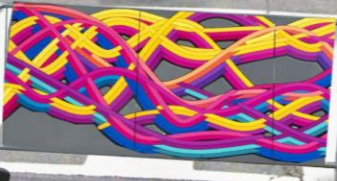
SEVEN EIGHTS

ONE WAY

DO NOT ENTER

DO NOT ENTER

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA VIRGINIA



MIA'S ITALIAN KITCHEN

# Pilot program

## Three-month pilot

- Starting around Memorial Day through Labor Day

## Close to most vehicles

- Except emergency vehicles and maintenance vehicles

## Regular stakeholder check-ins

## Monitoring

## Evaluation

- Input from residents, businesses, users, and City stakeholders
- Online feedback form
- Quantitative traffic data and Ped data (if available)



Questions?

