

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY APRIL 24, 2017 7:30 P.M.  
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**D O C K E T**

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.
2. Approval of the March 27, 2017 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install a handicap parking space at 4409 Duke Street.
5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install metered parking in the City parking lot at Union Station.
6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove 40 linear feet of parking (two spaces) on the north and south side of the unit block East Rosemont Avenue to install an accessible midblock crosswalk.

**STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

7. Code Section 10-4-41, No Parking within 20 feet of an intersection

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**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman, Jay Johnson, Vice Chair, William Schuyler, James Lewis, Randy Cole, Kevin Beekman, Ann Tucker and Casey Kane.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carrie Sanders, TES, Deputy Director, Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, David Soares, Civil Engineer IV, Katye North, Parking Planner, Patrick Reed, Parking Planner and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.
2. Approval of the February 27, 2017 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tucker approve the minutes of the February 27, 2017 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No one from the public spoke.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to change the color scheme for White Top Cab's fleet of taxicabs.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mr. Sayed Habib Azimi, Manager of L & Z Transportation, provided input to the Board and answered questions.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve staff's recommendation to change the color scheme for White Top Cab's fleet of taxicabs. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to replace the loading zone on Princess Street at the intersection of North Royal Street with two-hour parking that is consistent with the rest of the block..

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve staff's recommendation to replace the loading zone on Princess Street at the intersection of North Royal Street with two-hour parking that is consistent with the rest of the block.. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to reserve two handicapped parking spaces on Bruce Street.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schuyler to approve staff's recommendation to reserve two handicapped parking spaces on Bruce Street and amend the recommendation to relocate the second reserved space to be on the right of the dumpster. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of proposed Code changes for the 72-hour on-street parking rule.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Reed presented the item to the Board.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Karen Simons, Paul Katlyn, Eric Chang opposed the request.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Schuyler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to recommend approval to the City Council of an amendment to City Code Section 10-4-8 that allows vehicle registrants to apply for a temporary exemption to the 72-hour on-street parking rule. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

Ms. North updated with the Board on Policy for Issuing Residential Parking Permits for New Development.

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** APRIL 24, 2017  
**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD  
**FROM:** T&ES STAFF  
**SUBJECT:** DOCKET ITEM # 4

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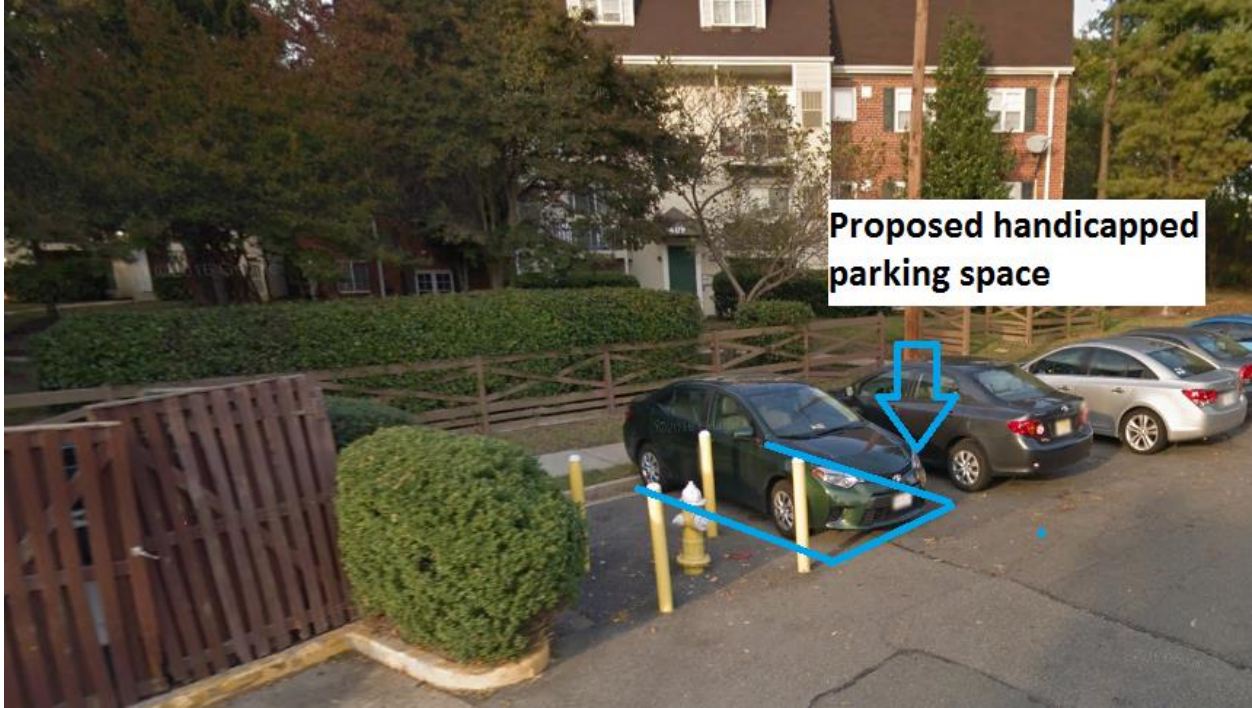
**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install a handicap parking space at 4409 Duke Street.

**APPLICANT:** Ms. Rosa E. Miles

**LOCATION:** 4409 Duke Street

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to reserve a parking space for handicapped parking at 4409 Duke Street.

**DISCUSSION:** The Foxchase of Alexandria provides off street parking for their residents. There are not ADA accessible routes to every building. The distance from the parking lot to the applicant's unit is about 390 feet. The proposed disability parking space is about 40 feet away from the applicant's front door. Ms. Miles' condition makes walking painful for her but does not require the use of a wheelchair, she walks with a cane. Therefore, the optimum parking space location is determined by distance to the applicant's front door rather than an accessible route as defined by ADA. Although the proposed parking space does not have an ADA ramp, one is not needed because Ms. Miles does not require a wheelchair. Staff chose this location because it is next to the fire hydrant to provide extra space when entering and exiting the car. It should be pointed out that this space is not being reserved for the exclusive use of Ms. Miles and that anyone with a disability placard can park in the space.



Proposed location in front of the applicant's unit



Community parking lot

# City of Alexandria, Virginia

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** APRIL 24, 2017  
**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD  
**FROM:** T&ES STAFF  
**SUBJECT:** DOCKET ITEM # 5

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**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install metered parking in the City parking lot at Union Station.

**APPLICANT:** City of Alexandria

**LOCATION:** 110 Callahan Drive

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board recommend the City Council approve metered parking at the City parking lot at Union Station.

**DISCUSSION:**

Last June, the City Council approved an amendment to the City Code (Section 5-8-111 and 112) to establish a new process for reviewing and approving meters in City owned parking lots. Under this process, proposals to install meters in City parking lots are reviewed by the Traffic and Parking Board for a recommendation to the City Council for approval through a resolution. The Traffic and Parking Board reviews whether meters are appropriate for the lot and considers the proposed hours and pricing.

The City is proposing meters for the City owned parking lot that serves Union Station on Callahan Drive. (This proposal only applies to the paved portion of this lot. The existing gravel lot that is used for City employee parking is not part of this proposal.) The lot has approximately 40 spaces, but only 24 of the spaces would be metered. The metered spaces include the eight perpendicular spaces facing Callahan Drive and the 16 parallel spaces headed towards King Street. The remaining spaces in the lot will continue to be designated for Amtrak employee parking (5 spaces per lease with the City), 30 minute parking, ADA, taxi loading/unloading, and a reserved space for the Commuter Connections vehicle.

Up until February of this year, the parking in this lot was free and essentially unrestricted. There was signage stating the parking was for Amtrak parking only, but this restriction was difficult to enforce since there was nothing on or inside the vehicles to identify those using Amtrak. Parking Enforcement had no way of knowing if the spaces were being used by Amtrak customers or commuters taking advantage of the free parking near the King Street Metro. As a result, this lot was typically always full early in the morning until the end of the day. This made it difficult for people who needed to park to drop off or wait for people riding the train, purchase tickets, or other related business inside.

To address this parking issue, the City added 2-hour and 30-minute parking restrictions to the lot. The 2-hour restrictions were similar to the restrictions in other City lots, such as the Del Ray Farmer's Market lot. The 30-minute spaces were intended to support quick trips to Union Station. While this did improve parking availability at the lot, the City received a number of complaints about the restrictions and concerns that the 2-hour parking limit now precluded Amtrak riders from parking their vehicles here.

To respond to this concern, the City is proposing some of the spaces in the lot be metered to allow longer parking. Although the parking will no longer be free, those that wish to park near the station will now have the option to do so. Those parkers who were using the lot as free commuter parking will now be charged similar to other lots and garages near Metro Stations and popular destinations. Additionally, staff heard from several people that indicated a need for parking over multiple days when using Amtrak to travel. To accommodate these parkers, we are recommending the meter accept payment for multiple days, similar to the pay station at the City's Thompson's Alley Garage. Staff anticipates two meters will be needed to serve this lot and are generally depicted by an asterisk on Attachment 1.

The City has proposed the following meter proposal for 24 of the spaces in this lot:

- Hours: 24 hours, 7 days a week (Similar to the Cameron/St. Asaph and Patrick/Henry lots and Thompson's Alley Garage)
- Rates: \$2.50/hour, daily max \$15 (Hourly rate is similar to other city lots and garages in Old Town. The daily max is \$5 more than these lots/garages to be comparable to the daily rate at adjacent garages.)
  - Multi-day: meters would be programmed for multi-day payment at the max daily rate (similar to what's allowed at Thompson's Alley Garage) for a max of 10 days.

Staff would like to use this lot as a pilot project for using "pay by plate" technology instead of the current "pay and display" method at other meters. Currently, a person paying for time at a multi-space meter receives a receipt that they then need to display on their dashboard. Under a "pay by plate" scenario, a person would enter their license plate number in the meter. A receipt could be provided if the person requested one, but it would not need to be displayed on the dashboard. Instead, payment is verified by an enforcement officer through an online database, similar to how payments by the mobile phone app are verified. This payment method is being used in more and more cities around the world as it is more convenient for the customer and more efficient for enforcement. Ultimately, the City would like to move all of the meters over to this technology and would like the opportunity to test it in a few locations, such as this lot, first.





**Attachment 1:  
Proposed Metered Areas**



# City of Alexandria, Virginia

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## MEMORANDUM

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**FROM:** T&ES STAFF  
**SUBJECT:** DOCKET ITEM # 6

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**ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove 40 linear feet of parking (two spaces) on the north and south side of the unit block East Rosemont Avenue to install an accessible midblock crosswalk.

**APPLICANT:** Staff

**LOCATION:** Unit block of East Rosemont Avenue adjacent to Hooff's Run Park and Greenway.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to remove 40 linear feet of parking on the north and south side of the unit block East Rosemont Avenue to install an accessible midblock crosswalk.

**DISCUSSION:**

City staff is proposing to remove 40 linear feet of parking on the north and south side of the unit block East Rosemont Avenue to install an accessible midblock crosswalk. In March 2017, staff received requests from the community to install a crosswalk at this location – in addition to the installation of curb ramps and crosswalks on the west leg of the Linden Street and Little Street intersection. Hooff's Run Park and Greenway is a well-used pedestrian path in the Rosemont neighborhood, as it bisects Walnut Street, Maple Street, Linden Street, and Rosemont Avenue connecting the residential neighborhood with the King Street Metro Station and Old Town. However, where the pedestrian path bisects Rosemont Avenue, there is no accessible, marked crosswalk. The nearest crosswalk is 330' feet to the west at the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and Rosemont Avenue. Three requests from the community are shown on Attachment 1.

City staff is proposing a high visibility crosswalk and new ADA-accessible curb ramps at this location as shown on Attachment 2. A visual of the proposed improvements is shown on Attachment 3. These improvements require the removal of 40 linear feet of parking on the north

and south side of the unit block to provide sufficient space on either side of the crosswalk in accordance with the City's design guidelines. The crosswalk will be 8' wide, with 16' on other side of the crosswalk. The improvements would improve access for those with limited mobility and those with strollers, and provide a safe, visible and more convenient crossing for all pedestrians. The improvements are consistent with the Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan for Hooff's Run Park & Greenway that was endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Commission in 2015. The plan recommendations can be found on Attachment 4.

The proposed crosswalk will be an uncontrolled crossing. Pedestrian crossing signs (Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices W11-2) will be installed at the eastbound and westbound approach for vehicular traffic on Rosemont Avenue, a low volume residential street.

The Rosemont Civic Association president was notified of staff's recommendation on April 11, 2017.

Attachment 1

**From:** Kate Williams via Call.Click.Connect. [mailto:CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 9:03 AM  
**To:** Hillary Orr <Hillary.Orr@alexandriava.gov>; Raymond Hayhurst <Raymond.Hayhurst@alexandriava.gov>; Steve Sindiong <Steve.Sindiong@alexandriava.gov>  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #118112: Complete Streets at 24 E ROSEMONT AVE I am requesting an additional curb cut o

Dear **Call.Click.Connect.** User

A request was just created using **Call.Click.Connect.** The request ID is 118112.

**Request Details:**

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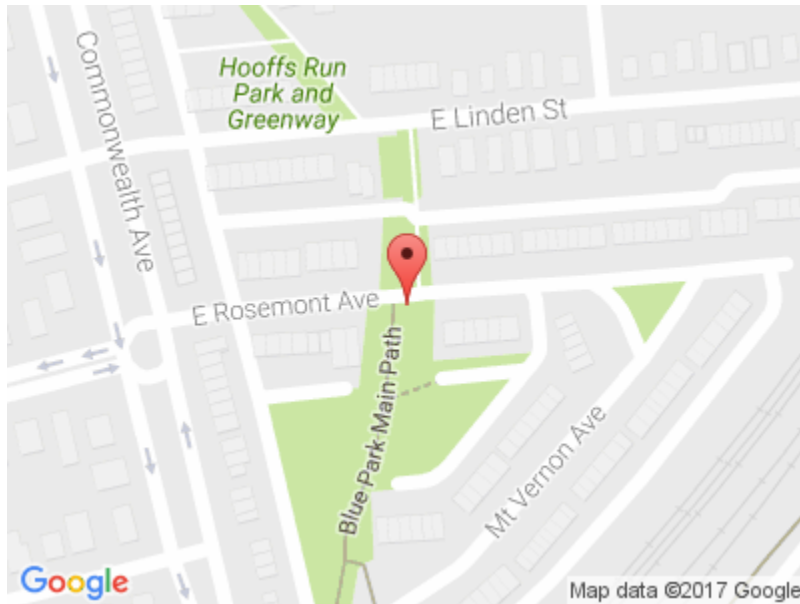
- Name: Kate Williams
- Approximate Address: 24 E ROSEMONT AVE (See [map below](#))
- Phone Number: 7032318664
- Email: [katewilliams920@gmail.com](mailto:katewilliams920@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Complete Streets
- Request Description: Please Choose a Complete Streets Topic "Pedestrian Safety"

I am requesting an additional curb cut on Little St. and Linden St. Currently there is only one cut curb, so there is no way to safely cross the street at the crosswalk.

I am also requesting a cross walk on Rosemont Ave (mid street) to allow walkers to safely cross the street when traveling from Linden St., through the gravel lot towards old town/metro/hoofs run park. This area gets a lot of foot traffic to old town/metro and the sight-line at that location is very difficult as there are cars parked on both sides of the street and there is no curb cuts or cross walk.

We hope the City makes these accommodation so all residents can enjoy safe access from Rosemont to Old Town. Thank you.

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, April 12



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**From:** Robert Williams via Call.Click.Connect. [mailto:CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 10:01 AM

**To:** Hillary Orr <Hillary.Orr@alexandriava.gov>; Raymond Hayhurst <Raymond.Hayhurst@alexandriava.gov>; Steve Sindiong <Steve.Sindiong@alexandriava.gov>

**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #118123: Complete Streets I am requesting an additional curb cut o

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**Request Details:**

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- Name: Robert Williams
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-231-7542
- Email: [robwilliams97@gmail.com](mailto:robwilliams97@gmail.com)
- Service Type: Complete Streets
- Request Description: Please Choose a Complete Streets Topic "Pedestrian Safety"

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**From:** melissa Poretz Riddy [mailto:m\_poretz@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 8:40 AM

**To:** Raymond Hayhurst <Raymond.Hayhurst@alexandriava.gov>

**Subject:** Curb cuts

Ray,

At Little St. and Linden there is a curb cut where I put a blue mark but not where there is a red mark so you can't cross the street there. Instead you need to take a right on E Linden and use a driveway for accessibility. Then carrying on through the gravel lot where the map says "open Area/Park" you keep going to Rosemont and there is no curb cut or cross walk where I put the red line. There is a high volume of foot/bike/pedestrian traffic there going to the park, metro and old town. We are just asking for accessibility with curb cuts and cross walks at the suggested red spots and lines.

Let me know if you need anything else. THANKS!

Attachment 2



Attachment 3





Park and Recreation Commission endorsed on November 19, 2015

## Improvement Recommendations

