

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2017 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

D O C K E T

The Traffic and Parking Board will hold a subcommittee work session at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Work Room to discuss the City's review of the 72 hour rule. At this meeting the group will review information from a citywide open house and will determine a preferred policy option to take to the full board in March. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.
2. Approval of the JANUARY 23, 2016 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove 85 feet of parking (four parking spaces) on the west side of S. Gordon St at the intersection of S. Gordon Street and Wheeler Avenue.
5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to add two hour parking restrictions on Main Line Boulevard.
6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of placing a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity on Probationary Status.
7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to restrict U-turns on Church Street at the intersection of Columbus Street.

STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES:

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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: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief, Ravi Raut, Civil Engineer IV, Raymond Hayhurst, Complete Street Coordinator, and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer I.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None
2. Approval of the November 14, 2016, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to amend and approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016 Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The amendment deleted the word “*educational*” and changes the word “*solution*” to “*solutions*” in the last sentence under the Staff Reports and Updates section of the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Frank Van Haste spoke about the pedestrian crash he was involved in crossing Duke Street at North Fayette Street. The Board requested that staff investigate the crossing and report back to the Board with their findings.

PUBLIC HEARING:

4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove two parking spaces from 7AM-9AM, and 4PM-6PM, Monday to Friday on the south side of Jamieson Avenue by Dulany Street.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board. Mr. Kane expressed concern about the potential negative safety impacts to the bicycle lane if the proposed parking removal were approved. The Board understood the need to remove the parking and wanted staff to investigate ways this could be accomplished with minimal impacts to the bicycle lane.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: No one from the public spoke.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to defer the request and for staff to come back to the Board with a new plan that has community support and addresses the safety issues as well as provide data. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove 25 feet of parking on the Northwest corner of Mount Vernon Avenue at Luray Avenue.

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

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Dana Lawhorne spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to approve the request to remove 20 feet of parking on the Northwest corner of Mount Vernon Avenue at Luray Avenue and ask the Director of T&ES for guidance on the law as it relates to the 25 foot parking restriction at corners. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to:
- a. Install NO TURN ON RED restrictions for eastbound and westbound West Glebe Road at Mount Vernon Avenue.
 - b. Install leading pedestrian intervals for the crosswalks crossing Mount Vernon Avenue at West Glebe Road.
 - c. Install a right turn overlap (green arrow) for the eastbound Glebe Road right turn onto southbound Mount Vernon Avenue.
 - d. Convert the westbound Glebe Road left turn to a protected only movement.

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

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Michelle Walz, and Mr. Havinga spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to approve the request to:

- a. Install NO TURN ON RED restrictions for eastbound and westbound West Glebe Road at Mount Vernon Avenue.
- b. Install leading pedestrian intervals for the crosswalks crossing Mount Vernon Avenue at West Glebe Road.
- c. Install a right turn overlap (green arrow) for the eastbound Glebe Road right turn onto southbound Mount Vernon Avenue.
- d. Convert the westbound Glebe Road left turn to a protected only movement.

The motion carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2017
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 4

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to remove 85 feet of parking (four spaces) on the west side of South Gordon Street at the intersection of South Gordon Street and Wheeler Avenue.

APPLICANT: Bill Hardtke

LOCATION: West side of the 200 block of South Gordon Street at the intersection of Wheeler Avenue.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to remove 85 feet of parking (four parking spaces), at all times, on the west side of South Gordon Street at the intersection of South Gordon Street and Wheeler Avenue.

DISCUSSION:

The applicant, who is the property management company for several of the warehouse buildings along Wheeler Avenue, has requested parking be removed at this location to help with visibility exiting the parking lot for the building at 4301 Wheeler Avenue, as shown in Attachment 1. The applicant stated large commercial trucks normally park at this location which makes it difficult for cars exiting the driveway to see northbound traffic on S. Gordon Street without first entering the street. Large vehicles at this location also create visibility issues for pedestrians and bicyclists crossing the intersection. There is a trail about 100 feet north of the intersection so there is a fair amount of ped/bike activity at this intersection. Attachments 2-4 show the area proposed for parking removal.

Staff reviewed the intersection of South Gordon Street and Wheeler Avenue and found the driveway to have a limited sight distance when a large vehicle was parked at this location, although, there are no crashes reported at the intersection of S. Gordon Street and Wheeler Avenue. Additionally, given the pedestrian and bicyclist activity in the area, it seems appropriate to improve visibility at this location. While the problem is largely related to commercial vehicles, prohibiting only these types of vehicles is not an option since this is not a residential area. Therefore, to prohibit commercial vehicles from parking here, parking must be restricted for all vehicles.

Staff discussed this issue with a representative from the adjacent neighborhood association. While initially concerned that removal of parking at this location would shift these vehicles north into the residential neighborhood, they did understand that the City Code protects them from commercial vehicles parking in front of their residences. The residents usually do not use these spaces since they are typically occupied by commercial vehicles. Therefore, the loss of spaces should not be an impact to the neighbors.

Attachment 1

From: William Hardtke [mailto:billhardtke@icloud.com]

Sent: Monday, January 09, 2017 2:23 PM

To: Katye North

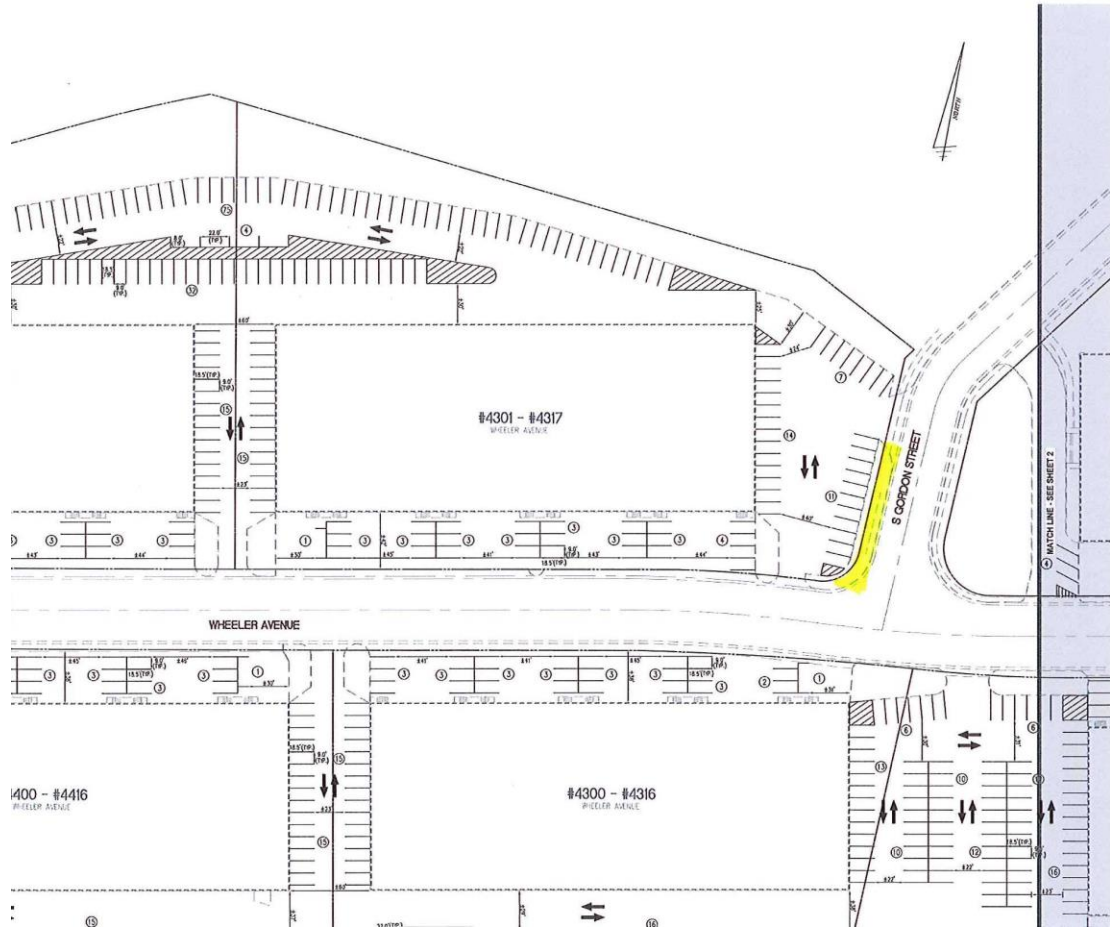
Cc: Alex Medellin; Mary Barron

Subject: Possible Parking Restrictions - Corner of S. Gordon Street & Wheeler Avenue

Dear Ms. North,

Thank you and Mr. Kong for meeting with us this past Friday afternoon to review / discuss our public safety concerns with commercial vehicle parking that is currently taking place at the corner of S. Gordon Street and Wheeler Avenue adjacent to our warehouse property at 4301 - 4317 Wheeler Avenue. The attached highlighted site plan references the on-street parking in question. Our primary concern is that the larger commercial vehicles that typically park in this area prevent clear sight lines for our tenants as they exit the rear of the property and for the pedestrians and cyclists that frequent this area. I personally have experienced nearly getting t-boned by traffic turning off of Wheeler Avenue onto S. Gordon. It's often times impossible to see around the trucks that inhabit this area and they frequently block the apron into our property and it's only been getting worse. We would appreciate anything you could do to address our safety concerns and we look forward to continued conversations regarding a solution to this problem. Thanks again. Bill Hardtke.

Attachment 2

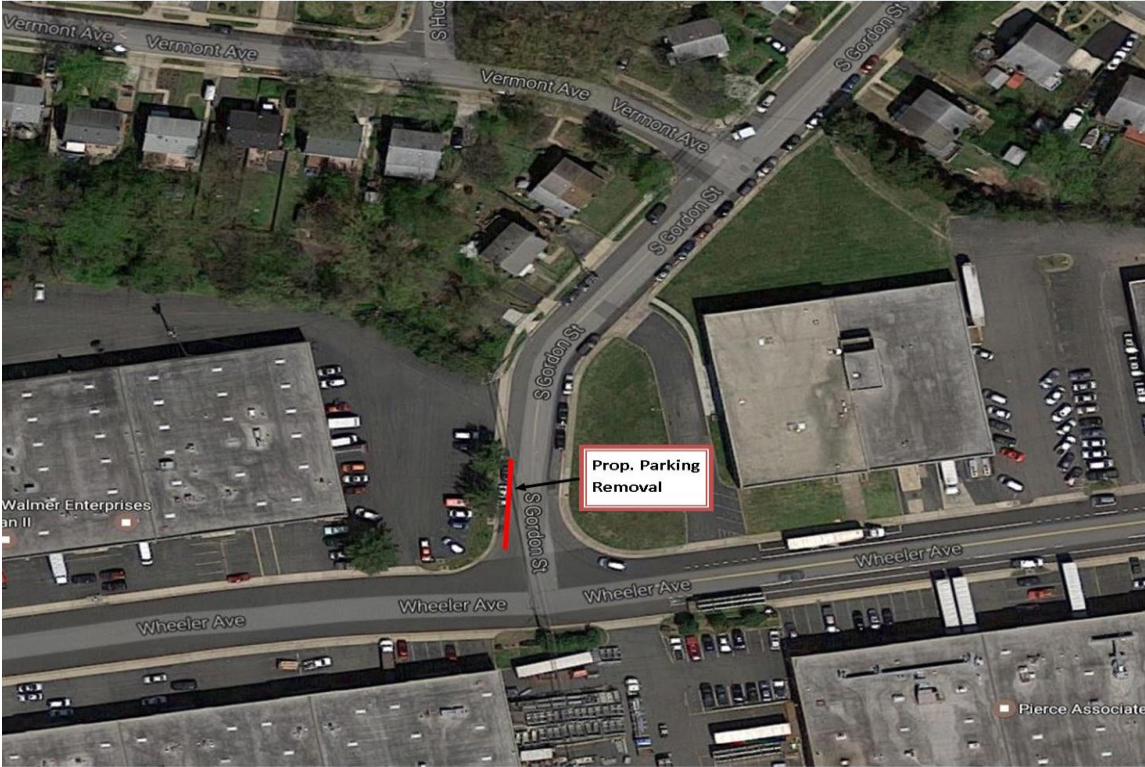


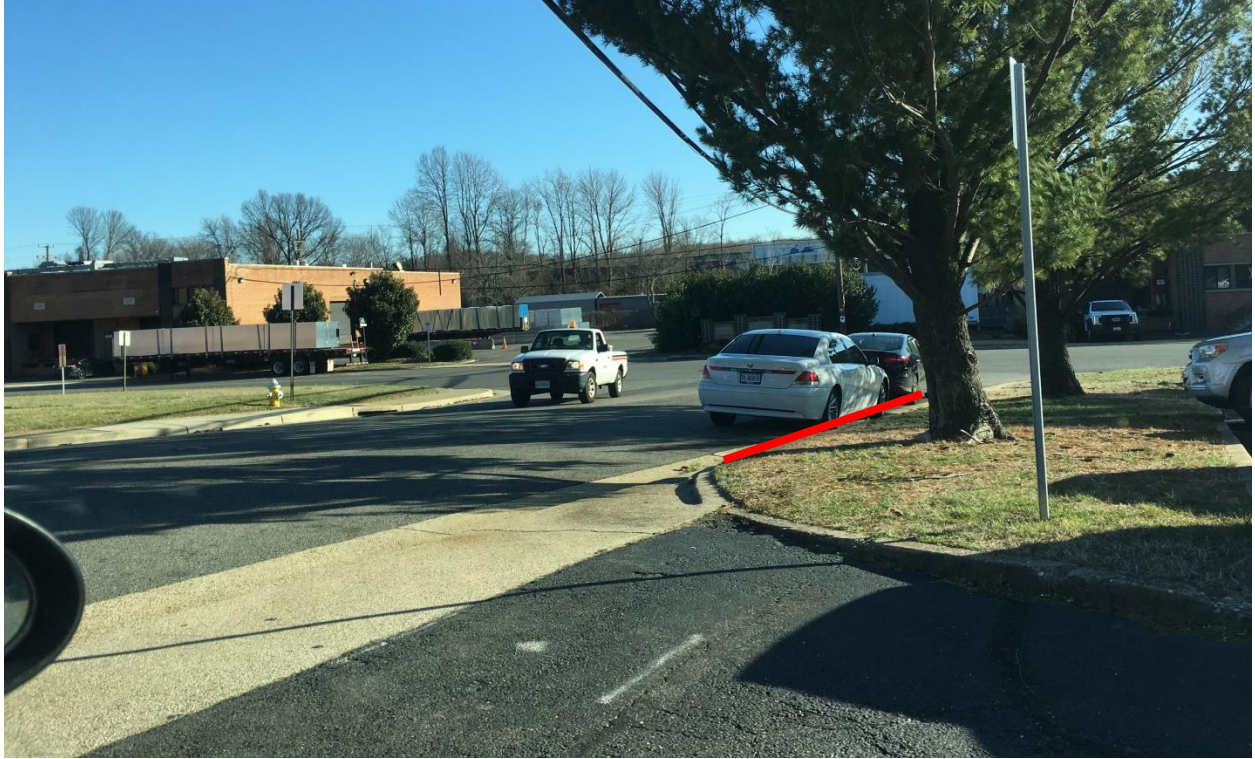
Proposed area for parking removal is highlighted in yellow

Attachment 3



Attachment 4





City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2017
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM #5

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to add two hour parking restrictions on Main Line Boulevard.

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria

LOCATION:

Main Line Boulevard at the following locations:

- 1) Eastern curb – between the turnaround and E. Monroe Avenue
- 2) Western curb – between the turnaround and E. Glendale Avenue

E. Glendale Avenue at the following locations:

- 1) Southern curb – between Van Valkenburg Lane and Main Line Boulevard

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board recommend the Director of T&ES post two hour parking restrictions, Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 5:00pm on portions of the eastern and western curbs of Main Line Boulevard adjacent to park property, and the southern curb of E. Glendale adjacent to the existing playground.

DISCUSSION: Between E. Monroe Avenue and the Main Line Boulevard turnaround, Main Line Boulevard operates as a bidirectional two-lane road with parking on both the eastern and western curbs of the street. Main Line Boulevard is not metered and there are currently no hourly restrictions on the street south of E. Monroe Avenue. Adjacent buildings include townhomes with at-grade garages and the Bell Del Ray Apartments, which contains an on-site garage to accommodate residents. The southernmost point of the parking proposed for restrictions (shown in Attachment 1) is roughly a .35 mile walk to the existing Braddock Road Metro.

Staff has received feedback from existing residents and the HOA, currently managed by developer Pulte Group, regarding high utilization and low turnover on Main Line Boulevard on weekdays. To discourage commuter parking and ensure that spaces are available for park users and guests, staff recommends the addition of two-hour parking restrictions between 8:00am and

5:00pm on the western curb of Main Line Boulevard between the turnaround and Glendale Avenue. This segment is not adjacent to any homes. Staff also recommends two hour restrictions between 8:00am and 5:00pm for the eastern curb of Main Line Boulevard between the turnaround and E. Monroe Avenue. These segments are adjacent to a linear extension of Potomac Yard Park, which includes a trail that extends between E. Braddock Road and S. Glebe Road in Arlington County.

Staff has coordinated with the HOA management company, Pulte Homes, to assist with outreach about the proposed restrictions. Based on feedback received through the HOA, residents' reactions have been mixed. Some residents support the restrictions. These residents concur with the HOA management and staff that such restrictions are appropriate given the parking's proximity to the Braddock Road Metro station. Other residents are reticent and fear that cars will migrate across the block where no restrictions are proposed.

If the proposed restrictions are implemented, staff does anticipate some migration from the newly restricted spaces to the unrestricted spaces on the western side of the street (adjacent to the town homes). Should this occur, these streets may meet the criteria for a residential parking permit district pursuant to Sec. 5-8-73 of Alexandria City Code. Since this process must be initiated by residents, staff has provided information about this process to the HOA and other interested residents and will assist residents if further residential restrictions are desired.

Attachment 1



City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2017
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM #6

ISSUE: Hearing in consideration of a recommendation to place a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a taxicab company in the City of Alexandria on probationary status for failure to comply with Section 9-12-33 of the City Code.

APPLICANT: City of Alexandria

LOCATION: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board recommend to the City Manager that a certificate of public convenience and necessity number 140, issued to GoGreen Cab, Inc. be placed on probationary status for a period of up to six months for failure to comply with City Code 9-12-33(b) (1).

DISCUSSION: Alexandria Taxicab companies are required to submit dispatch records as part of the Biennial Review process. The GoGreen Cab Company failed to provide these records when requested for the recent Biennial Review. These records were requested on August 8, 2016 and nearly six months later, as shown in Attachment 1. GoGreen Cab has been unable to provide them, as shown in Attachment 2. GoGreen Cab was approved to commence operations in September 2008 and it took three years to become operational. Shortly after becoming operational the company was placed on probation in October 2012 because the owner of the company did not operate within the rules and regulations of the City and the Hack Office. This probation was then extended when the owner did not operate within the rules and regulations of the City and the Hack Office.

City staff is recommending that GoGreen Cab be placed on probationary status pursuant to City Code Section 9-12-33. The recommendation is for failure to comply with City Code 9-12-33(b)(1) which states:

(b) Certificates of public convenience and necessity may be placed on probationary status for a period of 30 to 120 days, or revoked by the city manager for any of the following causes:

- (7) Failure to comply with the requirements of section 9-12-32 (specifically subsection (n) which requires certificate holders to provide performance information to the City Manager no less than annually);

The City alleges the following:

1. The owner of the company has failed to provide dispatch records when requested for the Biennial Review.

Based on these findings, staff recommends the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to GoGreen Cab be placed on probationary status with the following terms and conditions:

1. Probationary status shall last for a period not to exceed six calendar months subject to the certificate review period.
2. GoGreen Cab must provide the requested dispatch records.

Attachment 1

From: Bob Garbacz

Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 12:57 PM

To: Abdual Kodir Abdi Bdon; Danny; Francis Samba; Go Green; Ken Aggrey; King Cab; Kyle Summers; Spencer Kimball; VIP Cab

Subject: Renewal of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity

Dear Taxi Companies - Alexandria City Code section 9-12-27 requires that all certificate holders annually submit an application for certificate renewal in conjunction with the annual review of the taxicab industry. Attached are the forms and information necessary to renew your certificate for 2017. Renewal applications must be submitted to me no later than Friday, September 1, 2016. You can mail the completed forms to me, drop them by the office or just email them, whichever is easier for you.

For this year's renewal review, each company is to submit detailed dispatch call records for the months of January, February and March 2016. These records must be submitted in an electronic format that can be read by or imported into a standard Microsoft Office application (Excel, Access, Word or delimited text file). Please submit your detailed dispatch call records by Friday, September 1, 2016.

Please contact me at 703-746-4143 if you have questions or need additional information. Otherwise, I look forward to receiving your certificate renewal requests.

Bob Garbacz
Division Chief/ Transportation
2900 Business Center Dr
Alexandria, VA. 22314
703-746-4143

Attachment 2

From: mujhi@aol.com [mailto:mujhi@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 11:45 PM
To: Bob Garbacz
Subject: GoGreen Cab Renewal Application for 2017.

Dear Mr. Bob:

Following documents are attached with this email to renew our Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for GoGreen Cab.

- (1): Certificate Renewal Application.
- (2): Renewal Application Exhibits.

We are having problems with our computers at the moment. Dispatch call records for months of January, February, and March 2016 will follow later. Thank you so much.

If you need further assistance please feel free to contact us at 703-732-9899.

Sincerely,

Ahmad
GoGreen Cab.
Mujhi@aol.com
703-732-9899

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2017
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD
FROM: T&ES STAFF
SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM # 7

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to install No U-turn restriction for eastbound traffic on Church Street at Columbus Street

APPLICANT: Janice Kupiec and Cecily Crandall

LOCATION: Church Street at Columbus Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Board recommend to the Director of T&ES to install the No U-turn restriction for eastbound traffic on Church Street at Columbus Street.

DISCUSSION:

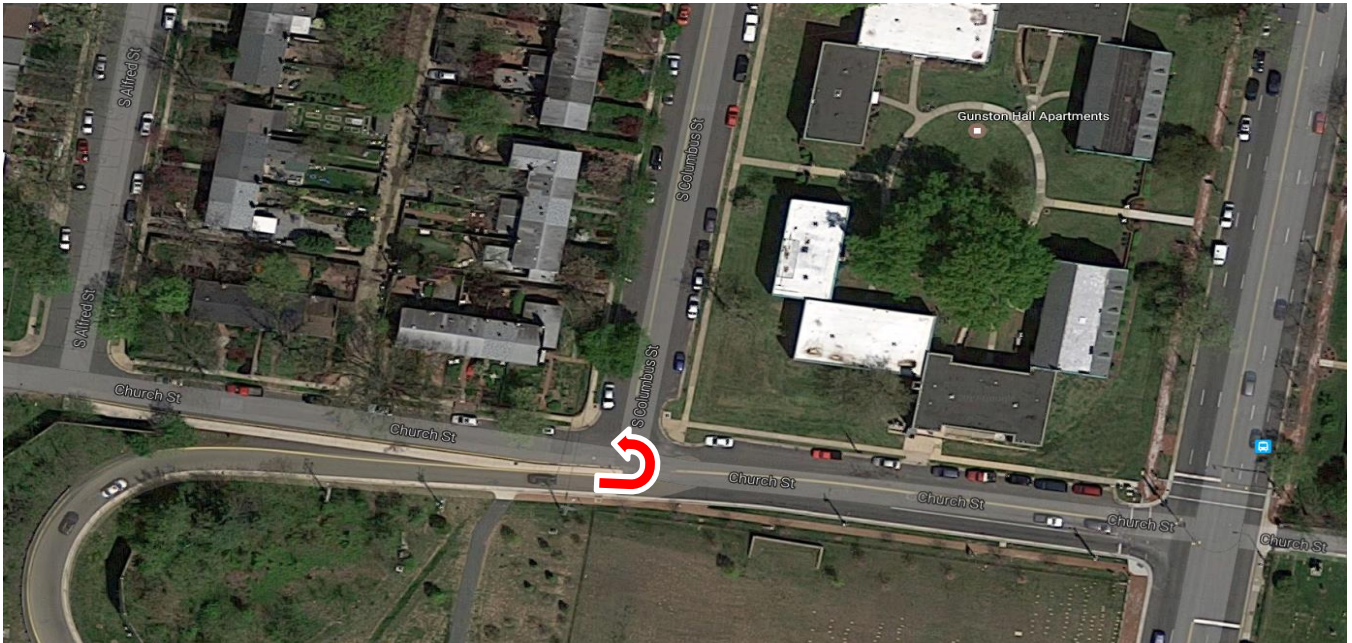
City staff is proposing to install a No U-turn restriction for vehicles traveling eastbound on Church Street at Columbus Street. Staff has received complaints from residents on Columbus Street and Alfred Street of many near misses as shown in Attachment 1. There have been four crashes in the past four years at the intersection of Columbus Street and Church Street, including one crash involving a vehicle attempting to make this U-turn. See Attachment 2 for the location of this intersection and the proposed location for the sign.

Currently, there is a posted No Left Turn 7 to 9 AM, but numerous vehicles have been observed making illegal left turns from eastbound Church Street to Columbus Street, as well as U-turns at the same intersection. The issue is particularly pronounced in the morning peak hour, when eastbound vehicles I-495 use Exit 177C to access the George Washington Memorial Parkway go northbound. Many drivers ignore the existing turn restriction to go north on Columbus Street, or make the U-turn to go north on Alfred Street, in order to bypass congestion on northbound Washington Street in the morning. In addition, a typical U-turn maneuver requires drivers to enter the north leg pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Church and Columbus.

The Alexandria Police Department (APD) traffic enforcement motor units have observed numerous legal but dangerous U-turn maneuvers at this location, but due to the lack of a turn restriction sign, are unable to pursue any action against drivers. Introducing a No U-Turn sign for

eastbound traffic on Church Street at Columbus Street will discourage drivers from making this dangerous maneuver, and allow APD to enforce the law on drivers ignoring the turn restriction..

Attachment 1



Attachment 2



From: JE Kupiec [mailto:jkupiec@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 2:23 PM

To: Raymond Hayhurst <Raymond.Hayhurst@alexandriava.gov>; Cecily Crandall <cacran@verizon.net>; jimandcarey48@comcast.net

Subject: Text via email

Ray-

Below is the letter in the body - please let me know if you have additional questions and I need to do anything else. If gathering signatures this weekend is still possible, I will do it. If not, I will leave it but just let me know.

Thank you again.

Janice Kupiec

jkupiec@hotmail.com

February 1, 2017

Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson and members of Council,

We are writing, as homeowners in the Little Hunting Creek neighborhood of Old Town Alexandria/ SW Quadrant, to ask officials to consider changing the traffic sign to one that would better serve our neighborhood and the public in general. The sign in question is at the intersection of Church St. and S. Columbus and the off-ramp from I-95/495 coming from the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. The current sign, a NO LEFT TURN from the hours of 7 AM to 9 AM, Monday-Friday, is primarily addressed to the traffic coming from the Beltway off-ramp into Old Town. The NO LEFT TURN M-F 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. is there to route traffic onto S. Washington St. during rush hour and away from our neighborhood, which has become the Indianapolis Speedway with late and harried drivers ignoring the sign trying to get to work. Our neighborhood continues to be negatively impacted by drivers that violate the no left turn sign.

Even worse and to our point, drivers are making U-TURNS onto Church St. then a right onto S. Alfred St. from the Beltway in an effort to skirt the NO LEFT TURN sign. Drivers have told police and neighbors here that since the current sign does not say "NO U-TURN", then they are not breaking the law. According to the City Traffic Department and the City of Alexandria police, they are correct. However, the U-TURNS being made by drivers negatively affect our neighborhood as much or more than the prohibited, but often ignored, left turns/NO LEFT TURN signs as it draws drivers even deeper into our small, quiet, residential neighborhood comprised of many children, elderly, disabled and dogs. We have had incidents of neighbors and dogs nearly being hit by cars while walking in crosswalks and a few blocks away, one neighbor severely injured, so our concern is multilayered.

Attached is a signed petition from neighbors who are very concerned about both the NO LEFT TURN law/sign being abused and also the resulting efforts by drivers to circumvent it by making U-TURNS into our neighborhood.

We ask that you consider our request to change the current sign at Church St. and S. Columbus St. and the Beltway off-ramp to a NO LEFT TURN AND a NO U-TURN law/sign.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cecily Crandall, 815 Green Street
Janice Kupiec, 815 S. Columbus Street