

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2019, 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, William Schuyler, Vice Chair, James Lewis, Ann Tucker, Kevin Beekman and Casey Kane

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Randy Cole, Jason Osborne

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Yon Lambert, Director of TE&S, Hillary Orr, Deputy Director, Bob Garbacz, Division Chief of Traffic Engineering, Christopher Ziemann, Division of Transportation Planning, Katye North, Division Chief of Mobility Services, Christine Mayeur, Complete Street Program Manager, Alex Carroll, Urban Planner III, Alex Block, Principal Planner and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer II.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None
2. Approval of the May 20, 2019 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2019 Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Staff Written Updates: None
4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**
No one from the public spoke

CONSENT CALENDAR

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to approve item numbers 5, 6, 7 and 8 in the consent calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to implement the residential pay by phone program on the 500 block of Cameron Street.
6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to designate a disability parking space at 1622 Preston Rd.
7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to (1) expand the boundaries of Residential Permit Parking District 4 to include the west side of the 400 block of South Payne Street, the north side of the 1300 block of Wilkes Street, and the west side of the 400 block of South West Street and (2) add 3-hour, 8AM to 5PM, Monday through Friday, residential restrictions to those streets.

8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install a pay station on the 200 block of South Pitt Street near St Paul's Episcopal Church.

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9. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to implement the following operational changes to Seminary Road between North Howard Street and North Quaker Lane:
- Eliminate a travel lane in the eastbound direction on Seminary Road between St Stephen's Road and Zabriskie Drive
 - Install a pedestrian HAWK signal at two locations:
 - On Seminary Road at Chapel Hill Drive
 - On Seminary Road between St Stephens Road and Fort Williams Parkway

DISCUSSION: Ms. Mayeur presented the item to the Board and stated the goal of the project was to reconfigure Seminary Road to serve all modes of travel. She provided an overview of the project, options considered and community outreach. Ms. Mayeur indicated that the City was requesting the Board provide recommendations on the proposed Lane Reduction between St Stephens Road to Zabriskie Drive and the installation of two Hawk Signals.

The Board inquired about the project development process specifically the public outreach efforts. There was also concern about the section of Seminary Road between Howard Street and I-395 which was not included in the project because of the uncertainty about the future of the I-395 HOV ramp designation. The Board was concerned that the Fire Department's comments may not have been fully addressed and sought reassurance from staff.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: The following 68 people spoke concerning the Seminary Road Complete Streets project: Mr. Knight, Ms. Knight, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Landerkin, Ms. Liu, Ms. Strauss, Mr. Kathpal, Ms. Freelance, Mr. Frank, Ms. Strauss, Ms. Boettcher, Ms. Roth, Mr. Hart, Ms. O'Day, Ms. Jacob, Ms. Kerwin, Ms. Michaelis, Mr. Michaelis, Ms. Michaelis (daughter), Mr. Bibler, Ms. Porter, Mr. Pool, Mr. DesJardins, Ms. Golden, Ms. McAfree, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Isbell, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Goff, Mr. Mathes, Mr. Bloten, Mr. Allgood, Mr. Notis, Mr. Cregan, Mr. Trencheny, Ms. Roushkolb, Mr. Durkin, Ms. Vanman, Ms. Schroeder, Ms. Durkin, Mr. Durkin, Ms. Cook, Ms. Flinn, Ms. Meter, Ms. Alia, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Doxle, Ms. Jenkins, Mr. Watson, Mr. Toal, Ms. McKaren, Ms. Boes, Mr. Norman, Mr. Kolion, Mr. Putzu, Mr. Benavage, Ms. Clark, Mr. Dowling, Ms. Flemming, Ms. Burns, Mr. Curri, Mr. Eiffert, Ms. Pauljon, Mr. Durham, Ms. Griglione, Ms. Knoles, Ms. Johnson, and Ms. Vogel.

Two-thirds of those who spoke indicated they were opposed to staff's recommendation and supported bike lanes and a reduction in motor vehicle

lanes on Seminary Road. The remaining third mostly wanted to maintain the current lane configuration

BOARD ACTION:

Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to approve option 3 (reduce Seminary Road to two travel lanes, include a center left turn lane and buffered bike lanes) with further discussion with the Fire Department. The motion failed with Mr. Beekman and Mr. Kane voting in the affirmative and Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Lewis and Ms. Tucker voting in opposition to the motion.

Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tucker to approve maintaining a four lane Seminary Road cross section within the project boundaries and install HAWK traffic signals at Chapel Hill Road, and between St Stephens Street and Fort Williams Parkway. The motion carried with Mr. Schuyler, Mr. Lewis and Ms. Tucker voting in the affirmative, Mr. Kane and Mr. Beekman voting in opposition to the motion.

STAFF UPDATES:

None