# CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021, 7:00 P.M. VIRTUAL

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## DOCKET

- **1.** Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.
- **2.** Approval of the March 22, 2021 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.

# 3. WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES

- a. Westend Bikeshare expansion
- b. Dockless Mobility Program

## 4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

[This period is restricted to items not listed on the docket]

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**5. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to designate a disability parking space at 3902

Old Dominion Blvd.

**6. ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove disability parking signage at 3107

Valley Drive.

## 7. STAFF UPDATES:

- Draft AMP
- Taxi Code update

# CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021, 7 P.M. VIRTUAL MEETING

#### MINUTES

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman, William Schuyler, Vice Chair, James Lewis, Jason Osborne, Annie Ebbers, Ann Tucker, Lavonda Bonnard, and Casey Kane

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Katye North, Acting Deputy Director, Bob Garbacz, Division Chief of Traffic Engineering, Chris Ziemann, Division Chief, Transportation Planning, Ryan Knight, Civil Engineering IV, Christine Mayeur, Principal Planner, Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineering II, Megan Oleynik, Urban Planner II, Alex Block, Principal Planner, and Vicky Caudullo, Urban Planner II.

- 1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.
- 2. Approval of the February 22, 2021 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Osborne to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021 Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

## 3. WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES:

- a. Dockless Mobility Pilot Program
- b. Taxi update Insurance and background checks
- c. South Patrick Street and Cameron Street Intersection Concerns
- d. On-Street Outdoor Dining and Retail Program
- 4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD:** None.

#### **CONSENT**

**5. ISSUE**: Consideration of a request to remove an existing stop sign on the Limerick Street approach to Hooffs Run Drive.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke about this item.

**BOARD ACTION:** Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebbers to approve the consent item. The motion carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**6. ISSUE**: Consideration of an administrative procedure to remove parking at legal crosswalks.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Mayeur presented this item to the Board. The Board had questions about the procedures and was concerned that delivery vehicles may park in the vacated parking spaces making conditions worse. The Board was also concerned that in areas like Old Town, this could potentially remove four parking spaces per block and that staff would need to balance safety and parking needs.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke about this item.

**BOARD ACTION:** Ms. Ebbers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to approve the administrative procedure to remove parking at legal crosswalks. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE**: Consideration of a staff recommendations to update Residential Permit Parking District Boundaries for Districts 6, 7, 8, 8a, 10, and 11.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Oleynik presented the item to the Board. The Board expressed concern about outreach to the residents on the south side of King Street in District 8 and suggested that in the future staff may want to consider reaching out to some of the smaller civic associations as well.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public spoke about this item.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lewis to approve the staff recommendations to update Residential Permit Parking District Boundaries for Districts 6, 7, 8, 8a, 10, and 11. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. ISSUE**: Consideration of a request standardize parking restrictions along the 5200 block of Valley Forge Drive to 9am-5pm Monday-Friday.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Oleynik presented this item to the Board and asked if the Board wanted her to develop an administrative process for similar future requests.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** No one from the public came to speak about this item.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kane to approve staff's recommendation to standardize parking restrictions along the 5200 block of Valley Forge Drive to 9am-5pm Monday-Friday. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lewis made second motion, seconded by Ms. Ebbers to have staff develop an administrative procedure for Board approval to allow staff to adjust parking restrictions for consistency purposes. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. ISSUE**: Consideration of a request to remove parking spaces on North Howard Street to install bikeshare stations

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Caudullo presented this item to the Board. The Board inquired about how many more of the bikeshare stations purchased from Arlington still needed to be installed.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY:** Mr. McPherson had concern about the Menokin Drive location that was removed from the docket and asked that in the future the City install larger and more noticeable Notice signs before public hearings.

**BOARD ACTION:** Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Osborne to approve the request to remove parking spaces North Howard Street to install bikeshare stations. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 10. STAFF UPDATES:

Mr. Block updated the Parking Technology.

Mr. Kane provided a Transportation Commission update.

Mr. Knight updated the Don't block the box

# City of Alexandria, Virginia

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# **Traffic and Parking Board**

**DATE:** April 26, 2021

**DOCKET ITEM:** 3

**ISSUE**: Written Staff Updates

# West End Bikeshare Expansion Project Update

For the West End Bikeshare Expansion Project, a total of 7 stations are planned for installation this winter and spring. Three stations have been installed to date, two are scheduled for the end of April, and the remaining two are expected to be installed in May. At the completion of this expansion project, there will be a total of 44 Capital Bikeshare stations in the City of Alexandria.

Location	Status
South Whiting Street at Lane Drive	Installed in February
North Hampton Drive at Ford Avenue	Installed in February
Taney Avenue at North Howard Street	Installed in March
Kenmore Avenue at Seminary Road	Approved by Traffic & Parking Board in February.
	Installation scheduled for end of April.
Fillmore Avenue at Bisdorf Drive,	Approved by Traffic & Parking Board in February.
southeast corner (on-street)	Installation scheduled for end of April.
North Howard Street at North Imboden	Approved by Traffic & Parking Board in February.
Street (on-street)	Installation expected in May.
Virginia Theological Seminary	Location approved, City finalizing agreements with the
	property owner. Installation expected in May

Staff is continuing to work towards the next phase of expansion with VDOT funding, which is expected to begin in fall/winter 2021 and will increase the Capital Bikeshare system by an additional 17 stations. The remaining 9 stations funded by VDOT grant funding are expected to be installed in 2022/2023. Staff will provide an update to the Board on the status of these stations in the coming months.

# Dockless Mobility Pilot Program - Upcoming Ad Hoc Scooter Task Force Meeting

As staff shared previously with Traffic & Parking Board, staff expects that scooter deployments by companies and ridership and parking by users will increase this spring and summer with the warmer weather. Staff is planning a series of virtual education and outreach events for 2021 to educate riders on safe riding and parking practices and the community on the program overall. Staff plans to meet with the Ad Hoc Scooter Task Force several times in 2021, starting this spring, to discuss issues and opportunities to improve the program if it were to continue. The Task Force will also meet to provide a recommendation for the program that will be included for Council consideration of a path forward, such as the most appropriate permitting or procurement process.

The next Ad Hoc Scooter Task Force meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM. The meeting is open to the public and attendees must register in advance here: <a href="https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAqc-GvqjoqGN23XmlkUKUyu8eqE2na8rzA">https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAqc-GvqjoqGN23XmlkUKUyu8eqE2na8rzA</a>. More information about the Dockless Mobility program can be found online at: <a href="https://www.alexandriava.gov/Scooters">www.alexandriava.gov/Scooters</a>.

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# **Traffic and Parking Board**

**DATE:** April 26, 2021

**DOCKET ITEM:** 5

**ISSUE**: Consideration of a request to designate a disability parking space at 3902

Old Dominion Boulevard.

**REQUESTED BY**: Jalonza Wesley, resident of 3902 Old Dominion Boulevard, #202

**LOCATION**: 3902 Old Dominion Boulevard

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**: That the Board makes a recommendation to the Director of T&ES to designate a disability parking space at 3902 Old Dominion Boulevard

**BACKGROUND:** The requested disability parking space is an on-street angle parking space in front of a multifamily building. Parking demand exceeds supply in this area because most of the buildings do not have off street parking. In 2001 the Board approved converting Old Dominion Boulevard from two-way to one-way operation to accommodate the subject angled parking to increase parking supply.

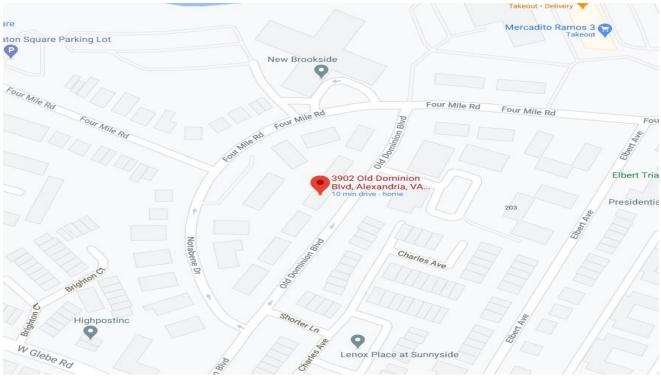
<u>DISCUSSION</u>: Ms. Wesley submitted a request for a disability parking space through the administrative process covered under section 5-8-117 of the city code. Based on the application, Ms. Wesley meets the requirements for a disability parking space, however, this section of the City's code does not apply to apartments. Consequently, this request is being presented to the Traffic and Parking Board for consideration. The proposed disability parking space is about 50 feet away from her building entrance. The requested street parking space can be seen in Attachment 1. This is only a disability parking space and does not conform to the federal ADA size requirements. Furthermore, this space is not a reserved space and is open for any disabled person to use. There are no other disability parking spaces on this block.

**<u>OUTREACH</u>**: Staff contacted the CEO of the Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority (ARHA), Keith Pettigrew and is awaiting a response.





Attachment 2: Aerial view



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# **Traffic and Parking Board**

**DATE:** April 26, 2021

**DOCKET ITEM:** 6

**ISSUE**: Consideration of a request to remove disability parking signage at 3107

Valley Drive

**REQUESTED BY**: Leila Tobin, resident of 3105 Valley Drive

**LOCATION**: 3107 Valley Drive

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**: That the Board makes a recommendation to the Director of T&ES to remove disability parking signage at 3107 Valley Drive.

**BACKGROUND:** The 3100 block of Valley Drive is a residential street in the Parkfairfax neighborhood of Alexandria (Attachment 1). The block has primarily multifamily condominium housing. A disability parking space was requested by a resident of 3107 Valley Drive in 2018. The resident submitted the request for a disability parking space through the administrative process covered under section 5-8-117 of the city code. However, because this section of the City's code does not apply to multifamily residential units, the change in parking restrictions could not be done administratively and the request was considered and approved by the Traffic and Parking Board in January 2018. Because this signage was approved by the Traffic and Parking Board, the Board must also consider the removal.

**<u>DISCUSSION</u>**: Ms. Tobin has requested that the disability parking signage at 3107 Valley Drive be removed and the space return to unrestricted parking (Attachment 2). Ms. Pamela Henson, who originally requested the space, indicated that she has moved from this address and asked that the disability parking signage be removed (Attachment 3). Staff recommends that the Board support this request and recommend the Director of T&ES remove the disability parking signage and return the space to unrestricted parking.

**OUTREACH**: Ms. Tobin contacted residents at 3101 and 3103 Valley Drive regarding the proposed disability signage removal, and they indicated support for the request. As noted, the previous resident at 3107 also provided a letter that she supports the request. Staff contacted Parkfairfax Unit Owners Association to inform them of the request and had not received feedback at the time this docket was written.

# ATTACHMENT 1

Approximate Location



(Aerial)



(Street view looking north, prior to disability signage installation)

# **ATTACHMENT 2**

Resident Request



On-Street Parking Modification Request Form
City of Alexandria, Department of Transporation & Environmental Services
Mobility Services Division | 421 King Street, Suite 235 | Alexandria, VA 22314

Please fill out the first page of this application and return to <a href="magencoleynik@alexandriava.gov">megan.oleynik@alexandriava.gov</a> or mail to Megan Oleynik, Mobility Services, 421 King Street, Suite 235, Alexandria, VA 22314. Staff will contact the Project Champion to further refine proposed solution to address the issue that the

applicant is trying to address.
Reason for the Request (What are you trying to solve/address?):
REMOVAL OF DISABLED STREET PARKING SIGN
ON RESIDENTIAL PREET AT 3107/3109 VALLEY DRIVE
Type of On-Street Parking Modification Requested:
Loading Zone Removal
Project Champion (Point of Contact) Information:  Name: Leila Tobin (Northbor)
Address: 3105 Valley Drive, Mexandria VA 123.2
Address: 3109 Valley Drive, Mexandria VA 123.2  Email: Tobin L Scottate. gov
Phone Number: 202 - 486 - 1426
Best Way to Contact:

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# On-Street Parking Modification Request Form

City of Alexandria, Department of Transporation & Environmental Services Mobility Services Division | 421 King Street, Suite 235 | Alexandria, VA 22314

We the undersigned hereby support or oppose (as indicated) the proposed on-street parking change EMOJA! 13105

(Petition should include signatures from a representative, property owner, occupant, or manager for all properties, homeowners'/ condo

associations, and businesses adjacent to or impacted by the proposed on-street parking modification. Additional signatures may be gathered to

show support.)

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#### **ATTACHMENT 3**

Letter from Original Disability Parking Space Requestor

Pamela M. Henson 3107 Valley Drive Alexandria VA 22302 703-618-4486

5 January 2021

City of Alexandria

Department of Transportation and Environmental Services

PO Box 178 - City Hall

Alexandria VA 22313

Dear Dept of Transportation:

In 2018, I requested and received a disabled parking space in front of my Parkfairfax home on 3107 Valley Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. At the end of January 2021, I am moving to a new, more accessible home in Falls Church, Virginia, thus I will no longer need the disabled spot in front of 3107 Valley. Please remove the disabled signs at your earliest convenience so my neighbors will have access to that parking space.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela M. Henson