

## **City of Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services- Patrick and Henry Street Sweeping Proposal FAQs**

The Public Works Services Division (PWS) of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (TES) is proposing to add Patrick and Henry Streets to its list of streets to sign with No Parking and sweep on a weekly basis, except during winter months. PWS plans to present the No Parking for Patrick and Henry Streets to the Traffic and Parking Board at the October 22, 2018 meeting.

Prior to the meeting, PWS wanted to provide more information regarding the street sweeping plans and to address some frequently asked questions (FAQs).

- When will the restrictions occur?
  - 9-11 AM Monday- Patrick Street (east side curb parking)
  - 9-11 AM Tuesday- Henry Street (west side curb parking)
  - 9-11 AM Wednesday- Patrick Street (west side curb parking)
- Why is the No Parking restriction two hours?
  - A two-hour window is required for our sweepers to travel at the appropriate speed to capture as much debris as possible and to cover the required distance.
- Why weekly vs. every other or every third week?
  - A weekly schedule is crucial to keeping the streets clean and to limit confusion among the public. When an alternating schedule is in place, such as every third week, it introduces a source of confusion as to what day allows parking and what day does not allow parking. With a weekly schedule more debris will be removed from our streets and our waterways.
- Why are the No Parking restriction hours from 9 AM – 11 AM?
  - The current HOV restrictions on Patrick and Henry Streets end at 9 AM, allowing our sweepers to begin after rush hour. Additionally, we have several streets in the area that we sweep with various time restrictions from 9 AM to 2 PM. This 9 AM – 11 AM window is in line with our current street sweeping operation.
- Why do you have to sweep the street?
  - Street sweeping helps to beautify our roadways and aids in pollutant removal from our local waterways. The number of lane miles swept each year is reported to the Department of Environmental Quality on an annual basis as part of the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Report.
- Where am I supposed to park?
  - Parking is available on adjacent streets throughout the area. Please be mindful of any posted signs and do not park in a restricted area.

- What will happen if I forget to move my car?
  - Vehicles that are left along the No Parking route during the restricted time frame will be ticketed and could be towed. Please make every effort to follow posted signs.

PWS currently sweeps over 4,000 miles of roadway each year and strives to sweep every street in the City 3 times a year. The street sweeping program is crucial to keeping our roadways clean and to removing possible sources of nutrients, sediment, and impacts to Biological and Chemical Oxygen Demand in order to protect local waterways, the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay.

Visit [alexandriava.gov/PublicWorks](http://alexandriava.gov/PublicWorks) for additional information about the City's street sweeping program. For questions or concerns about street sweeping, please email [street.cleaning@alexandriava.gov](mailto:street.cleaning@alexandriava.gov).