

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY JUNE 25, 2018 7:30 P.M.
301 KING STREET, 2nd FLOOR
ROOM 2000**

MINUTES

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

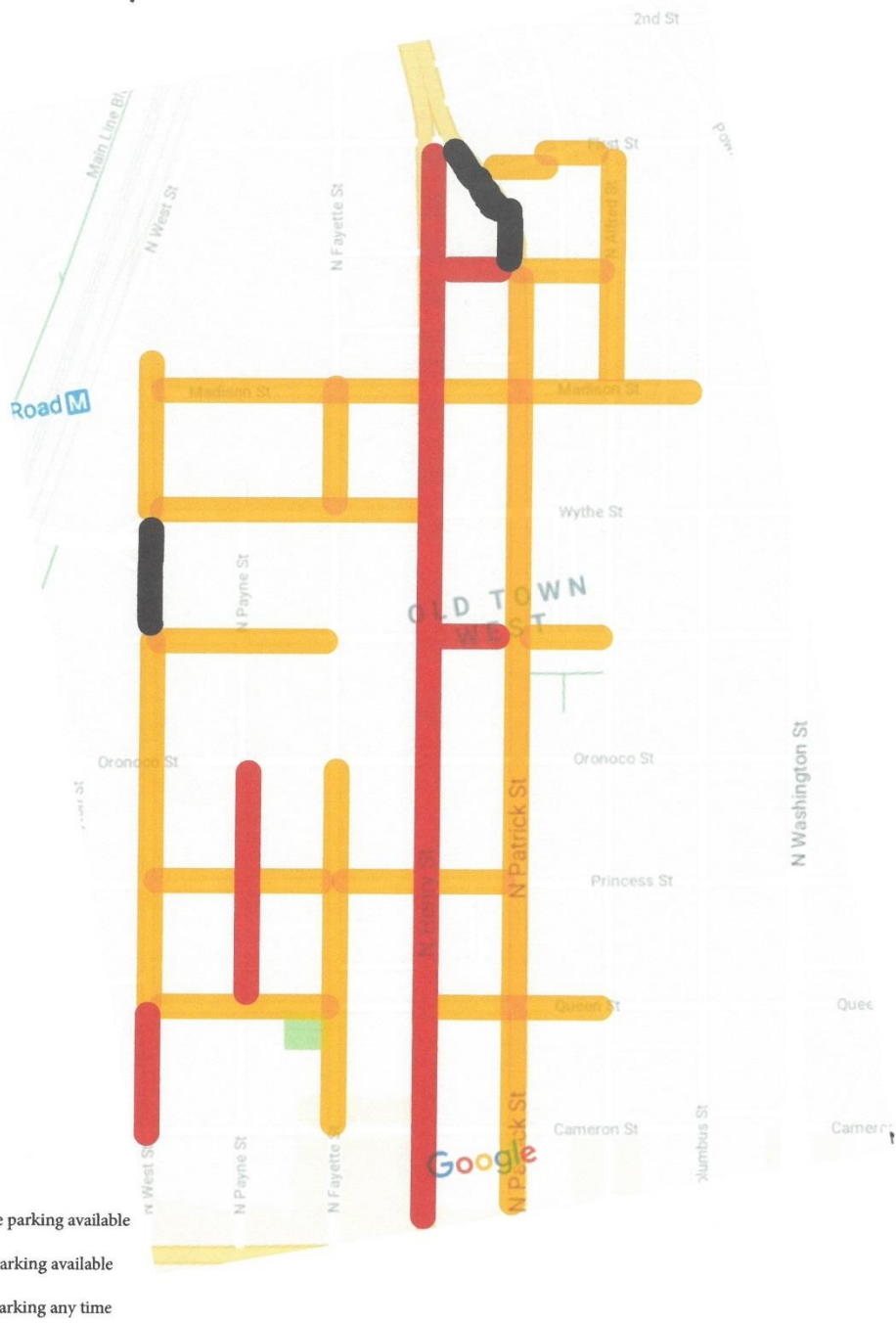
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Hillary Orr, Deputy Director, Jeff Duval, Deputy Director, Bob Garbacz, Division Chief of Traffic Engineering, David Soares, Civil Engineer IV, Katye North, Parking Planner, Darren Buck, Complete Streets Program Manager, Christine Mayeur, Complete Street Coordinator and Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineer II.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: Item # 8 was deferred.

2. Approval of the May 21, 2018 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes: Mr. Osborn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2018 Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Matthew Levens spoke about the impact parking restrictions for street sweeping would have on Patrick Street and Henry Street. Mr. Levens presented the following illustration to the Board:

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4. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to suspend parking restrictions for street sweeping during months of November, December, January, and February.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Duval presented the item to the Board. He explained street sweeping is suspended during the winter months so there is no need to restrict parking during this period. The Board asked staff to make the street sweeping parking restrictions more accessible to the public by placing information on the website.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Catherine Corp spoke in support of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Beekman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to recommend to the Director of T&ES approval of the request to suspend parking restrictions for street sweeping during months of November, December, January and February. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install No Turn on Red restrictions at the following locations:
1. NB Cameron Station Blvd approaching South Pickett Street
 2. WB South Pickett Street approaching North Van Dorn Street
 3. WB Jamieson Avenue approaching Andrew's Lane

DISCUSSION: Mr. Buck presented the item to the Board. The Board inquired about the bicycle box extending into the left turn lane and Mr. Buck indicated that the box will not extend that far and that left turning cyclists would need to be to the right of the left turn lane. The Board was concerned that this configuration might be confusing to cyclists. Concern was expressed about the possible impacts to right turning traffic and staff assured the Board that the right turning movement would not be significantly impacted. The Board indicated that this proposal should have come before the Board prior to the bike lanes being installed and that doing so after the fact gave the Board few options other than to approve the restrictions.

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

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beekman to recommend to the Director of T&ES to approve the request to install "No Turn on Red" restrictions at the following location:

1. NB Cameron Station Blvd approaching South Pickett Street
2. WB South Pickett Street approaching North Van Dorn Street
3. WB Jamieson Avenue approaching Andrew's Lane.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to add parking restrictions on the 400 block of Fannon Street to facilitate the operations of a new daycare.

DISCUSSION: Ms. North presented item to the Board. She explained what the daycare is planning to do with the adjacent parking spaces. She suggested converting the angle parking spaces to perpendicular spaces and restrict parking on the north side of 400 block of Fannon Street to provide enough maneuvering space for parked cars on the south side. The Board asked about designating one of the spaces as a handicapped space as shown on the drawing. Since the handicapped space was not advertised the Board could not act on the handicapped designation. The Board wanted to ensure the spaces were large enough to facilitate the off-loading of children.

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

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to recommend to the Director of T&ES to approve: 1) six, 15-minute loading zone spaces between 7:00 AM to 6 PM; 2) increasing the number of spaces from six to 16 by converting the parking to 90-degree spaces; 3) posting the north side of Fannon Street as No Parking; and, 4) converting the loading zone spaces back to regular parking should the daycare move out. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to convert an ADA taxicab into a regular taxicab.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board. He explained the history of the Alexandria taxicab industry. He stated there are enough handicap taxicabs in the city to meet the current demand. He checked with the Commission on Disabilities and they saw no problem converting the ADA cab to a regular cab. The Board wanted to make sure there would be enough ADA cabs to serve the disabled community and was assured that there are.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Abdul Karim (King Cab owner) spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tucker to approve the request to convert an ADA taxicab into a regular taxicab. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to remove parking along Patrick Street and Henry Street to facilitate street sweeping.

DISCUSSION: Item was deferred.

9. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to (1) add residential pay by phone restrictions to the 300 block of Prince Street and (2) convert a loading zone to residential parking.

DISCUSSION: Ms. North presented the item to the Board. She stated that she notified the surrounding residents on the block about the proposal to add residential pay by phone and found no opposition. She also contacted the clothing shop about removing the loading zone and there was no opposition. The Board inquired about the evaluation of the pilot program and updating the mobile parking app.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Margaret Miller spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lewis made a motion, second by Mr. Cole to recommend to the City Manager to: (1) add residential pay by phone restrictions to the 300 block of Prince Street; and, (2) convert a loading zone to residential parking. The motion carried unanimously.

10. **ISSUE:** Consideration of an administrative procedure to allow the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services to install No Turn on Red restrictions without approval by the Traffic and Parking Board.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Mayeur presented the item to the Board and explained that the City is implementing the Vision Zero program. She stated there have been many pedestrian crashes involved with turning vehicles. The Board wanted staff to provide a robust public outreach and public comment for the proposed procedure to adequately inform the residents. If the items are controversial, the Board asked staff to bring the request forward to the Board for review.

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

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tucker to approve the procedure to allow the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services to administratively approve No Turn on Red restrictions without approval from the Traffic and Parking Board with the following conditions: 1) when there are negative public comments or mixed comments, staff will bring the location to the Board for review; 2) provide enough community outreach and enough time for citizen input (*30 days*); and, 3) if a location does not meet the criteria to bring that location to the Board for consideration. The motion carried with six votes in favor and Mr. Lewis voting in opposition to the motion.

11. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to modify the Residential Permit Parking Restrictions on the 300 block of Commerce Street.

DISCUSSION: Ms. North presented the item to the Board. She explained the parking conditions on the 300 block of Commerce Street. The Board wanted to have more enforcement in the area to ensure compliance with the restrictions.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Tom Maresh opposed the request. Mr. Neil Jurinski, and Mr. Tom Foley spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to recommend to the City Manager approval of the request to change the residential parking restrictions on the 300 block of Commerce Street to be 2-hour parking, 8AM – 9PM, Monday-Friday, except for District 4. The motion carried unanimously.

12. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to implement a No Thru Truck restrictions on East Taylor Run Parkway between Janney’s Lane and the Duke Street access road.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Soares presented the item to the Board. He stated this restriction can alleviate the residents’ concern about trucks side swiping parked cars. At the Board’s request Mr. Soares explained that the code defined trucks as being over 7,500 pounds gross vehicle weight. The Board questioned what constituted a crash as it applies to the justification of truck restrictions.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Ashkan Bayatpour spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cole to recommend to City Council to install “No Through Truck” restrictions on East Taylor Run Parkway between Janney’s Lane and the Duke Street access road. The motion carried unanimously.

13. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to install a High Intensity Activated crossWalk (HAWK) signal at the intersection of Franklin Street and Alfred Street.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garbacz presented the item to the Board. The Board asked about installing all-way Stop signs at this intersection rather than a HAWK signal. Mr. Garbacz explained that an all-way Stop sign would, most likely, back traffic all the way back to Patrick Street. The Board was concerned that the proposed HAWK signal might back also traffic back to Patrick Street and wanted to make sure the signal would be evaluated if problems occurred.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Aaron Hutchinson spoke in favor of the request.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to recommend to City Council to (1) install a High Intensity Activated crossWalk (HAWK) signal at the

intersection of Franklin Street and Alfred Street; and (2) in the future convert the HAWK signal into a regular traffic signal if the intersection meets the MUTCD Warrants for a traffic signal. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES

Mr. Kane updated the Board about the Transportation Commission meeting:

1. Vision Zero Action Plan updates
2. Bicycle plan implementation
3. A speaker from VDOT spoke about Shirlington area.

Ms. Orr updated the Board on the Director's decision on East Taylor Run Parkway turn restrictions.