

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
VIRTUAL**

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D O C K E T

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals.
2. Approval of the May 24, 2021 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes.
3. **WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES**
 - Duke Street Truck Route Request
4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD**
[This period is restricted to items not listed on the docket]

PUBLIC HEARING

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to update private signage with official City signage for approximately 33 parking spaces signed No Parking on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. along N. Howard Street, N. Imboden Street, and Raleigh Avenue for access to the dumpsters for the Foxchase apartments.
6. **STAFF UPDATES:**
 - Discussion with the Director of T&ES
 - COVID evaluations
 - Scooter Recommendations

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
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MONDAY, MAY 24, 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: Bob Garbacz, Division Chief of Traffic Engineering, Ryan Knight, Civil Engineering IV, Cuong Nguyen, Civil Engineering II, Megan Oleynik, Urban Planner II, Christine Mayeur, Principal Planner and Alex Block, Principal Planner.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.
2. Approval of the April 26, 2021 Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Osborne to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES:**
 - a. Dockless Mobility Pilot Program Update
 - b. West End Bikeshare Expansion Update
 - c. N. Patrick Street and Cameron Street Intersection Safety Improvements
 - d. King Russell and Callahan Project Update
 - e. Trolley Update
 - f. Potomac Yard RPP Ballot
 - g. Virtual guest parking permits

CEDAR STREET UPDATE

Mr. Garbacz provided an update on the Board's February recommendation to restrict turns from Cedar Street onto Russell Road. He stated that staff was working with the residents to develop a pilot study where a temporary left turn restriction would be in place for 90 days starting this fall, data would be collected, and a new policy developed. Mr. Garbacz indicated that there would be a more formal update in June once the details were worked out and there was agreement in the community. The Board expressed concern over the delay and lack of communication to the Board about not implementing their recommendation. The Board agreed that the Chair would write a letter to Director Lambert expressing the Board's concerns.

4. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD:** Mr. Desjardins asked the City to perform engineering studies at the Mt. Vernon Trail crossings with Madison Street, Canal Center

Plaza, and Montgomery Street. The purpose of the study would be to analyze which approaches to the crossing, trail or street, would have stop signs. Mr. Garbacz indicated that staff will be busy this Fall with backlogged studies but would also look at the trail intersections.

CONSENT ITEMS

5. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to replace a yield sign to stop sign at East Del Ray and Burke Avenues.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to move item 5 off of the consent item. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Knight presented the item to the Board and indicated that the request originated from the Vision Zero Crash Taskforce. The Board suggested adding stop bars and crosswalks at the intersection. Staff agreed to provide Ms. Thompson with the procedure to request speed cushions.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Tomson indicated that speed coming from Richmond Highway was the main concern and that speed bumps should be a higher priority than the proposed stop sign.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Ebbers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve staff's recommendation to replace a yield sign with a stop sign at East Del Ray and Burke Avenues. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to sign two parking spaces for 20-minute loading Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on the west side of the 100 block of S. Alfred Street.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Oleynik presented the item to the Board. The Board inquired if regular loading zone signs might be more appropriate than 20-minute loading zone signs.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Ms. Zappia and Mr. Wininger, spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Milone, Ms. Vantine and Ms. Nunan were concerned that the proposed 20-minute loading zone might be abused because it could encourage patrons to stop for longer periods and run errands.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Osborne to approve staff's recommendation to sign two parking spaces for 20-minute loading Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on the west side of the 100 block of S. Alfred Street. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** Consideration of an administrative procedure to standardize inconsistent on-street parking restrictions along a block.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Oleynik presented the item to the Board. The Board wanted to make sure that proper notice would be given to impacted residents before any future changes to standardize parking restrictions were made.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mr. Milone indicated that any restriction revisions should be based on the most restrictive of the two restrictions being considered on a block.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebbers to approve an administrative procedure to standardize inconsistent on-street parking restrictions along a block. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **ISSUE:** Consideration of a request to sign approximately 33 parking spaces No Parking on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. along N. Howard Street, N. Imboden Street, and Raleigh Avenue for access to the dumpsters for the Foxchase apartments.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Oleynik presented the item to the Board. The Board had concerns about the lack of public outreach and that the requestor was not present to answer the Board's questions.

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

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lewis to defer staff's request to sign approximately 33 parking spaces No Parking on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. along N. Howard Street, N. Imboden Street, and Raleigh Avenue for access to the dumpsters for the Foxchase apartments. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **STAFF UPDATES:**

- Ms. Mayeur provided an update on the speed mitigation program.
- Mr. Kane provided an update on the Transportation Commission

City of Alexandria, Virginia

Traffic and Parking Board

DATE: June 28, 2021

DOCKET ITEM: 3

ISSUE: Written Staff Updates

Truck Traffic Concerns on Duke Street east of Washington Street

The residents on Duke Street, east of Washington Street, have contacted staff with concerns about trucks traveling on Duke Street. Residents have cited construction hauling trucks, service trucks, and various delivery trucks continuing through Duke Street, east of S. Washington Street. To address safety concerns and neighborhood protection, the residents requested the City take action to reduce the trucks. These actions include enhanced enforcement of established construction hauling routes, advocating for changes to road classifications and designations on several maps, and designating Duke Street, east of S. Washington Street as a truck restriction street.

Residents have been encouraged to use the City's Alex311 system as this is the best way to track and address hauling route complaints. In addition, the Traffic Engineering Division of T&ES is in discussion with the community in placing a traffic monitoring device on Duke Street. This device will record the number of trucks and distinguish the hauling trucks from the other larger trucks. This will help determine the extent of the problem, enforcement needs and measures. In addition, residents feel the street designations for Duke Street in the various mapping systems such as VDOT's Functional Classification Map and GIS Transport Layer are inconsistent with the residential character of the street. The City is continuing discussion and coordination with VDOT for further information regarding the street classification. In addition, T&ES is coordinating with the Information Technology Department to determine the process to adjust the GIS Transport Layer designation.

In accordance with the City's formally adopted Truck Restriction Program, a street is eligible if the street is classified as a Local or Collector Street. Based on VDOT's Functional Classification Map, Duke Street, just east of S. Fairfax Street is classified as a local street. However, Duke Street between S. Fairfax St. and S. Washington St. is classified as a Minor Arterial and would not qualify for this restriction. However, staff will conduct an analysis in response to the concerns. This analysis will include traffic volume and travel speed collection, truck traffic percentage, and assessing the crash history. Staff plans to conduct this analysis on Duke Street, Wolfe Street, Wilkes Street, and Prince Street east of Washington Street respectively. It is staff's

professional opinion that travel conditions will more closely resemble normal conditions in the Fall. As such, analysis efforts will start in the Fall 2021 and completed in Spring 2022. However, residents are still being encouraged to submit a Truck Restriction application for documentation and record showing the community followed the established process. This application may be brought to the Board later.

There is no action required by the Board at this time. Staff plans to regularly update residents, and the board as needed, on our progress and as new information becomes available.

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DOCKET ITEM: 5

ISSUE: Consideration of a request to update private signage with official City signage for approximately 33 parking spaces signed No Parking on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. along N. Howard Street, N. Imboden Street, and Raleigh Avenue for access to the dumpsters for the Foxchase apartments.

REQUESTED BY: Damon Dwyer, Property Manager for Foxchase Apartments

LOCATION: N. Howard Street, N. Imboden Street, and Raleigh Avenue near Foxchase Apartments

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the Board makes a recommendation to the Director of T&ES to sign approximately 33 parking spaces No Parking on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. along N. Howard Street, N. Imboden Street, and Raleigh Avenue for access to the dumpsters for the Foxchase apartments.

BACKGROUND: The Foxchase Apartments are a large complex located between Seminary Road and Duke Street in the West End. N. Howard Street, N. Imboden Street, and Raleigh Avenue are public roads throughout the Foxchase Apartments complex that have public, head-in on-street parking. There are 11 dumpsters for the apartment complex located along these public roads. The garbage trucks are unable to service the dumpsters for trash pick-up when cars are parked across the drive aisle from them. The spaces proposed to be posted with official City signage have been signed no parking by the apartment complex since at least 2007.

The Traffic and Parking Board heard this request at their public hearing in May 2021 and voted to defer the item due to outstanding questions and concerns that could not be addressed at that hearing because the applicant was not present. Staff have communicated with the applicant and have provided updated details about the proposed no parking hours, the past towing and enforcement practices, and the outreach to residents.

DISCUSSION: Staff recommends that the Traffic and Parking Board make a recommendation to the Director of T&ES to post official City No Parking signs for the parking spaces behind the 11 Foxchase Apartments dumpsters located on public streets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Attachment 1) as requested by the Foxchase Apartments (Attachment 2). The

applicant indicated that the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. restrictions are needed because the garbage trucks do not arrive at a consistent time. Staff estimate based on current signage and garbage truck movements that approximately 3 spaces will need to be signed no parking across from each dumpster location, for a total of approximately 33 spaces.

While the apartment complex has already posted private signage on the parking spaces behind the dumpsters, as shown in Attachment 3, City Parking Enforcement is not able to enforce private signage, and private enforcement cannot enforce on the public right of way. In the past, Foxchase Management has relocated cars from these spaces in order to access dumpsters and moved them to the nearest available legal spot. The cars have not been towed off-site and vehicle owners have not been ticketed or charged. This approval will allow official City signage to be installed so that Parking Enforcement can properly enforce the spaces and the garbage trucks are able to service the dumpsters as needed.

OUTREACH: The Foxchase Apartments initiated the request to post official City no parking signs during these hours and indicated they were notifying their residents via email of the proposed signage update and public hearing.

ATTACHMENT 1

Proposed No Parking Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9AM-5PM Restriction Locations



ATTACHMENT 2

Parking Request Form



On-Street Parking Modification Request Form

City of Alexandria, Department of Transportation & 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 megan.oleynik@alexandriava.gov 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?*):

Cars block the dumpsters obstructing trash trucks from picking up refuse throughout community

Type of On-Street Parking Modification Requested:

- Loading Zone Removal Loading Zone Addition
 Parking Removal No Parking Sign Removal
 Parking Restriction Change (Non-RPP)
Proposed restrictions no parking at dumpster locations during trash pick up

Location: See attached map of dumpsters located throughout property
(*Map or figure may be provided as an attachment*)

Approximate number of spaces affected (assume 20 feet per space): 164

Project Champion (Point of Contact) Information:

Name: Damon Dwyer

Address: 766 N. Howard St Alexandria, VA 22304

Email: Damon.Dwyer@aircommunities.com

Phone Number: 703-489-4047

Best Way to Contact:

- Email Phone
 Morning Afternoon

Best Time of Day to Contact:

ATTACHMENT 3

Existing Signage Posted by Foxchase Apartments Management

