

Alexandria West Plan Community Meeting 2

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- Very concerned that density decreases safety and livability. Alexandria needs to stay suburban. Let's not be Los Angeles.
- Would love to see more housing options co-located with retail.
- Density is the highest concerning
- Concerned that home values will lag behind other NoVA areas, punishing Alexandria land owners who pay huge tax bills.
- Maybe this is part of density? Infrastructure (not just traffic) to support more residents as we build density. My main concern is not displacing residents, building more affordable units, and building the type of density that attracts a large variety of residents for a vibrant urban center.
- Security issue
- Covers it pretty well

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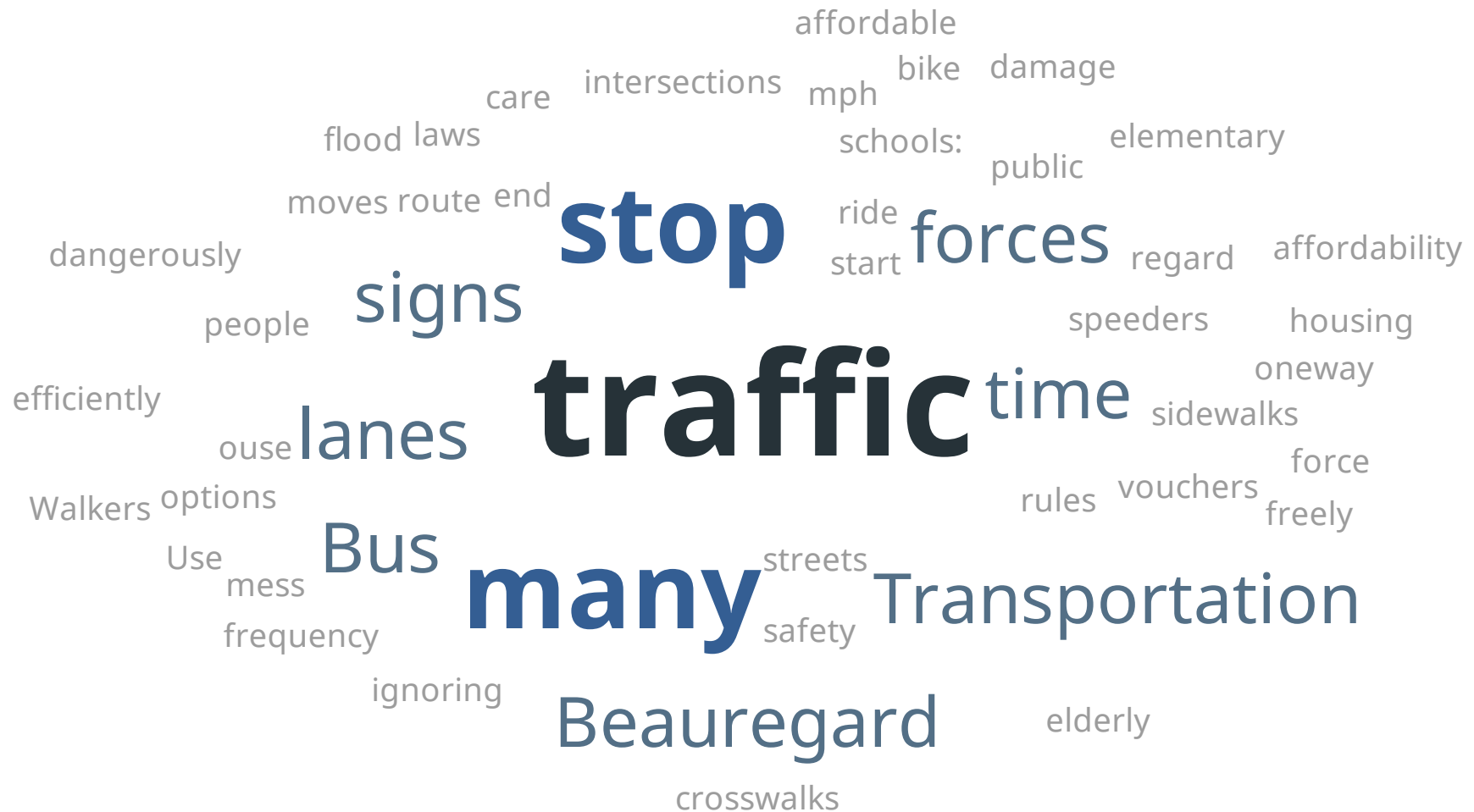
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- Addressing the need for increased classrooms with additional increasing density
- This list covers the major concerns.

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- I don't care how many 25 mph signs you put up, it needs to be ENFORCED. There are speeders on Beauregard all the time especially. In front of elementary schools: J. Adams, F. Day, and Ramsey. And elderly at other end of Beauregard: Goodwin House, G. H ouse 2, Elaine, and whatever is at King and Beauregard. I don't know where to start with mess in front of Hammond Middle School.
- Use more one-way streets. Think how efficiently North Patrick Henry St. moves traffic through Alexandria...we need more of this.
- Lack of accessible ramps in certain parts of the city.
- Transportation affordability, e.g., vouchers for public transportation for people in affordable housing?
- Lack of Modern traffic management systems

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- Bicyclists are mostly dangerously ignoring traffic rules, stop signs, and crosswalks and freely ride on sidewalks. No regard for laws or safety.
- Walkers have too much time and too many options, which forces traffic to stop and forces so many 4-way intersections that force traffic to stop.
- Repair Holmes Run Trail after flood damage Protected bike lanes Bus lanes Increased bus route frequency
- Addressed

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- Consideration for alternative open and park space such as rooftops. Increasing housing in a limited footprint usually means building “up” which involves mid- and hi-rises. Rooftops can be an alternative recreation area. Building density vertically on a smaller footprint also allows more green space at ground level.
- No rec centers west of
- 395. Why? Need a pool, exercise facilities (indoor and outdoor), summer camps, etc.
- Preservation of tree canopy and open space are critical to combat climate change.
- Support for non-commercial community gathering spaces
- Building playgrounds for kids as many residential buildings lacks in their

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community. Kids need accessible safe and fun space to play.

- Greenspace is different from open space and preserving GREEN space is paramount. Not rooftop gardens, actual on the ground green areas open to all residents.

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- Schools?
- Concerned that Alexandria City is very activist and does not respect the owners who actually own. Land owners are not the City's pawns.
- Some areas in the West End have no discernable community center. Thought should be given to creating some.
- Would love to see the city increase zoning for neighborhoods that are multi-use, multi-income.
- Walkability between communities. Between communities and services and Between communities and retail.
- Concerned that greater density and greater density of affordable housing inevitably leads to greater

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security problems. Alexandria must especially avoid the latter: concentrations of affordable housing.

- We need to account for housing that is affordable, accessible and attainable for all family sizes and income levels.
- Do not eliminate single family zoning