

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2022, 7 P.M.
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair James Lewis, Vice Chair Ann Tucker, Annie Ebbers (remote), Lavonda Bonnard, Casey Kane (remote), and Ashley Mihalik.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Osborne

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: T&ES – Sheila McGraw, Principal Planner; Ryan Knight, Division Chief of Transportation Engineering; and Max Devilliers, Urban Planner II.

1. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.
2. Approval of the May 22, 2023, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bonnard to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2023, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES:** The Board received written staff updates on:
 - First Contra-Flow Bike Lane on East Glendale Avenue
 - Ms. Tucker asked if staff was planning on adding any other materials such as flex posts to protect the contra-flow bike lane since it will be the first of its kind in Alexandria. Mr. Knight responded that that was not part of the initial plan, but those materials could be added later on. Ms. Mihalik asked what the widths of the various lanes will be and if green paint could be added to the contra-flow bike lane. Mr. Knight responded that the parking lane will be 7 feet wide, the travel lane will be 11 feet wide, and the bike lane will be 6 feet wide. The parking lane will remain on the north side adjacent to the travel lane. Green paint could be added to the bike lane later on if need be. Mr. Lewis noted that brand new concepts such as these should be relayed to the public by including notices in their personal property tax mailings every fall as a way to educate drivers.
 - Dockless Slow Zone Pilot Update
 - Duke Street In Motion Update
 - Lower King Street Working Group Update
 - Franklin Street at South Union Street & West Braddock Road Follow-up

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD: Carolyn Griglione spoke on the delays at and issues with North Beauregard Street and King Street. Mr. Knight responded to Ms. Griglione's concerns via email prior to the meeting and reiterated that the project is partly delayed by

utility relocation and phasing as well as the adjacent construction/development. Staff is finalizing the design in the next few months and will bring that design before the Traffic and Parking Board for consideration. Construction is planned for Spring 2024 and expected to be complete by summer 2026.

BOARD DISCUSSION: Ms. Tucker asked about the nature of the project, to which Mr. Knight responded that it involves coordinating with Arlington County, widening King Street, new lane configurations and signal poles and sidewalks. Mr. Lewis asked how the Board can be more supportive for this project and others in the future to mitigate delays, to which Mr. Knight responded that staff will approach the Board sooner about these kinds of issues in the future to ask for help as needed.

CONSENT ITEMS

12. **ISSUE:** Parking Addition – 100 Blocks of North and South Washington Street

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Tucker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bonnard to approve adding six on-street parking spaces along the east side of the 100 block of North Washington Street and four on-street parking spaces on the west side of the 100 block of South Washington Street after WMATA collocates the 11Y bus stops with the 10A/B stops. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

13. **ISSUE:** Parking Restrictions – 424-428 North Pitt Street

DISCUSSION: Mr. Devilliers presented the item to the Board.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: None.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Mihalik made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tucker to approve restrict parking to 3 hours from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, District 2 permitholders exempt, for the approximately three on-street parking spaces along the west side of North Pitt Street at Oronoco Street. The motion carried unanimously.

14. **ISSUE:** Lane Modification and Parking Addition – Montgomery Street at North Patrick Street and North Henry Street

DISCUSSION: Mr. Knight presented the item to the Board. Ms. Tucker asked for clarification on when the Samuel Madden project would begin construction, to which Mr. Knight responded June 2025. Ms. Tucker asked if there are leading pedestrian intervals at this intersection, to which Mr. Knight responded there are not, but adding those would still keep this intersection dangerous for pedestrians due to the double left turn lanes. This interim project was precipitated by staff's current focus on T intersections throughout the city because of the elevated danger associated with those. And staff cannot introduce a

protected pedestrian phase at this intersection without having to redo the signals throughout the entire Patrick and Henry Streets corridors and constructing a push button for said phase. Ms. Mihalik asked if the two-way configuration would be better for safety than the one-way, one-lane configuration proposed for the interim, to which Mr. Knight said yes. Ms. Mihalik asked how the number of parking spaces would change over time, to which Mr. Knight explained that this interim project would add approximately eight spaces, but two would be lost when the permanent project is completed, which would be a net gain of six spaces total. Mr. Kane mentioned that residents on North Alfred Street have been concerned with drivers that disobey the stop sign at Montgomery Street and North Alfred Street to make the green light at North Patrick Street and how this interim project might worsen the issue and asked how that could be mitigated. Mr. Knight responded that staff could consider installing signal lights that can only be seen at certain angles so that drivers don't know if it's a green or red light when they are at the stop sign at North Alfred Street. Mr. Kane asked if staff could build raised crosswalks at North Alfred Street, to which Mr. Knight responded that staff would need to consult with DASH, Fire, and Stormwater to see if they would approve. Mr. Lewis asked if only the 1000 block would be converted to two-way traffic in the future or the entire length of Montgomery and Madison Streets, to which Mr. Knight responded that it would be just the 1000 blocks as part of the Samuel Madden project, but some Small Area Plans call for both streets being entirely two-way traffic in the long term.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: None.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Mihalik made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bonnard to approve:

1. Eliminate one left turn lane from Montgomery Street to North Henry Street;
 2. Convert shared through and right turn lane on Montgomery Street to a right turn only lane just east of North Patrick Street
 3. Convert one westbound travel lane on Montgomery Street to a bus only lane between North Henry Street and North Patrick Street; and
 4. Add five parking spaces to the north side of the 1000 block of Montgomery Street.
- The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

15. **STAFF UPDATES:** Ms. McGraw updated the Board that new Capital Bikeshare maps have been installed at the Braddock Road Metro South and Ballenger Avenue & Dulaney Street Station locations while the remainder of the maps will be updated citywide in the next few weeks. The August Board meeting will be canceled.
16. **COMMISSIONER UPDATES:** Mr. Kane provided the Board with the following updates:
 - The Transportation Commission approved a letter of recommendation for Duke Street in Motion in support of center-running bus lanes throughout the corridor.

- Mr. Lewis mentioned that the taxicab group will meet in the fall and those meetings need to be scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Tucker moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Mihalik. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.