CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025, 7 P.M. VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Ann Tucker, Vice Chair Casey Kane, Annie Ebbers, Lavonda Bonnard, Ashley Mihalik, and Kursten Phelps.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: T&ES – Katye North, Division Chief; Max Devilliers, Urban Planner III; Alex Carroll, Principal Planner; Silas Sullivan, Urban Planner II.

1. <u>Election of Officers</u>: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Phelps, to elect Ms. Tucker as Board Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Ebbers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mihalik, to elect Mr. Kane as Board Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2. <u>Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals</u>: Ms. North announced the withdrawal docket item #8 due to additional conversations needed with the applicant.
- 3. Approval of the March 24, 2025, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Ebbers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bonnard, to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2025, Traffic and Parking Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

- 4. **WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES:** The Board received written staff updates on:
 - Updates on Major Projects
 - Dockless Mobility Program Update
 - Seminary West Safety Improvements
 - VDOT I-495 Southside Express Lanes Study
- 5. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD:** Zach DesJardins noted he submitted a list of several requests to Transportation Planning regarding the intersection of King Street, Callahan Drive, and Russell Road, including the need for bike facilities, a shorter left-turn lane, leading pedestrian intervals (LPIs), and automated walk signals without the need of a beg button. Chair Tucker asked if staff is evaluating any changes needed, to which Ms. Carroll responded that they are and LPIs will be added at all crossings, the pedestrian signal will be addressed for automation, flexposts will be installed to discourage speeding turns, and that the King Street/Commonwealth Avenue project will attempt to accommodate bike facilities in the area in the future if feasible.

David Wessel raised concerns with poor riding and parking behavior associated with e-bike and e-scooters in the area and he wants enforcement of both. Chair Tucker asked if the City requires e-bike and e-scooter riders to wear a helmet, to which Ms. North responded that the City does not because it is not a state requirement.

Tara Cain requested four-way stops at all intersections on Mount Vernon Avenue. Ms. Carroll noted that intersections must meet certain criteria to be eligible for four-way stops.

CONSENT ITEMS

6. **ISSUE:** All-Way Stop – Intersection of N. Fayette Street/N. Fayette Street

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebbers, to recommend Director of T&ES install an all-way stop at the intersection of North Fayette Street and North Fayette Street. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ISSUE:** No Turn on Red Restrictions – Intersection of Fern Street and North Quaker Lane

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Phelps, to recommend the Director of T&ES install no turn on red restrictions for Fern Street turning onto North Quaker Lane. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **ISSUE:** Parking Restrictions Modification – 800 block of North Fairfax Street and 200 block of Montgomery Street

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Kane made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebbers, to recommend the Director of T&ES restrict parking to 2 hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, District 9 permitholders exempt, for the approximately eight on-street parking spaces along the east side of North Fairfax Street immediately south of Montgomery Street, and to 2 hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, District 9 permitholders exempt, for the approximately nine on-street parking spaces along the south side of the 200 block of Montgomery Street. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9. **STAFF UPDATES:** Ms. North provided the Board with an update regarding the newest Board member, Dane Lauritzen. Ms. North also updated the Board that the Director of T&ES, Adriana Castaneda, is no longer with the City, but the City Manager has hired an interim director, Michael Moon, who recently retired from the County of Arlington. Ms. North also noted that the food truck policy update is on hold until the fall.
- 10. **COMMISSIONER UPDATES:** Mr. Kane provided the Board with the following updates:

- Transportation Commission is considering changing its membership to capture membership from other Boards such as the Commission on Aging, the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, and DASH.
- Transportation Commission received a presentation and update on the DOT paratransit program.
- Transportation Commission received an update on Capital Bikeshare including nine new stations added to the network this year and the replacement of older stations.

Chair Tucker noted that she would not be in attendance at the May Board meeting, so Mr. Kane would act as chair for the May meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Ebbers moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Bonnard. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.