

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
TRAFFIC AND PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026, 7 P.M.
IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Annie Ebbers, Ashley Mihalik, Kursten Phelps, Dane Lauritzen, Mark Stout, Rosemarie Spano, and Marcos Bernier.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: T&ES – Katie North, Division Chief; Ryan Knight, Division Chief; Sheila McGraw, Principal Planner; Andre Williams, Civil Engineer; Max Devilliers, Urban Planner III; and Silas Sullivan, Urban Planner II.

1. Election of the Board Chair: Ms. Mihalik made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauritzen, to elect Ms. Ebbers as the Chair of the Traffic and Parking Board. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Election of the Board Vice Chair: Ms. Phelps made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebbers, to elect Ms. Mihalik as the Vice Chair of the Traffic and Parking Board. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Introduction to the new Director of T&ES: Leah Riley, the new Director of T&ES, introduced herself to the Board and answered the Board's questions.
4. Introduction to the new member of the Board: Marcos Bernier, the newest member of the Traffic and Parking Board, introduced himself to the Board and the public.
5. Announcement of deferrals and withdrawals: None.
6. Approval of the June 22, 2026, Traffic and Parking Board meeting minutes:

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Spano requested that staff amend the minutes to more correctly align with the Board's final recommendation for converting certain loading zones in Old Town into metered parking spaces. Ms. Phelps made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stout, to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2026, Traffic and Parking Board meeting as amended by Ms. Spano. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **WRITTEN STAFF UPDATES:** The Board received written staff updates on:
 - Holland Lane Update
 - Mr. Stout asked for an update on the requested crosswalk at Jamieson Avenue and South West Street, to which Ms. McGraw responded that staff investigated and found that a crosswalk at that location would not be feasible due to right-of-way and private property-related constraints.

- Ms. Phelps asked if staff have a solution for the poorly placed push-activated bike signal at Holland Lane and Duke Street, to which Mr. Knight responded that staff is looking into resolving.
- Mr. Lauritzen asked when staff plan on addressing the Board's concerns about the protected left-turn phases at Jamieson Avenue and Mill Road, to which Mr. Devilliers responded that staff is working internally to address.
- Eisenhower Avenue Parking Implemented Daylighting Follow-Up
- Ms. Phelps reiterated her request that staff include a monthly crash summary as part of the Written Updates section in future docket reports.

8. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD:** Matthew Vean raised concerns about ACPS' removal of bus service to certain blocks of South Payne Street for children living within one mile of their local school due to their walkzone policy, to which Ms. McGraw responded that staff would discuss this issue with ACPS and provide a written update to the Board at a future meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS

9. **ISSUE:** Parking Changes – 1800 Block of Diagonal Road

DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: None.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Phelps made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stout, to recommend that the Director of T&ES:

- convert three unrestricted parking spaces into three metered 3-hour parking spaces restricted to 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday
 - add one disability parking space, and
 - convert the taxi stand into eleven metered 3-hour parking spaces restricted to 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

10. **ISSUE:** Curb Cut Appeal – 315A East Raymond Avenue

DISCUSSION: Mr. Knight presented the item to the Board. Ms. Spano asked for the minimum dimensional requirement for driveways, to which Mr. Knight responded that the typical parking space is 8 feet wide by 20 feet long. Mr. Lauritzen asked how far the sidewalk is from the property line, to which Mr. Knight responded that the sidewalk immediately abuts the property line.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: William Orellana testified requesting that the Board overturn staff's denial of the curb cut application. Ms. Phelps asked if the City Code includes

conditions to consider regarding curb cuts but no dimensional criteria, which Mr. Knight confirmed is indeed the case. Ms. Phelps asked who else was notified about this curb cut application, to which Mr. Williams responded that the two immediately abutting neighbors were notified as stipulated by Code. Ms. Phelps asked why similarly sized driveways nearby were approved in the past, to which Mr. Knight responded that he was not aware of the reasons for their approval.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Spano made a motion to overturn the denial of the curb cut application, but the motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Lauritzen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mihalik, to uphold the denial of the curb cut application. The motion carried four to three, with Ms. Spano, Ms. Phelps, and Mr. Bernier opposed.

11. ISSUE: Parking Removal and Modification to accommodate a Mid-Block Crosswalk – 300 Block of South Royal Street between Duke and Wolfe Streets

DISCUSSION: Mr. Knight presented the item to the Board. Ms. Phelps asked if staff considered installing speed cushions instead of a mid-block crosswalk, to which Mr. Knight responded that speed cushions would require significantly more parking removal and would be too close to the intersections.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Mary Petrino testified in support.

Tom Carter testified in support.

Stephen Szrom testified in support.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lauritzen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Spano, to recommend the Director of T&ES:

- Remove four (4) parking spaces
 - Relocate two (2) existing ADA parking spaces
- The motion carried unanimously.

12. ISSUE: Russell Road Safe Routes to School Project

DISCUSSION: Mr. Sullivan presented the item to the Board. For the full discussion of this item, please skip to 00:56:16 of the meeting recording found here: https://alexandria.granicus.com/mediaPlayer.php?view_id=29&clip_id=6925.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Becky Hammer testified in support of Concept 2 and asked that the City provide ACPS teachers with parking exemptions for parking in a RPPD and asked that staff not add parking to the 600 block of Russell Road.

Mike Doyle testified in support of Concept 2.

Zack DesJardins testified in support of Concept 2.

Brian Egan testified in support of Concept 2.

John Hatton testified in support of staff's recommendation.

Karl Kalbacher testified in support of Concept 2 and asked that staff not add parking to the 600 block of Russell Road.

Megan Fox testified in support of Concept 2.

Paula Moran testified in support of staff's recommendation and requests that staff use flexposts instead of armadillos.

Josph Fray testified in support of Concept 2.

Nicole Radshaw testified in support of Concept 2.

Ken Notis testified in support of Concept 2.

William Buschur testified in support of Concept 2.

Marta Schantz testified in support of Concept 2.

Jacquelyn Kittredge testified in support of Concept 2.

BOARD ACTION: Mr. Lauritzen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebbers, to recommend the Director of T&ES:

- Remove three on-street parking spaces on the 800 block of Russell Road,
- Remove one on-street parking space on the 700 block of Russell Road,
- Remove six on-street parking spaces on the 500 block of Russell Road,
- Remove six on-street parking spaces on the 400 block of Russell Road, and
- Remove four on-street parking spaces on the 300 block of Russell Road.

Ms. Phelps made a friendly amendment requesting that staff return to the Board with proposals to provide additional on-street parking for ACPS teachers. The amended motion carried five to two, with Mr. Stout and Ms. Spano opposed.

13. ISSUE: Administrative Approval for Stop Signs at T-Intersections

DISCUSSION: Mr. Knight presented the item to the Board. Ms. Spano asked how many T-intersections exist in the city, to which Mr. Knight responded that his team has not counted them but there are numerous. Mr. Stout stated that too many stop signs can result in less respect overall for each stop sign.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: None.

BOARD ACTION: Ms. Phelps made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stout, to recommend the Director of T&ES approves proposed administrative process and delegate authority to the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services to install stop signs at T-intersections when engineering analysis determines such control is appropriate. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 14. STAFF UPDATES:** Mr. Devilliers provided the Board with a presentation regarding staff's intentions to update the existing carshare policy as well as the City Code-stipulated disability parking on residential streets procedure.

Ms. McGraw announced that it is time for the Board to review and update the Annual Report and the Attendance Report. The members of the Board will email Ms. McGraw with their requests and updates by July 31, 2026.

15. COMMISSIONER UPDATES:

- Ms. Phelps announced that the Transportation Commission will not meet until September, therefore Ms. Phelps had no updates from the Commission for the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stout moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lauritzen. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.