

TRAFFIC & PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

October 23, 2023

City Hall – Alexandria, VA

Hybrid meeting will start at 7:00 PM



Welcome!

Public Hearing:

Board will receive comments from the public in-person and via Zoom

Three Ways to Speak:

- Via e-mail: signed up in advance
- In-person: use sign-up form at back of the room
- Via Zoom: use 'Raise Hand' feature in Zoom
 - *9 with phone audio

Agenda: October 23, 2023

Welcome & Introductions

1. Deferrals and Withdrawals
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Introduction to new T&ES Director, Adriana Castañeda
4. Public Discussion Period
5. Written Staff Updates & Public Hearing Follow-up

Consent Items:

6. Disability Parking – 1199 North Fairfax Street
7. Curbside Pick-up and Loading Zones – 700 block of East Glebe Road

Public Hearing Items:

8. Changes to Traffic - East Abingdon Drive

Bicycle Lanes

9. Left-Turn Lane Removal and Installation of No Turn on Red Signs - Duke Street at Dulany Street

10. Parking Meter Removal and Residential Permit Parking Restrictions – 900 Block of North Fairfax Street

11. City Code Amendment – Residential Parking Permit (RPP) Restrictions for In-home Childcare Providers

12. Parking Meter Additions – Potomac Yard

13. Residential Permit Parking (RPP) – Boundary Adjustment to remove the property at 301 N. Fairfax Street

Information Items:

14. Staff Updates
15. Board Member Updates

Approval of the Minutes

Public Discussion Period

This period is restricted to items NOT listed on the docket

If you would like to speak, please:

- Submit a Public Speaker form (if in person)
- Raise your hand on Zoom (if virtual)

Written Updates & Public Hearing Follow-Up

Disability Parking – 1199 North Fairfax Street

Agenda Item 6

Presenter: Max Devilliers




Background & Location



Resident Petition/Request

ON-STREET PARKING MODIFICATION REQUEST FORM

 Please fill out the first page of this application and return to max.devilliers@alexandriava.gov or mail to Max Devilliers, 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?*):
Please provide 2 handicap parking spaces
for this commercially zoned block.

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 _____

Location: 1199 N Fairfax St Alex VA 22314
(Map or figure may be provided as an attachment)

Approximate number of spaces affected (assume 20 feet per space): 2

Project Champion (Point of Contact) Information:

Name: Elliott Place

Address: 1199 N. Fairfax St suite 125 Alexandria VA 22314

Email: eplace@phx-pt.com

Phone Number: 571-312-2294

Best Way to Contact: Email Phone
Best Time of Day to Contact: Morning Afternoon

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Mobility Services
 421 King Street, Suite 235
 Alexandria, VA 22314

Outreach

- Several patients of Phoenix Physical Therapy signed the petition in support of adding a disability parking space to the 1100 block of North Fairfax Street
- The property owner as well as the property manager, Akridge, provided support of this proposed change via email on October 13, 2023
- The Old Town North Community Partnership was notified about this petition on October 3, 2023. The president of OTNCP, Margaret Townsend, responded on October 3 stating she would share this petition with the other members of OTNCP but did not anticipate any opposition to the request
- The North Old Town Independent Citizens' Association was notified about this petition on October 11, 2023. As of the posting of this docket, City staff had not received any feedback

Recommendation

That the Board recommend the Director of T&ES designate one disability parking space at 1199 North Fairfax Street and provide City staff with administrative discretion to add a second disability parking space as deemed necessary.

Curbside Pick-up and Loading Zones – 700 block of East Glebe Road

Agenda Item 7

Presenter: Max Devilliers



Background & Location



Petition/Request



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Reason for the Request (What are you trying to solve/address?):

The pull off in front of 730 East Glebe Rd is slated for parking and future metered parking. Due to the central location in front of the Institute for Defense Analyses, we request these be designated Pickup/Dropoff only

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 _____

Location: 730 East Glebe (photo attached)
 (Map or figure may be provided as an attachment)

Approximate number of spaces affected (assume 20 feet per space): 2

Project Champion (Point of Contact) Information:

Name: Luke Knapp

Address: 730 East Glebe Rd, Alexandria VA 22305

Email: lknapp@ida.org

Phone Number: 571-565-0083

Best Way to Contact:

Best Time of Day to Contact:

- Email
 Morning

- Phone
 Afternoon

Outreach

Staff notified the Potomac Yard Civic Association of the request on October 3, 2023. As of the posting of this docket, City Staff had not received any feedback.

Recommendation

That the Board recommend the Director of T&ES install 'Active Loading and Curbside Pickup Only' signage for the one parking space in front of 730 East Glebe Road.

Changes to Traffic - East Abingdon Drive Bicycle Lanes

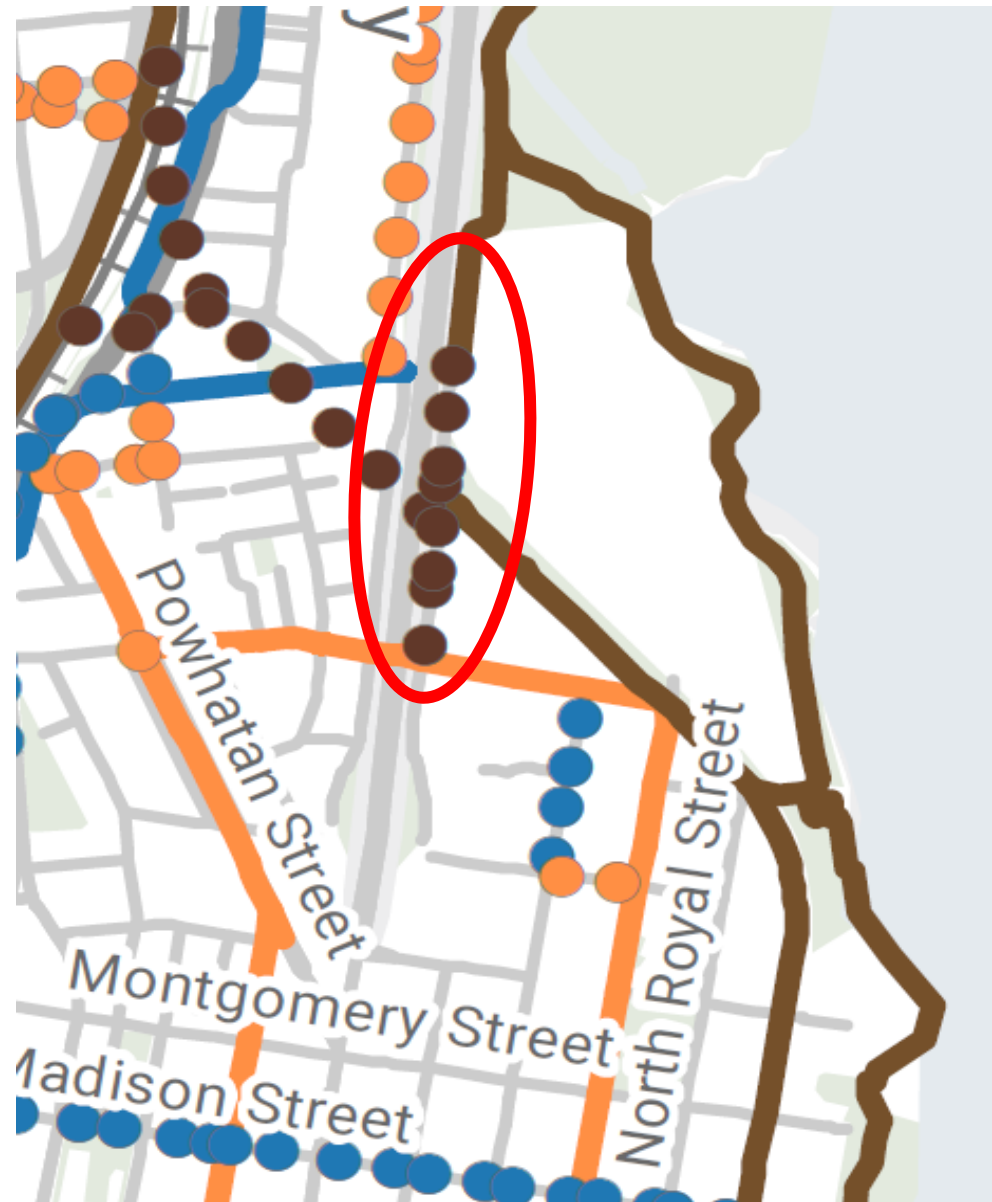
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Presenter: Chris Ziemann

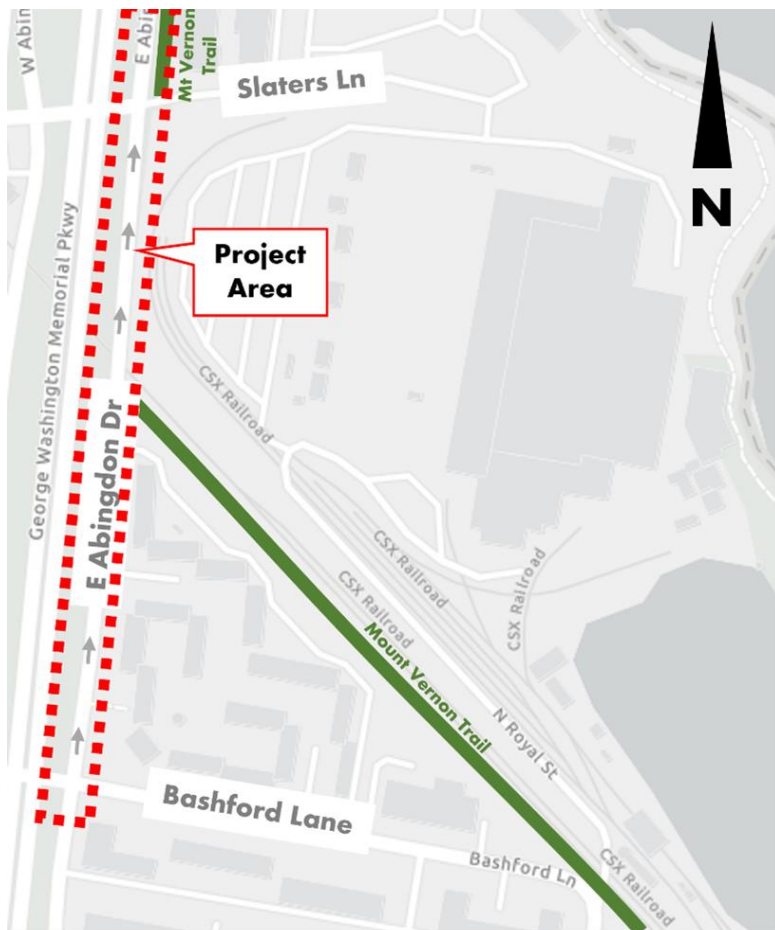


Background

- Alexandria Mobility Plan
 - Planned Trail/Sidepath
- Vision Zero



Location



- 2-Lanes
- Right lane HOV in AM peak
- 4-foot sidewalk
- Perpendicular parking
- Driveways
- Gap in Mt. Vernon Trail



Proposed Concept – Main Points



East Abingdon Drive looking north to Slaters Lane. For illustrative purposes only.

- 2-way protected cycle track between trail points
- Access lane between trail point and Bashford Lane
- East Abingdon Drive remains 1 lane between Bashford Lane and GWMP
- Right Lane converted to right turn lane south of Bashford lane

South of Bashford – Right Turn Lane



Between Bashford and Trail Point



Painted Bump out
Ziclas
Lane striped

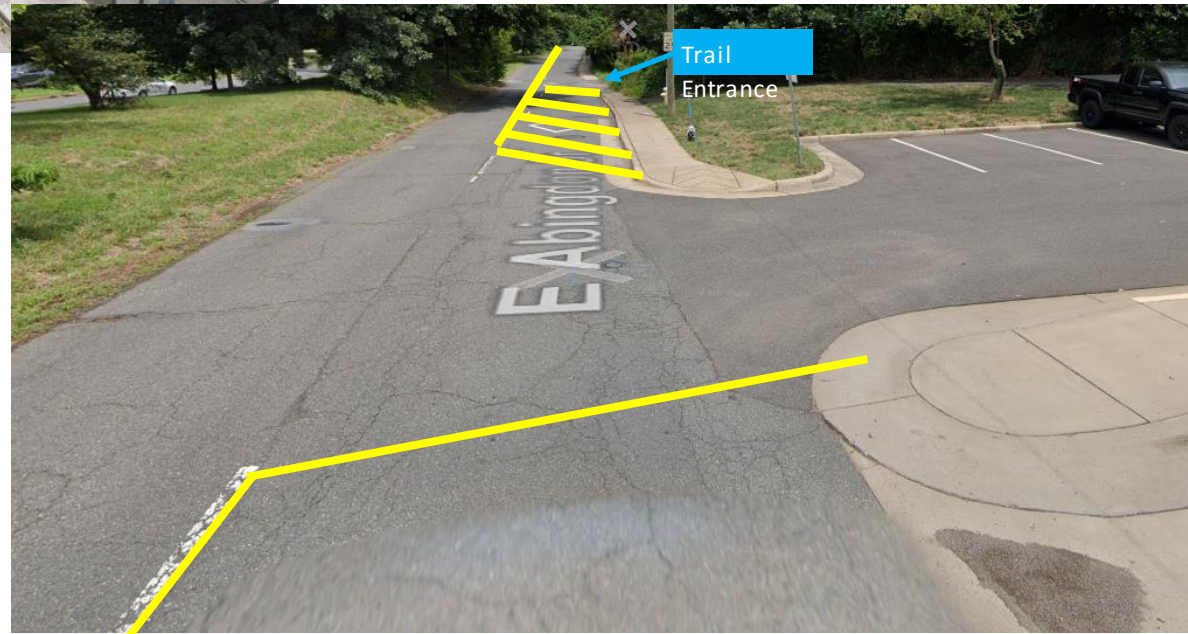


Merge area before bus stop

Between Bashford and Trail Point



Current No Parking Zones Striped Out
Access to Driveways Remains



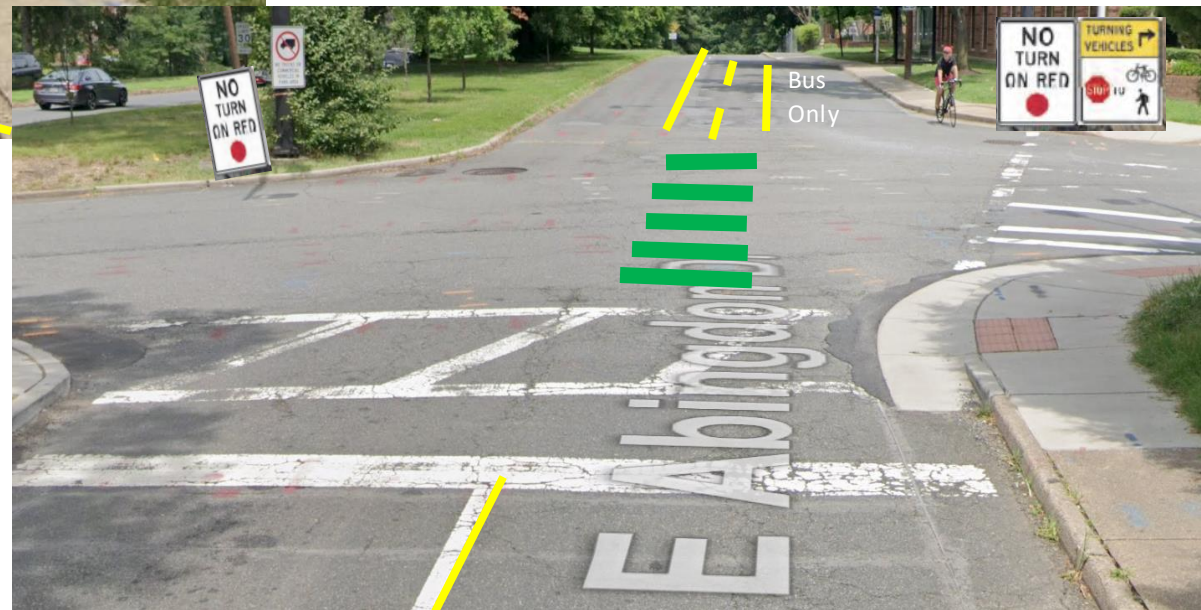
Trail Head to Slaters Lane



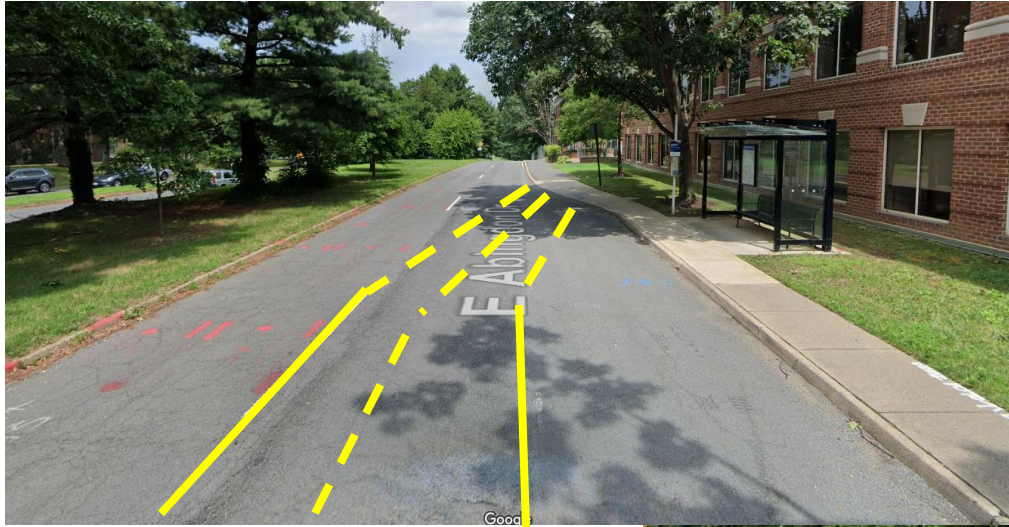
Bus Bay

Lanes line up with lanes north of Slaters

No Turn on Red signs



North of Slaters



Cycle Track Ends at existing trail

Abingdon remain 1 lane to the GWMP



Other option – Merge Lane Only

- No access lane
- Right lane would merge south of trail
- Cycle track and north of Slaters would be the same

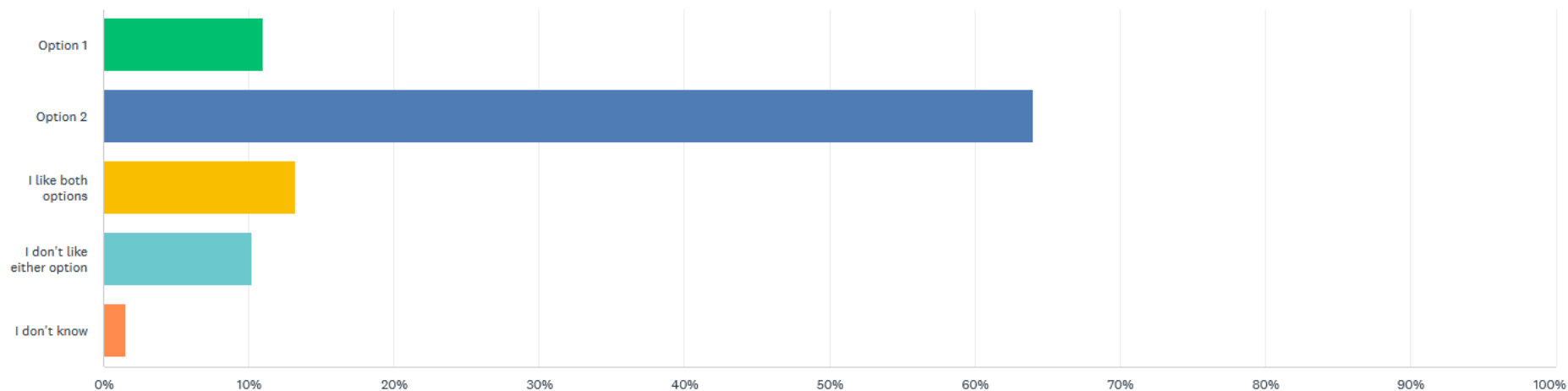


Outreach

- Letter of Request from Marina Towers residents
- Numerous emails to staff
- Feedback form
 - 265 comments
 - 90% favored cycle track
 - 75% favored access lane (Option 2)

With the proposed two-way bike lane, East Abingdon Drive would transition from two-lanes to one-lane at or near Bashford Lane. There are two options for how to do t...

Answered: 264 Skipped: 1



Recommendation

That the Board recommend the Director of T&ES

(1) Remove one HOV lane on East Abingdon Drive between Bashford Lane and north of Slaters Lane; and

(2) Convert the right lane of East Abingdon Drive south of Bashford Lane from through-right to right-turn-only.

Removal of Left-Turn Lane at Duke Street at Dulany Street

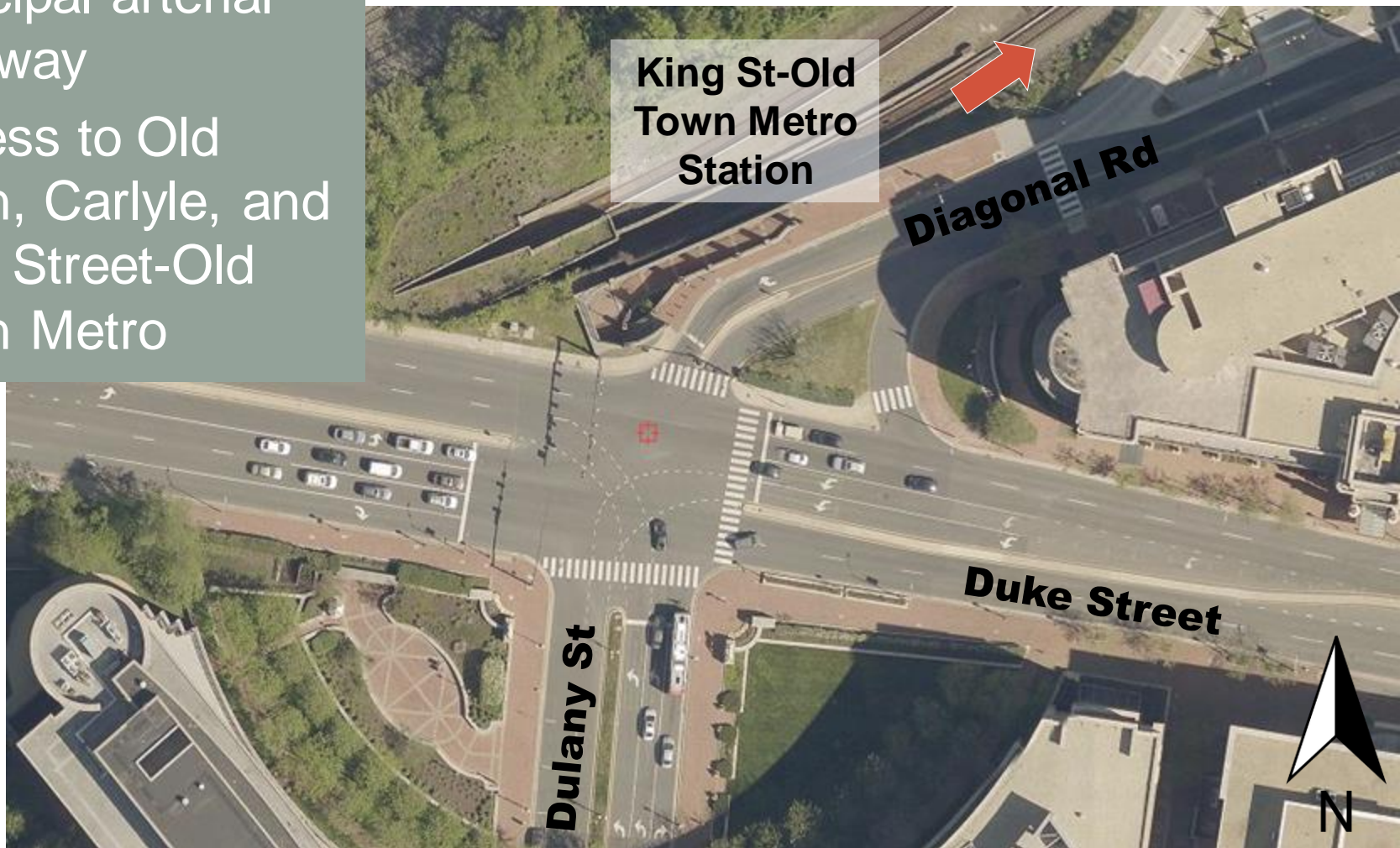
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Presenter: Alex Carroll



Location

- Principal arterial roadway
- Access to Old Town, Carlyle, and King Street-Old Town Metro



Background

Plans & Policies

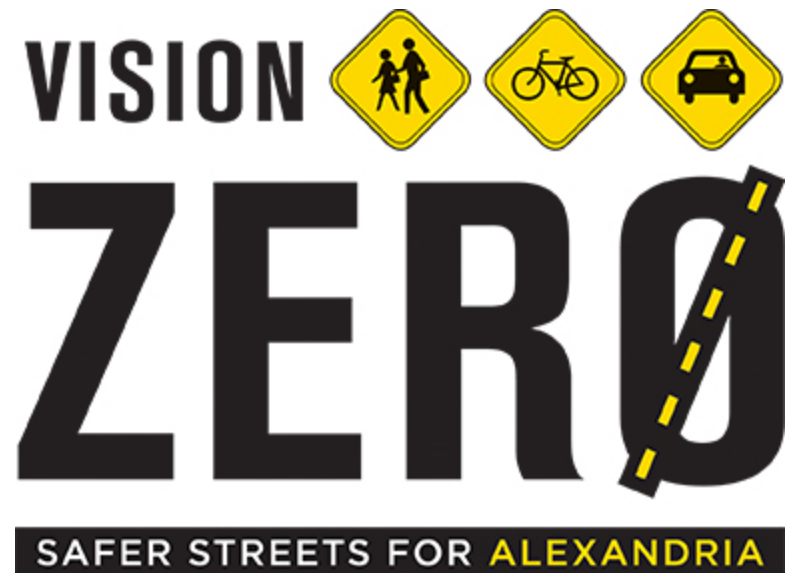
- Vision Zero
- Complete Streets Policy

Underutilization of dual-left turn lanes

- Peak volumes are less than a quarter of a dual-turn lane warrant
- Volumes regularly throughout day are less than 30 vehicles per hour

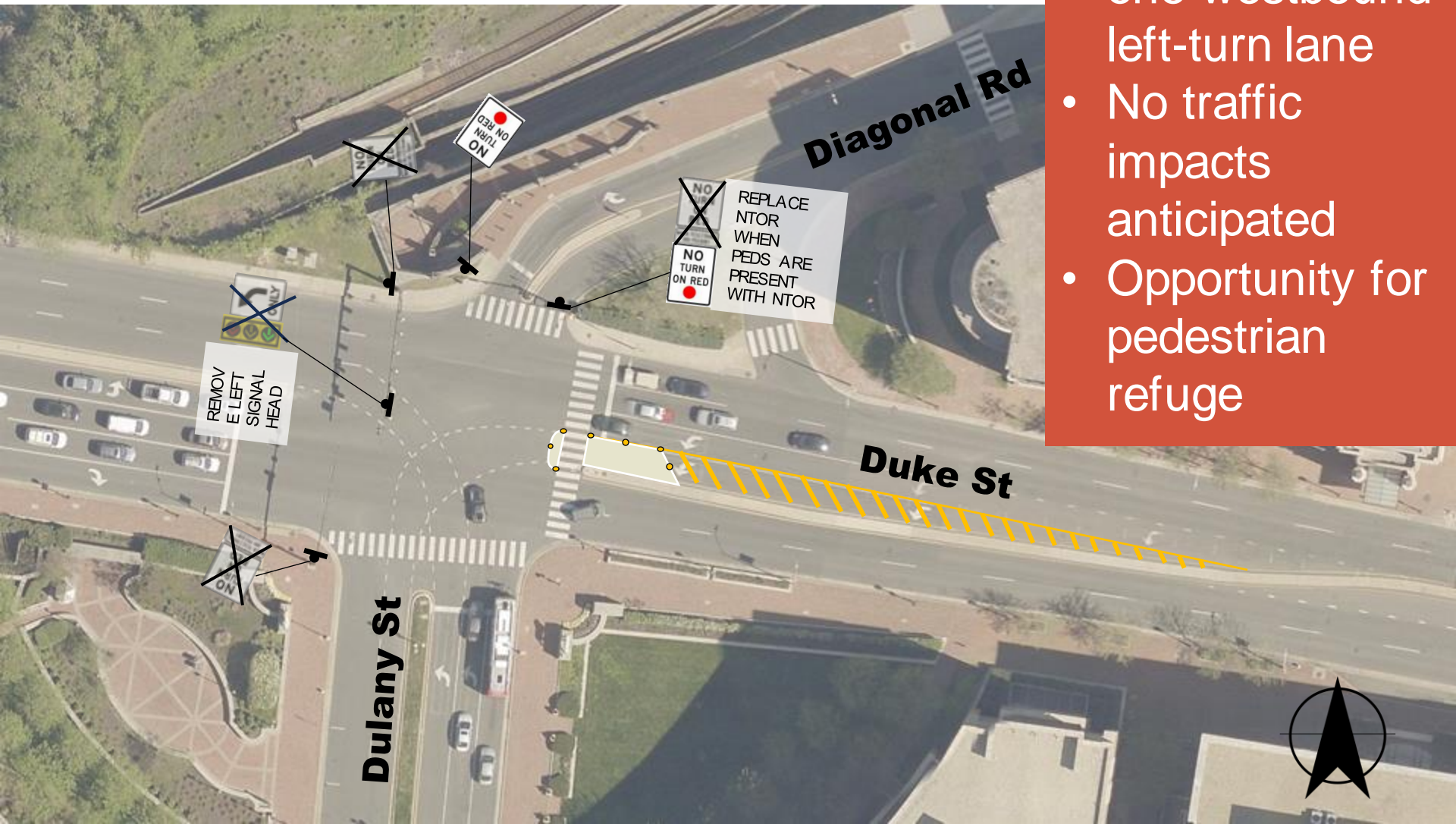
Dual-left challenges

- More conflict points
- Limited visibility of pedestrians
- "Wasted" Green time for lower volumes



Proposed Concept

- Removal of one westbound left-turn lane
- No traffic impacts anticipated
- Opportunity for pedestrian refuge



Recommendation

That the Traffic & Parking Board recommend that the Director of T&ES remove one westbound left turn lane at the intersection of Duke Street and Dulany Street.

Parking Meter Removal and Residential Permit Parking Restrictions – 900 Block of North Fairfax Street






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Presenter: Max Devilliers

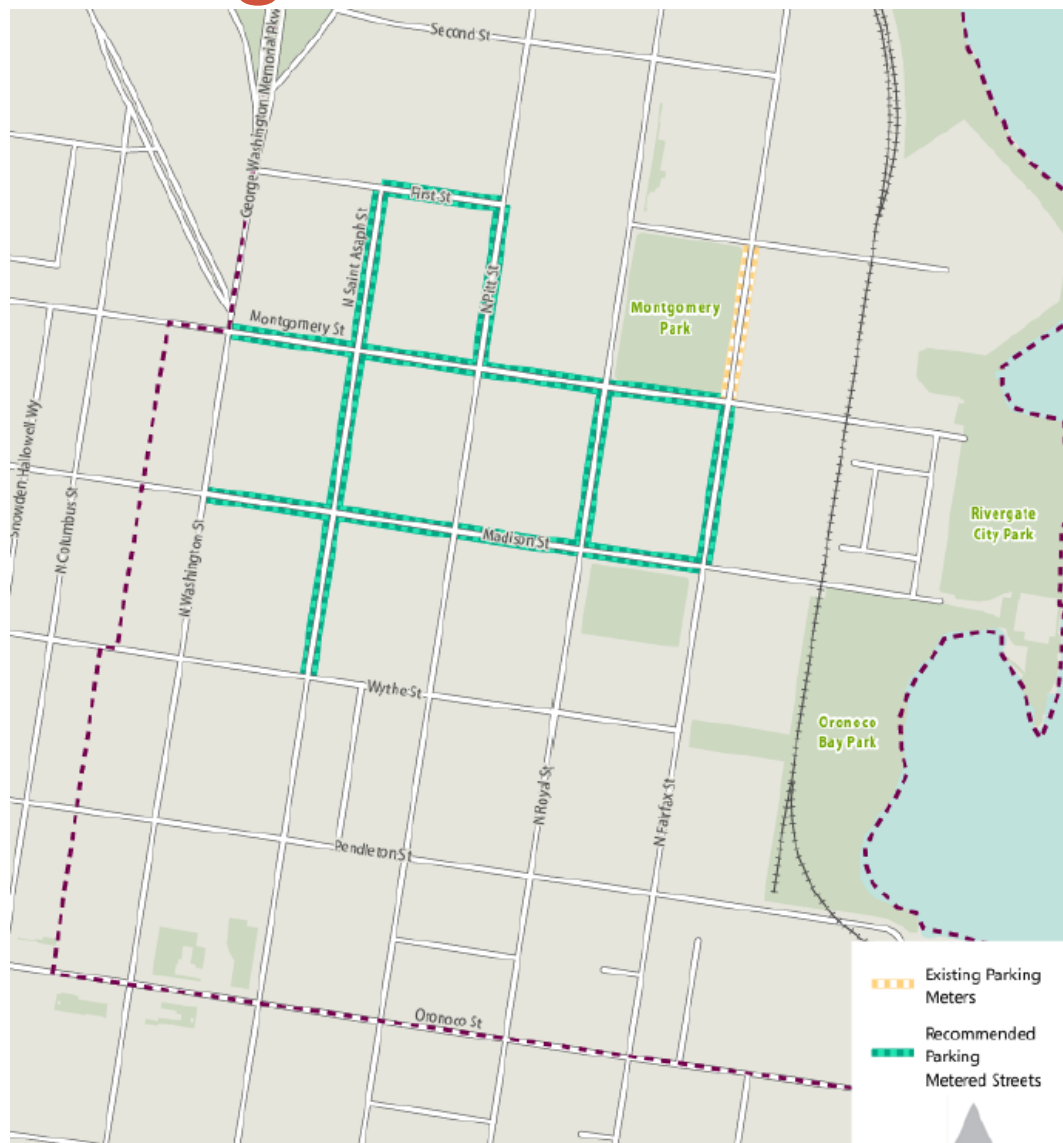


Background & Location



-  Retail or Hotel
-  Office
-  Mixed-Use
-  Residential
-  Institutional

Background & Location



OLD TOWN NORTH
PARKING STUDY -
RECOMMENDED
METERED BLOCKS

Resident Petition/Request



Petition for Adding, Modifying, or Removing Residential Permit Parking Signage in an Existing District

Block Contact: MANDY PARENTEAU
 Address: 925 N. FAIRFAX
 Telephone: 703-520-0058 Email: Mandy.parenteau@fsresidential.com
 District: 9

Proposed Change (Select one)

- Add new signage Modify existing signage Remove existing signage

Block (e.g. the 100 block of Main Street):

900 BLOCK OF FAIRFAX, 200 BLOCK OF MONTGOMERY
↳ CANAL CENTER PLZ

Current Restrictions (e.g. 2 hours, 8AM-5PM, Monday-Friday):

ADD DISTRICT 9 OWNERS EXEMPT

Proposed Restrictions (Select an option on each line):

- Two Hours Three Hours DISTRICT 9 OWNERS EXEMPT
 8AM-5PM 8AM-11PM 8AM-2AM (next day)*
 Monday-Friday Monday-Saturday
 No Sunday Restrictions Sunday 11AM-11PM Sunday 11AM-2AM (next day)*

*Must receive prior approval by the Director of T&ES per Sec. 5-8-72

Submit Completed Petition to:

Mail: Department of Transportation and Environmental Services
 Mobility Services Division – Parking Planner
 421 King Street, Suite 235
 Alexandria, VA 22314

Email: max.devilliers@alexandriava.gov
 Phone: (703) 746-4245

Recommendation

That the Board recommend the Director of T&ES maintain the meter parking restrictions on the 900 block of North Fairfax Street.

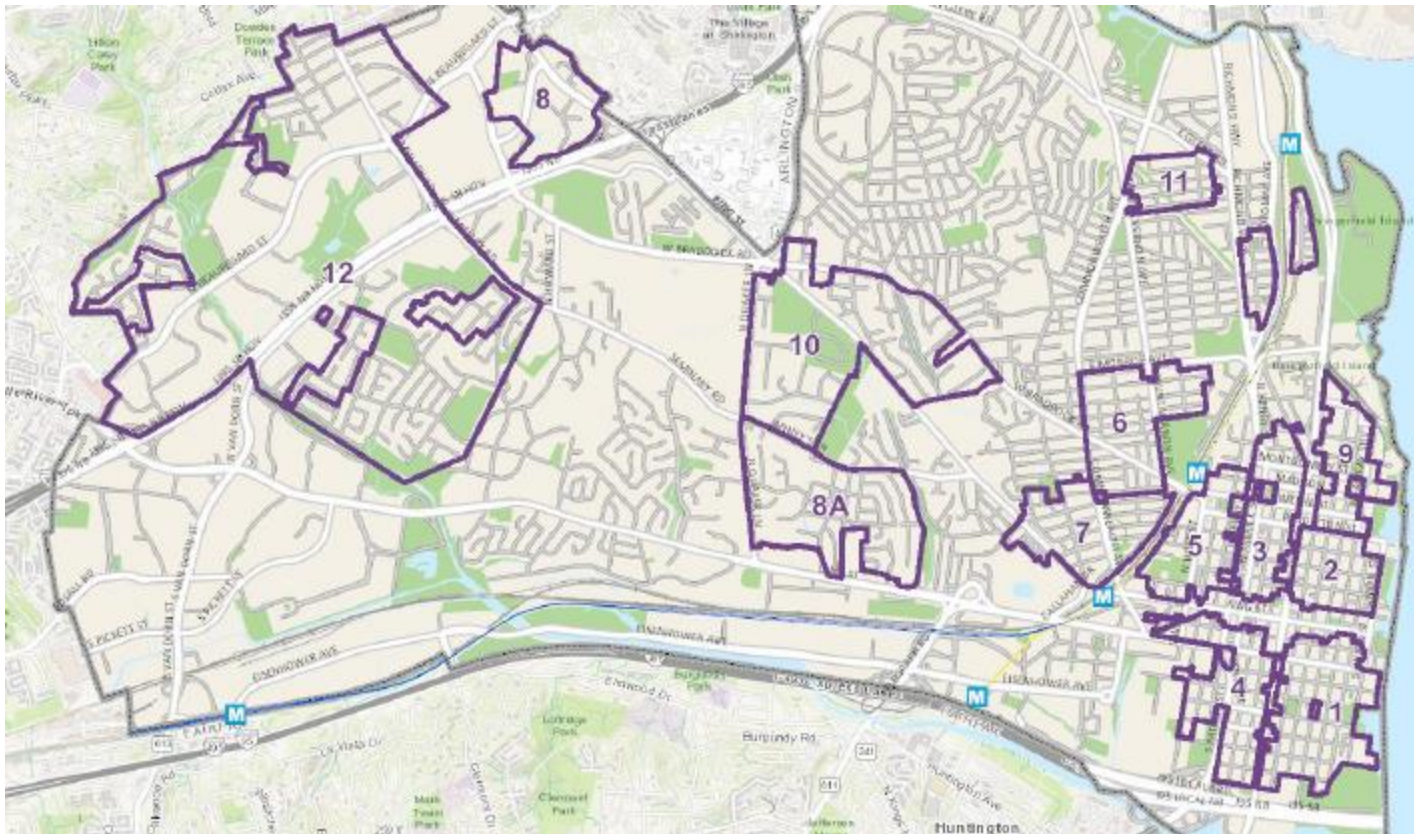
City Code Amendment – Residential Parking Permit (RPP) Restrictions for In-home Childcare Providers

Agenda Item 11

Presenter: Sheila McGraw



Background & Location



Memorandum From Mayor Justin Wilson

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2023
TO: THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MAYOR JUSTIN WILSON
SUBJECT: RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS: IN-HOME CHILDCARE

Since 1979, the City has designated zones of high parking demand to participate in the Residential Permit Parking program. With 12 distinct districts in place today, vehicles owned by those residing in the district are generally able to be permitted to be exempt from some on-street parking regulations.

In June of 2005, the City Council considered a recommendation¹ from then-City Manager Jim Hartmann to permit the issuance of Residential Parking Permits to home healthcare and childcare workers who were providing services at a residence located in the Residential Permit Parking zone. City Council ultimately approved the ordinance, but chose to remove childcare workers from the approved ordinance and impose a one-year sunset on the program expansion.

In November of 2008, the City Council voted to remove the sunset provision and make the home healthcare program permanent². The City Council directed that staff “review the plan for the inclusion of some creative alternatives for allowing parking for daycare workers during the day³.” The home healthcare program remains in place today and is codified in the City Code in Section 5-8-77. No such provision for in-home childcare workers has come before the City Council since Council’s 2008 action.

Today, there are 8 parking permits issued citywide under the home healthcare provision that was originally created in 2005.

By not exempting childcare workers who are hired to work in homes in our Residential Parking districts, the current policy perpetuates an inequity between two similar in-home

¹ <https://dockets.alexandriava.gov/FY05/062105rm/di31.pdf>

² <https://dockets.alexandriava.gov/FY09/111908RM/di21.pdf>

³ <https://dockets.alexandriava.gov/FY09/120908RM/di3a.pdf>

Proposed City Code Amendment

Sec. 5-8-77 Parking permits; issuance.

(a) The city manager shall, upon payment of the fee provided for by this article, issue permits:÷

(ii) one permit per residential property for a health care provider providing health care services **or childcare provider providing childcare services** at the residential property. Permits issued under this paragraph ~~(a)(1)(ii)~~ ~~(b)~~ are not vehicle specific and may be transferred to different vehicles, but the use of such permits other than by persons providing health care services **or childcare services** at the residential property or other than during such times as they are providing health care services **or childcare services** at the residential property (or are in the immediate process of coming or going from the residential property in connection with providing health care services **or childcare services** at the residential property) is prohibited. Such permits shall be valid for up to one year and will expire on October 5, annually. Applicants for permits issued pursuant to this paragraph ~~(a)(1)(ii)~~ ~~(b)~~ shall provide proof of residence, a notarized certification that a permanent occupant of the residential property is receiving health care services **or childcare services** at the residential property, **and vehicle registration for the initial user of the permit**, ~~and a written statement from a licensed medical professional that a permanent occupant of the residential property is receiving health care services at the residential property.~~ For permits issued to a person or renewed pursuant to paragraph (ii) of this subsection, there shall be imposed a fee of \$**150**~~50~~ per permit.

Outreach

Staff notified the Federation of Civic Associations and other civic associations that fall partially or completely within a RPP District about the proposed amendment on September 28, 2023. As of the posting of this docket, staff had not received any feedback from any of the associations.

Recommendation

That the Board make a recommendation to the City Council to amend Section 5-8-77 of the City Code to allow childcare service providers to obtain permits.

Parking Meter Additions – Potomac Yard

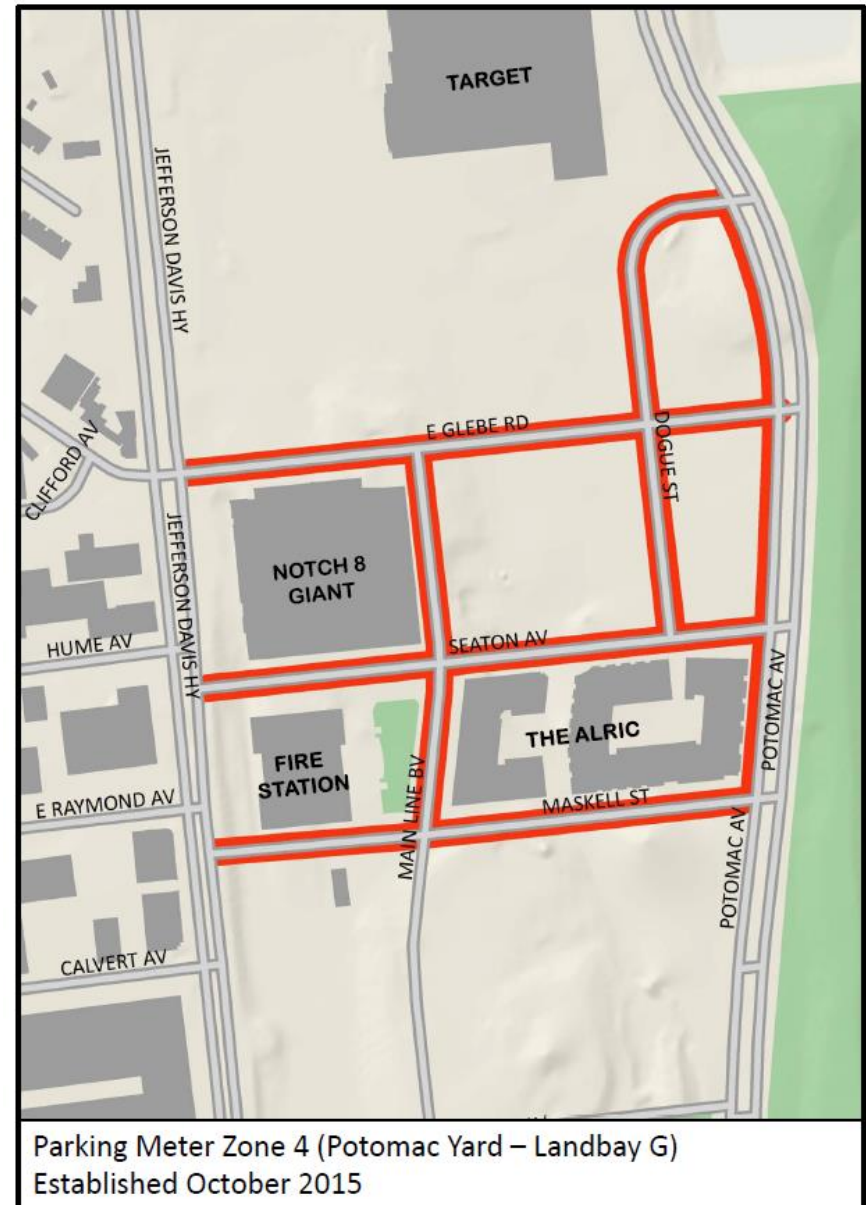
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Presenter: Sheila McGraw

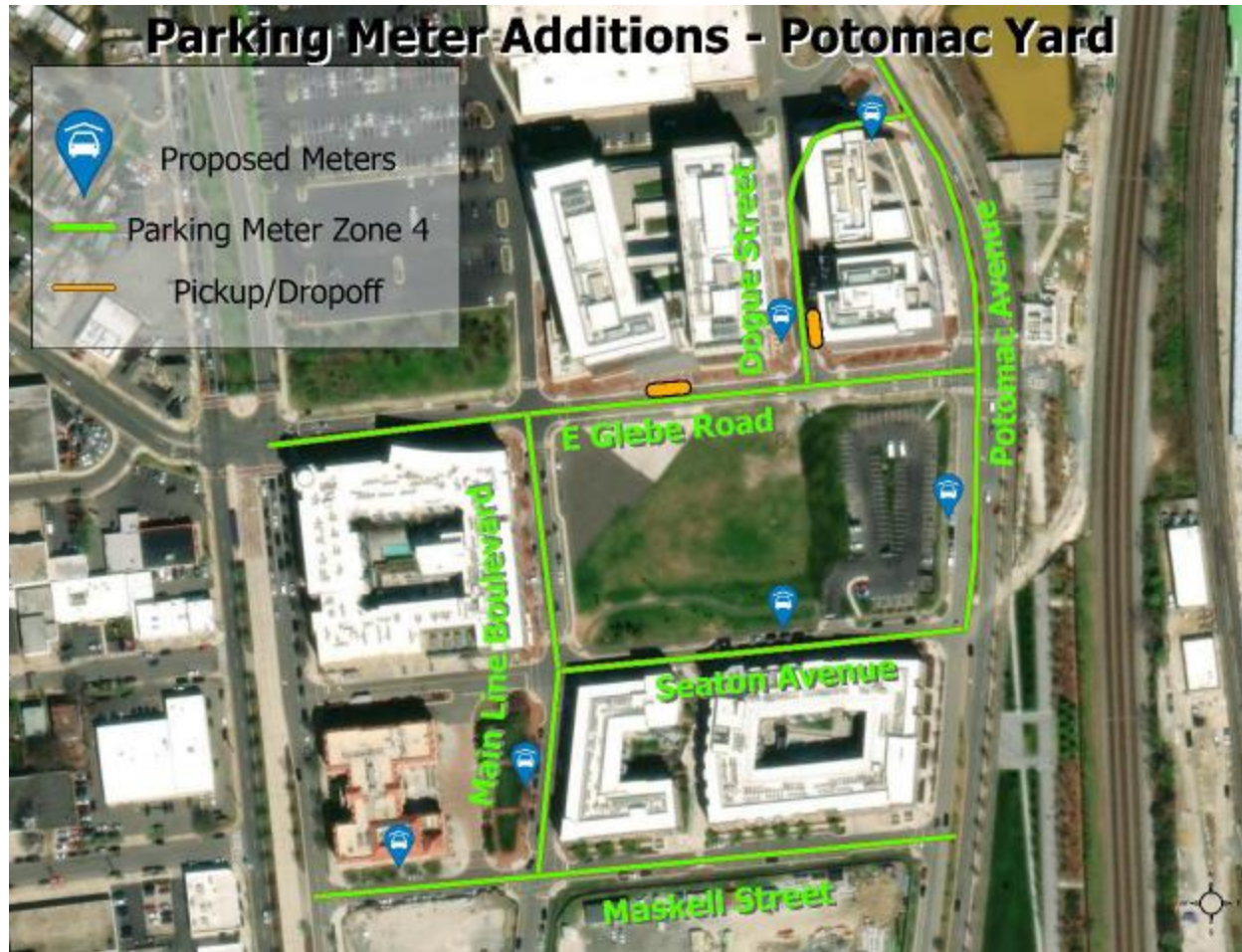


Background & Location

- City Council approved a parking meter zone for the blocks near the Potomac Yard Metro station in 2015
- Contains a variety of uses including office, multi-family residential, and retail.
- These blocks are within a close walking distance to the Metro station, with the farthest point only 0.3 miles from the south entrance.
- Developers are required to provide a monetary contribution to pay for the meters.
- Meters were installed on some of the blocks in this area, but meters on the more recently developed blocks and undeveloped blocks have not been installed yet.
- Some blocks have metered parking for 3 hours, Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. The meter rate is \$1.75 per hour
- Opening of the Metro station, the need to regulate on-street parking has become necessary.



Background & Location



Outreach

- Staff notified the Potomac Yard Civic Association of the request
- Staff reached out to the fire captains at Fire Station 209 to inform them of these proposed changes
- Staff notified the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) and National Industries for the Blind of this proposal
 - IDA asked if loading zones would become metered as well and staff informed them they would not be metered
- Staff received a phone call from APTA (3030 Potomac) on October 23 to confirm that the 3000 block of Potomac would remain unmetered loading spaces

Recommendation

That the Board recommend the Director of T&ES install parking meters and implement the approved parking meter restrictions on:

- the south side of the 700 block of Dogue Street/Wesmond Drive,
- the west side of the 3000 block of Dogue Street,
- the west side of the 2800 block of Main Line Boulevard,
- the north side of the 600 block of Maskell Street,
- the north side of the 700 & 800 block of Seaton Street, and
- the west side of the 2900 block of Potomac Avenue.

Residential Permit Parking (RPP) – Boundary Adjustment to remove the property at 301 N. Fairfax Street









Agenda Item 13

Presenter: Max Devilliers



Background & Location



-  RPP District Boundary
-  Proposed Area to be Removed from RPP District
-  Unrestricted Parking
-  1 Hr Restricted Parking
-  2 Hr Restricted Parking
-  3 Hr Restricted Parking
-  Loading Zone
-  No Parking

Outreach

- Staff notified the Old Town Civic Association about this proposal on October 13, 2023, and they indicated their support of this proposed change
- The overall development project is going through the development review process which includes community outreach and public hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Architectural Review

Recommendation

That the Board recommend the Director of T&ES modify the Residential Permit Parking (RPP) District 2 boundary to remove the property located at 301 N. Fairfax Street.

Information Items

STAFF UPDATES

- **Carshare Policy Update**
- **FY2025 Budget Priorities**
- **Taxi Sub-Committee**

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Carshare Policy Update

RESOLUTION ESTABLISH A CITY-WIDE ON-STREET CARSHARE POLICY

WHEREAS, The City of Alexandria's Local Motion program provides support and options to reduce reliance on the private automobile and promotes transportation alternatives such as transit, bicycling, walking, carpooling programs; and

WHEREAS, Carsharing is a Transportation Demand Management tool that is being used to reduce reliance on single occupancy vehicle travel and is a component of Local Motion's overall effort to promote multimodal transportation options and enhance mobility throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Presently all carshare spaces within the city are either proffered by land-owners and are located on private property, or are located on Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's property; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to make car sharing more accessible to residents through introduction of an On-Street Carshare Policy that would allow on-street parking spaces throughout the City to be designated as carshare spaces; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to authorize the City Manager to proceed with steps necessary to implement the Citywide On-Street Carshare Policy set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. That the City Council endorses introduction of a Citywide On-Street Carshare program that would allow reserving on-street parking spaces for private carsharing vehicles within the public Right of Way.
2. Interested vendors requesting consideration for on-street parking spaces for a carshare vehicle must submit their request to the City's Traffic and Parking Board for consideration. The Director of Transportation and Environmental Services will have the final approval authority.
3. Vendors will be selected through a competitive process and are required to sign a license agreement with the City subject to approval by the City Attorney's Office.
4. No more than two designated on-street parking space per block may be reserved for private carshare vendors.
5. On-street spaces may be leased to carshare vendors for a minimum of two years.
6. The per space rate will be set annually based on meter revenue. Leasing fees per space are based on meter revenue by location. 2013 annual fees are as follows:

Old Town: \$2,300 per space

Carlyle: \$1,500 per space

- Adopted in 2013
- Existing spaces were recently in Carlyle and next to Braddock Road Metro but no longer
- Allowed carshare companies to lease specifically designated on-street spaces from the City
- Carshare company must request on-street parking space for a vehicle from the Board
- Vendors must be selected through a competitive process
- No more than two carshare spaces per block
- Minimum leases of two years
- Per space rate based on meter revenue

Carshare Policy Update

- Allow in other neighborhoods such as West End and Potomac Yard
- Allow staff to approve administratively if certain criteria met
- Changes to cost structure
- Reduce minimum lease time
- Remove requirement for competitive process for vendor selection to allow for competition amongst vendors