

EXHIBIT NO. 1


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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 24, 2009

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: REPORT ON POSSIBLE SHORT TERM PARKING FOR  
MOTORCOACHES

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The attached is being presented to the Traffic and Parking Board at its Monday, April 27 hearing. The item is also on Council's Tuesday docket. We will update you on Tuesday night after the Traffic and Parking Board has had its hearing.

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DATE: APRIL 24, 2009

TO: TRAFFIC & PARKING BOARD

FROM: RICHARD J. BAIER, P.E. INTERIM DIRECTOR, DEPT. of RECREATION,  
PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES and CHAIR, MOTORCOACH TASK  
FORCE

SUBJECT: SHORT-TERM MOTORCOACH PARKING

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**ISSUE:** Continuation and resolution of March items related to short-term motorcoach parking.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Traffic & Parking Board consider the recommendations of the Motorcoach Task Force related to:

- A request to remove 26 existing parking spaces on the south side of Jamieson Avenue from Holland Lane to South West Street and install Motorcoach Parking signs 8 am to 10 pm.

At its March 23 meeting, the Board deferred this request and instructed the Task Force to return in April to present two other locations, or no locations.

**BACKGROUND:** At its regular meeting on March 24, City Council approved a Traffic and Parking Board recommendation to change the unit block of King Street to one-way westbound and to install motorcoach loading and unloading spaces on Washington Street. However, it deferred a request to install parking on Jamieson Avenue with the provision that staff would return to the Traffic and Parking Board in April with at least two alternate locations and a no-park alternative. Council also issued a proviso that the recommendation go back to the Motorcoach Task Force in April for further review.

At its meeting on April 22, the Motorcoach Task Force revisited potential parking locations it had previously studied and considered new locations, including some suggestions by members of the Traffic and Parking Board. The locations under consideration are intended for short-term (two- to three-hour) motorcoach parking for approximately five (5) buses. Patron loading or unloading at these locations is highly unlikely. Additionally, City Code §9-12-164 stipulates that buses parked in designated spots must turn off their motors when parked. It is expected that these locations would be used primarily during peak motorcoach visitation periods between the months of March and June and after 5 pm on weekdays and on weekends.

**DISCUSSION:** The list of locations considered by the Task Force is provided as Attachment A (“Motorcoach Task Force Parking Review, April 22, 2009”). At its meeting, the Task Force eliminated all but three locations, which are described in detail below.

The Traffic and Parking Board also requested a “no park” alternative (an option to add no additional short-term motorcoach parking to the existing supply). The Motorcoach Task Force discussed this option and agreed that it could not support a “no park” alternative. The Task Force members believe that short-term parking must be added to the existing supply to prevent drivers from performing “rolling idles” (i.e. driving slowly around Old Town streets either looking for legal parking options or waiting to load patrons) which is more harmful to residents than adding new parking. Additionally, the provision of adequate short-term parking is a fundamental component of the Task Force recommendations to City Council for motorcoach management.

The Task Force recommends the locations described below in the following order of priority:

1. 3540 Wheeler Avenue (Maintenance Facility, Dept. of General Services and ACPS Bus Barn): This location was ranked as the new #1 potential short-term parking location by the Task Force. The site is approximately 2.8 miles from Market Square (a heavily used loading and unloading area) and 250 feet to amenities such as fast food. *It is entry # 27 in Attachment A.* The Task Force expressed concern about traffic congestion on Duke Street and whether that may deter some operators from using this location. However, the Task Force generally agreed that the Wheeler Avenue location was easily accessible by coaches, not immediately proximate to residents and extremely close to amenities (food/drink/conveniences) for operators. The Task Force proposes five spaces in this location to be available on weekends and between 5 pm and 10 pm on weeknights. This location will be available through June 15, 2009 and will be reassessed at that time.
2. 900 block of South Royal Street: This location was ranked as the #2 potential short-term parking location by the Task Force. The site is approximately 0.7 mile from Market Square and approximately 1,400 feet from driver amenities. *It is entry # 32 in Attachment A.* The Task Force expressed concern about the site’s proximity to a school and residents. Motorcoach parking on S. Royal is proposed for weekends and weeknights, after 5 pm.
3. Jamieson Avenue: The original recommendation by the Task Force and provided for consideration to the Traffic & Parking Board was ranked as the #3 possible location. This site is 1 mile from Market Square and 1,175 feet to driver amenities. It is described in detail in the attached Docket Report. The Task Force proposes to reduce its request for spaces needed on Jamieson Avenue to 12 from 26. The space would provide approximately 275 feet of parking, or enough space for approximately five (5) motorcoaches. By reducing the original request and moving the spaces to the western section of the block, the parking would be more than 330 feet from adjacent residents. The Task Force also considered whether to recommend potential infrastructure improvements to the intersection of South West Street and Jamieson Avenue to address concerns about traffic congestion and pedestrian safety.

**ATTACHMENT:** City of Alexandria Motorcoach Task Force Parking Review, April 22, 2009

**City of Alexandria, VA -- Motorcoach Task Force  
Parking Review -- April 22, 2009**

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Location	Studied by Prev TF	Source	Area	Adjacent Land Use	Road Classification	Street Width	Parking Width	Existing Parking	Length	Dist to Amenities	Notes
1 1000 Blk N. Fayette St.	Yes	2006 TF	Braddock Metro	Commercial	Local	30	15	No Parking/No Space	N/A	Adjacent	Warehouse loading/temporary
2 900 Blk N. St. Asaph	Yes	2006 TF	North Old Town	Commercial	Local	40	20	No signage	300'+	Adjacent	2 exist coach spaces/1-2 add'l?
3 500 Blk N. First St	Yes	2006 TF	North Old Town	Commercial	Local	42	20	Taxi Stand & 2-hour	200'-	2 blocks	Possible 1 new space/adj. Giant
4 500 Blk Montgomery	Yes	2006 TF	North Old Town	Commercial	Local	40	20	2 hr Mon-Sat	4,000sf	Adjacent	ABC Store/Under dev/temp?
5 400 Blk Montgomery	Yes	2006 TF	North Old Town	Commercial	Primary Collector	41	21	2 hr Mon-Sat	200'-	Adjacent	Adj ABC lot
6 1000 Blk N. Fairfax St	Yes	2006 TF	North Old Town	Mixed	Primary Collector	43	21	No Parking	300'+	1 block	Not recommended
7 300 Blk 3rd St	Yes	2006 TF	North Old Town	Commercial	Local	40	20	No signage	200'-	2 blocks	Adj MetroStage/new construct
8 1000 N. Fairfax St	Yes	2006 TF	North Old Town	Commercial	Local	45	22	Loading 9-5	200'+	2 blocks	Canal Cent Plaza/Use after 5?
9 600 Blk N. Fairfax St	Yes	2006 TF	North Old Town	Commercial	Primary Collector	41	21	2 Hr 9-6 pm	300'-	1 block	2 spaces of DASH layover?
10 700 Blk N. Fairfax	Yes	2006 TF	North Old Town	Commercial	Primary Collector	43	21	2 Hr Mon-Sat	300'+	1 block	Adj to Montgomery Park
11 700 Blk N. St. Asaph	Yes	2006 TF	North Old Town	Commercial	Local	40	22	2 Hr Mon-Sat	300'-	1 block	Retail & restaurants nearby
12 100/200 Blks The Strand	Yes	2006 TF	Old Town	Comm/Mixed	Local	24	12	No Parking	100'	3 blocks	In-street load/unload existing
13 100 Blk N. Fayette	Yes	2006 TF	Old Town	Commercial	Primary Collector	40	20	2-hour	300'-	Adjacent	Adjacent small retail
14 1600 Blk Diagonal Rd	Yes	2006 TF	King Street Metro	Comm/Metro	Primary Collector	61	30	8 metered spaces	160'	Adjacent	Across Theism's/1 trolley space
15 200 Blk Reinckers Lane	Yes	2006 TF	Eisenhower East	Com/Op Sp	Residential Collector	42	21	No Restrictions	212'	1 block	Resid Const. underway/one-way
16 1700 Blk Jamieson Ave	Yes	2006 TF	Eisenhower East	Com/Op Sp	Residential Collector	30	20	2-hour Mon-Sat	520'	1 block	Proposed short-term parking
17 800 Blk N St Asaph	No	TF-2008	North Old Town	Commercial	Local	40	20	3 hr Mon-Sat	300'	2-3 blocks	Adjacent small retail
18 800 Blk N Fairfax	No	TF-2008	North Old Town	Mixed	Primary Collector	43	21	2 Hr 9-6 pm	300'	1 block	Adjacent small retail
19 100 Blk N. Lee St	No	TF-2008	Old Town	Mixed	Local	30	20	Metered/No Parking	150'	1 block	Suggested as drop-off location
20 Unit Blk of Duke St.	No	TF-2008	Old Town	Mixed	Local	41	20	No signage	173'	2-3 blocks	Suggested as drop-off location
21 Eisenhower near Bartholomew	No	TF-2008	Eisenhower East	CDD	Futura Street	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Not yet built
22 600 Blk N. Royal	No	TF-2008	North Old Town	Mixed	Local	41	21	2-hour 9-5	300'+	Adjacent	Adj WAMATA bus barn
23 3600 Blk Wheeler Ave	No	TPB	Wheeler	Industrial	Primary Collector	44	22	No Parking	300'-	1 block	Near proposed police facility
24 2600 Blk Business Center Dr	No	TPB	Wheeler	Industrial	Primary Collector	30	15	No Signage	300'+	3 blocks	Near bus barn; closed until fall
25 1900 Block Eisenhower	No	TPB	Eisenhower East	CDD	Arterial	44	20	None	N/A	Adjacent	Nbound- 3 lanes w/layover
26 T&ES Maint/S. Quaker	No	TPB	Wheeler	Industrial	Primary Collector	30	15	No Signage	400'	2 blocks	No park; no turnaround
27 ACPS Bus Barn-Wheeler Rd	No	TPB	Wheeler	Industrial	N/A	30	N/A	ACPS Pkg Only	N/A	1 block	ACPS Bus Barn Lot/lightly used?
28 400-500 Blk Holland Lane	No	TPB	Eisenhower East	CDD/Op Sp	Arterial	65	37	No Parking/60 ft inlet	500'+	2 blocks	Remove/sign curbside lane?
29 501 Basford Lane	No	Staff	North Old Town	Comm/Res	Primary Collector	45	27	No Parking	200'-	2-3 blocks	T intersection, car service site
30 1501 Powhatan St	No	Staff	Northeast	Comm/Res	Primary Collector	39	20	Vacant	N/A	Adjacent	Old T&ES Traffic Facility
31 1335 Powhatan St	No	Citizen	Northeast	Comm/Res	Primary Collector	39	20	2-hour 9-5	N/A	2-3 blocks	Private Property
32 900 Blk S. Royal St	No	Citizen	South Old Town	Res/OS	Local	41	20	No parking signage	N/A	2-3 blocks	St. Marys/No taxi 2:30-3:30 pm
33 Avis Site, Potomac Yard	No	Staff	Potomac Yard	Comm	Arterial	N/A	N/A	Private space	N/A	5+ blocks	Short-term location, ACPS has?