

## Minutes of Parkfairfax Transportation and Land Use Committee "Virtual" Meeting of 11 February 2021

The monthly Parkfairfax Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC) meeting was conducted "virtually" on 11 February covering a wide range of issues.

1. The Chair reported the unfunded concept of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation to redesign the complex Seven Corner interchange. Concepts include construction of a "ring road" to disentangle the connection between Route 7 and Route 50.
2. The Chair reported the optimistic forecast provided by a major retail property owner in Shirlington as presented during the recent bimonthly meeting of the Shirlington Civic Association. Apparently, there is an undisclosed tenant for the Capital Brewing Company site.
3. Handicapped parking was discussed, noting that even though handicapped spaces on city residential streets are established pursuant to a resident's application, they are public parking spaces open to anyone with a valid handicapped parking permit from any state. While the logic remains elusive, those who routinely park in "their" handicapped spaces have no recourse if others park in those spaces.
4. Alexandria has modified 18 traffic signals on King St. and 10 on Duke St. for "Transit Signal Priority." The presence of a transit bus at these intersections does NOT cause the signal to turn green. Rather it prolongs the duration of the green or shortens the duration of the red signal to allow buses to proceed more quickly. If this project is successful, it will be expanded to other signals.
5. Ridership on DASH Parkfairfax routes AT3 and AT4 remains dismal. While most routes in the City are down 40%-60% from pre-pandemic levels, AT3 and AT4 ridership is down 93% and 97% respectively! Based on extensive lobbying in 2019, the Alexandria Transit Vision Plan, which takes effect on 05 Sept. 2021, retains these peak hour routes. But unless ridership rebounds the service may be short-lived.
6. The major discussion at the February TLUC meeting was centered around comments expressed by residents during the 09 December 2020 Capital Improvement Town Hall. Most relevant to the TLUC was continued interest in improving property-wide lighting to include common elements, steps, walkways, parking areas, security, etc. The TLUC subsequently became aware of a discussion item (Tab 10) planned for the 17 February Board meeting. TLUC members have volunteered to perform a basic lighting assessment (springtime walk-through) to preliminarily identify areas where lighting appears insufficient or excessive. The TLUC will present further information during the "committee reports" section at the upcoming Board meeting.
7. The March TLUC meeting will be convened "virtually" on 11 March 2021 at 7PM.

Best regards,  
Bob Gronenberg  
TLUC Committee Chair