

## Minutes of Parkfairfax Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC) meeting of 11 March 2021

The March meeting of the TLUC was, once again, held virtually on 11 March 2021 and included the following discussions topics:

- The Chair reported success in arranging removal of an obsolete orange road construction warning sign and stand from the focal point area on Gunston Rd. near Martha Custis.
- The Chair reported success in arranging removal of a felled “Yield Ahead” sign from the shoulder of northbound N. Quaker Lane at the approach to Shirlington Circle. A replacement sign has been erected on the left median.
- The Chair discussed ongoing efforts to install proper signage at the intersection of Marth Custis Dr. and Valley Dr. opposite the Charles Barrett school. Resulting from “traffic calming” measures implemented decades ago, southbound traffic entering from W. Glebe Rd. must turn left at the first stop sign to remain on Valley Dr. Proceeding straight ahead you find yourself on Martha Custis Drive. Although the City was alerted to the lack of signage in November 2015, and a recent “Valley Dr.” sign was incorrectly posted, more work remains to be done.
- The subject of “Through Trucks” was once again raised. It was noted that 26 streets in Alexandria are designated as fully restricted as a result of community petitions, however the City is not accepting any additional applications at present due to COVID-related changes in traffic patterns. Whether that’s relevant or not, through truck restrictions are difficult to enforce as the definition of a “through truck” is one that passes through the City of Alexandria without any business here. If a truck originates in Fairfax County and cuts through Parkfairfax to deliver beer to the 7-Eleven on W. Glebe Rd., that would not be considered a “through truck.”
- The TLUC discussed the property-wide outdoor lighting assessment, planned for late April. Subsequent to the meeting, at least one volunteer from each Ward who has agreed to participate.
- A brief discussion of the former “Spruce Island” ensued and it was suggested that the TLUC formulate a position (by consensus) on its future. Subsequent outreach reveals that a consensus remains forever elusive.
- The Chair discussed the evolution of the Alexandria Transit Vision plan into the New DASH Network, scheduled to be implemented Sept 5th, 2021. A description of the planned changes affecting Parkfairfax routes has been published in the March 12th Parkfairfax Weekly Update and residents are urged to attend the virtual Community Meeting and Public Hearing on March 29th and April 14th respectively. WMATA is expected to maintain current Metrobus schedules through June 30th, 2022. ALL bus service remains in peril, however, unless ridership improves.

The next meeting of the TLUC will again be held virtually on Thursday, April 8th at 7 PM EDT. The resumption of in-person meetings will be based prevailing conditions and vaccination progress.

Best regards,  
Bob Gronenberg  
Parkfairfax TLUC Chair