

RESOLUTION NO. 2872

WHEREAS, the City is empowered by Charter Section 2.03 (a) to establish and maintain streets, including limited access or express highways; and

WHEREAS, the City is empowered by City Code Section 10-3-2 to establish hours and occupancy requirements for commuter lanes;

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

1. That for the Washington Street commuter lanes bounded by Church St. to the south and Second St. to the north:
 - a. for lanes in which traffic moves in a northerly direction, commuter lane restrictions shall be in effect from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.;
 - b. for lanes in which traffic moves in a southerly direction, commuter lane restrictions shall be in effect from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
 - c. at least three persons must occupy a vehicle in order for it to constitute a high occupancy vehicle and thus be entitled to travel in the commuter lane when the lane's restrictions are in effect.
2. That for the East Abington Drive commuter lanes bounded by Second St. to the south and the George Washington Parkway to the north:
 - a. for lanes in which traffic moves in a northerly direction, commuter lane restrictions shall be in effect from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.;
 - b. at least three persons must occupy a vehicle in order for it to constitute a high occupancy vehicle and thus be entitled to travel in the commuter lane when the lane's restrictions are in effect.
3. That for the West Abington Drive commuter lanes bounded by Second St. to the south and the George Washington Parkway to the north:
 - a. for lanes in which traffic moves in a southerly direction, commuter lane restrictions shall be in effect from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
 - b. at least three persons must occupy a vehicle in order for it to constitute a high occupancy vehicle and thus be entitled to travel in the commuter lane when the lane's restrictions are in effect.
4. That the City Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to affix the seal of the City to such documents as may be necessary or convenient implement this Resolution; and
5. That the commuter lane restrictions enacted by this Resolution shall be in effect between May 20 and no later than September 30 of 2019.

Adopted: April 9, 2019


JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:


Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk



March 18, 2019

Yon Lambert
 Director
 Alexandria Department of Transportation and
 Environmental Services
 301 King Street
 Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mr. Lambert:

We appreciate the City of Alexandria's ongoing collaboration and support as the region prepares for WMATA's summer 2019 platform reconstruction project. As you are aware, the project will result in a closure of all Blue/Yellow Line stations south of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Station from May 25 to September 2.

One of the mitigation strategies that WMATA and City staff have discussed is a temporary change to HOV policies for the summer of 2019. These proposed changes will improve the flow of bus operations and ensure that Alexandria residents, tourists, and those traveling throughout the corridor have an improved customer experience.

WMATA requests the following changes to the City of Alexandria HOV policies from May until September of this year:

1. Change Washington Street HOV lanes from HOV 2 to HOV 3;
2. Extend northbound Washington Street HOV lane hours from 7AM-9AM to 6AM-10AM;
3. Change East Abingdon Drive and West Abingdon Drive HOV lanes from HOV 2 to HOV 3;
4. Extend northbound East Abingdon Drive lane hours from 7AM-9AM to 6AM-10AM;
5. Extend southbound West Abingdon Drive lane hours from 4PM-6PM to 3PM-7PM; and
6. Extend southbound Washington Street HOV lane hours from 4PM-6PM to 3PM-7PM.

Thank you for your consideration and please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James Hughes
 Managing Director
 Department of Intermodal Strategic Planning

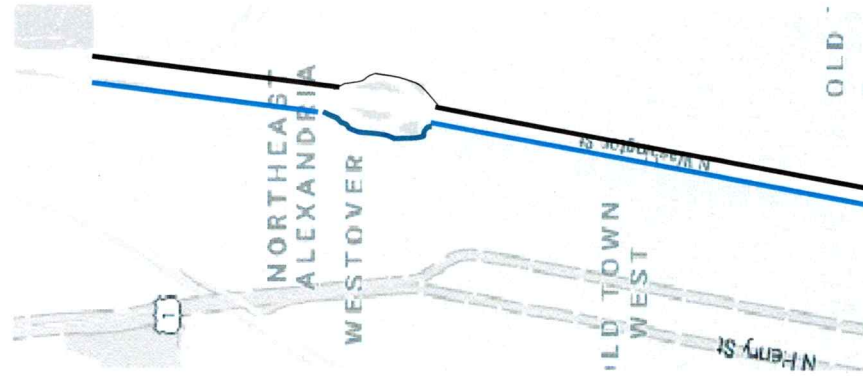
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Attachment 3 – Map of Changes Along Washington Street



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- Southbound lanes to shift from HOV 2 to HOV 3.
- Proposed hours are 3pm-7pm
- Northbound lanes to shift from HOV 2 to HOV 3.
- Proposed hours are 6am-10am

Temporary Changes to Washington St HOV Lanes

Washington Street will see changes in its high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes to help buses move while the Metrorail stations are closed. This is to keep people coming to and leaving Alexandria on free shuttle buses between May 20 and September 30 OR when the stations reopen. These buses will come once every five minutes while these changes are in effect

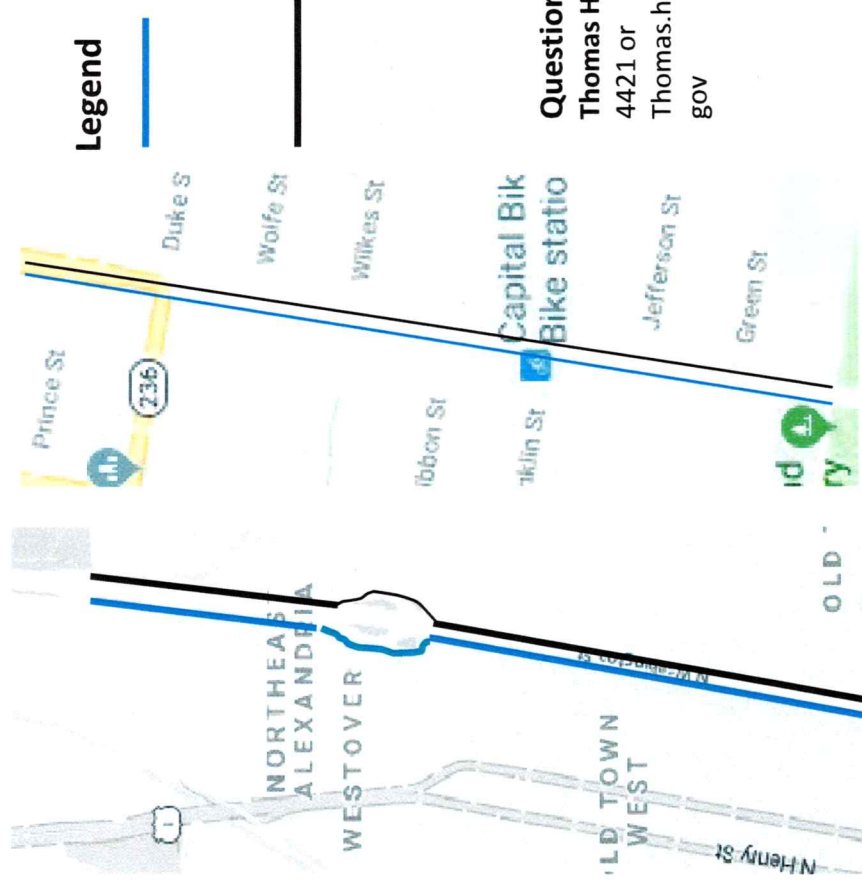
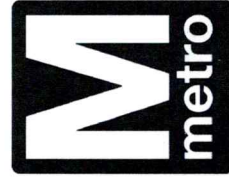
Occupancy: Cars can only use lanes with three or more people inside.

Northbound lanes	6AM-10AM
Southbound lanes	3PM-7PM

Hours:

The City will take these changes to the Traffic and Parking Board on March 25, and to City Council on April 9. To learn more, visit

www.alexandriava.gov/GOAlex.



Southbound lanes to shift from HOV 2 to HOV 3. Proposed hours are 3pm-7pm
Northbound lanes to shift from HOV 2 to HOV 3. Proposed hours are 6am-10am

Legend

Questions?

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Outreach Summary

The following table summarizes the outreach that was done in advance of the Traffic and Parking Board Public Hearing on March 25, 2019. City staff have discussed the possibility of changing HOV lane requirements since last Fall. Below are the meetings and outreach events that staff attended where this project was discussed.

Event	Date
Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Government Relations Committee	December 11, 2018
Carlyle Community Council Managers' Meeting	January 11 and March 12, 2019
Cameron Station Civic Association	February 6, 2019
Potomac Yard Civic Association	February 12, 2019
Old Town Business and Professional Association	February 12, 2019
Waterfront Commission	February 19, 2019
Alexandria Small Business Association	February 21, 2019
Commission on Persons with Disabilities	March 14, 2019
E-mail communication to Alexandria Chamber of Commerce	March 19, 2019
Flier distribution to occupied dwellings and businesses along the Washington St/Abingdon Dr corridor, between Church St and Slaters Ln	March 19, 2019
Hotel General Manager/Director of Services Meeting, hosted by Visit Alexandria	March 21, 2019