

TRAFFIC & PARKING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

March 27, 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: March 27, 2023

Welcome & Introductions

1. Deferrals and Withdrawals
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Public Discussion Period
4. Written Staff Updates & Public Hearing Follow-up

Consent Items:

5. Disability Parking – 1516 Mt. Eagle Place
6. Intersection changes – Right turn lane and elimination of curbside eastbound lane on Sanger Avenue and North Beauregard Street

Public Hearing Items:

7. On-street parking removal and speed limit reduction – Lynhaven Neighborhood Slow Zone Pilot
8. Code amendment – curb cuts

Information Items:

9. Staff Updates
10. Commissioner 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

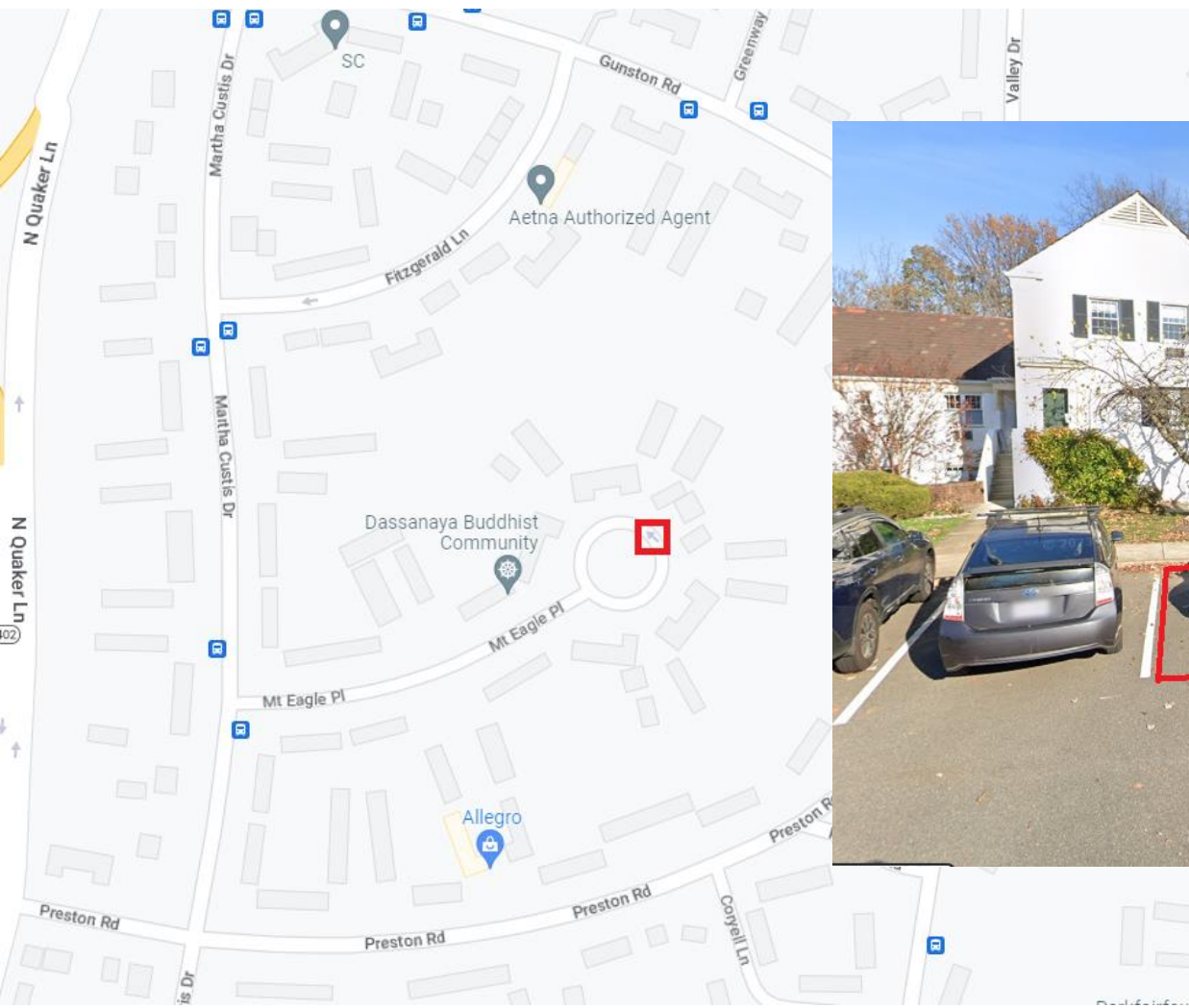
Disability Parking – 1516 Mt. Eagle Place

Agenda Item 5

Presenter: Cuong Nguyen



Background & Location



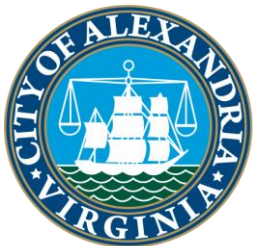
Recommendation

That the Board recommend that the Director of T&ES designate a disability parking space at 1516 Mt. Eagle Place.

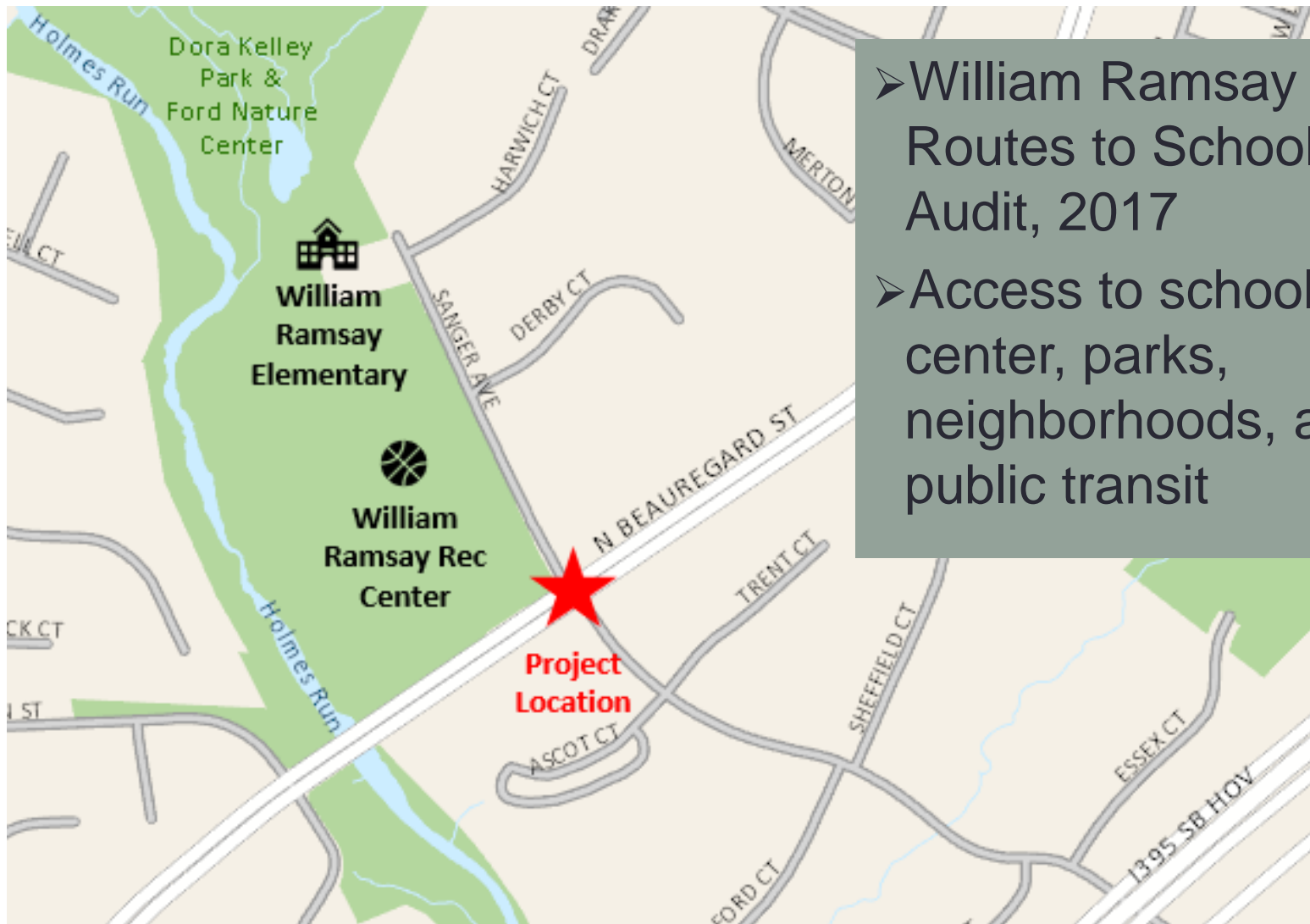
Operational Changes at the Intersection of Sanger Avenue and North Beauregard Street

Agenda Item 6

Presenter: Alex Carroll



Background & Location



- William Ramsay Safe Routes to School Walk Audit, 2017
- Access to school, rec center, parks, neighborhoods, and public transit

Existing & Proposed Condition



- Thru-right lane on Sanger Ave leaving school
- Primarily used as right-only lane



- Convert thru-right to right-only
- No major impacts
- Removes need for two receiving lanes; potential for future curb extension
- Reduces conflict in receiving lanes
- No community comments

Recommendation

That the Board recommend that the Director of T&ES:

- ✓ Convert the southbound thru-right lane on Sanger Avenue to a right-only lane
- ✓ Eliminate the curbside eastbound lane on Sanger Avenue east of North Beauregard Street for up to 80 feet

Consideration of a Speed Limit Reduction and Parking Modifications in the Lynhaven Neighborhood to Support a Neighborhood Slow Zone

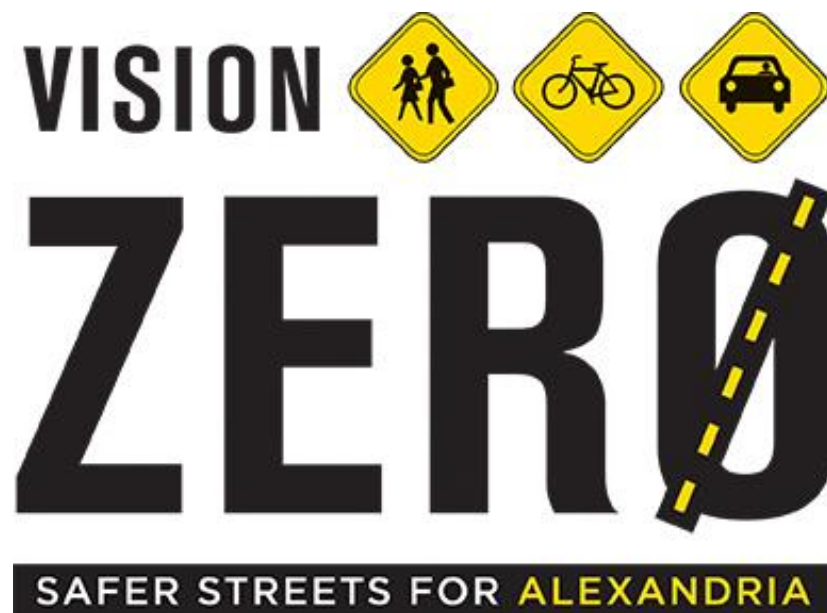
Agenda Item 7

Presenter: Alex Carroll



Background

- **Vision Zero Action Plan** recommends developing a Neighborhood Slow Zone Program
- **2022 City Council approval** of lower speed limits in business and residence districts



About Neighborhood Slow Zones

What is a Neighborhood Slow Zone?

- Designated areas designed for slower speeds
- High-crash areas or areas with sensitive land uses that draw vulnerable users
- Designed to be self-enforcing

Common Features

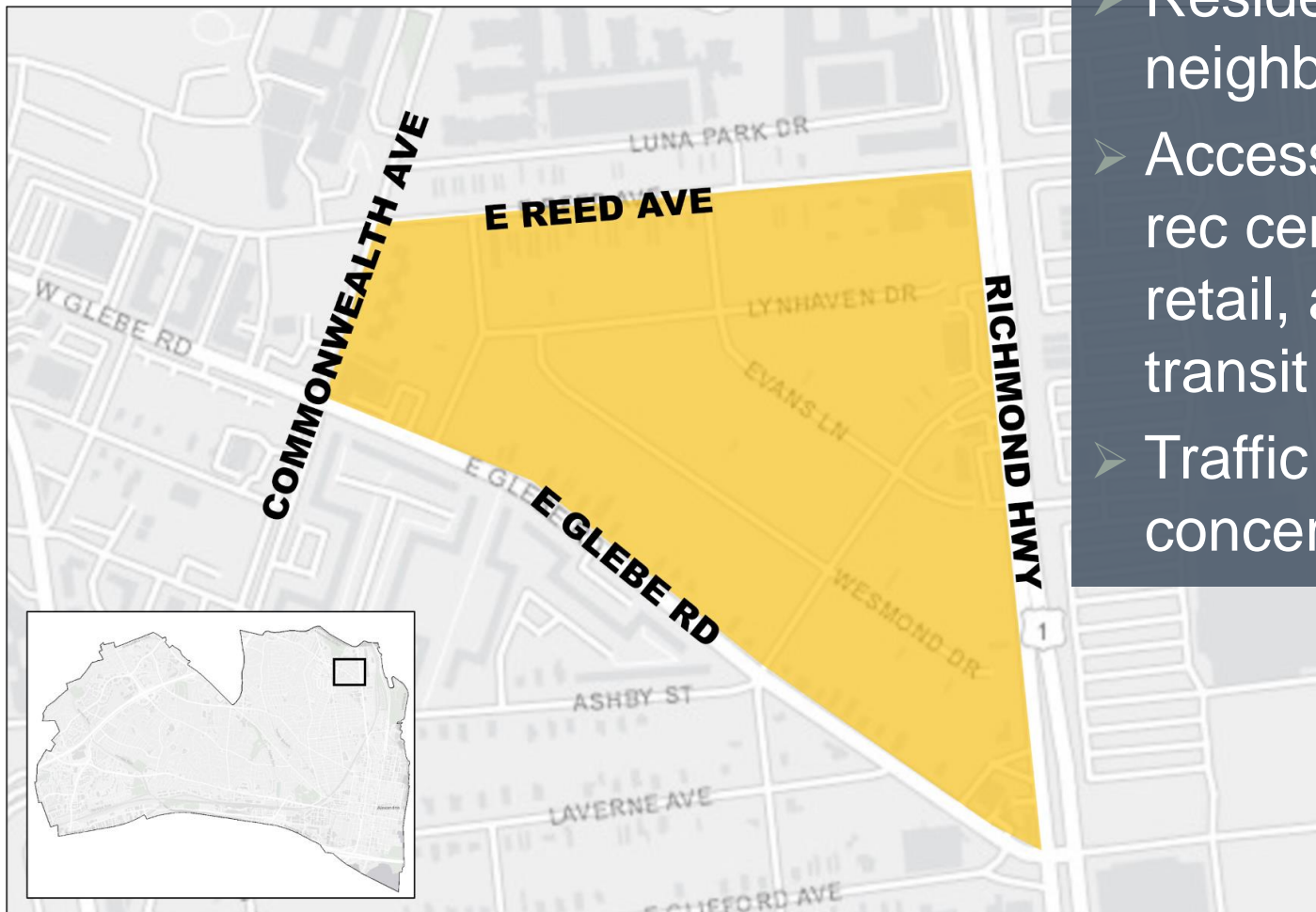
- Slower speed limits
- Gateway treatments
- Traffic calming

Alexandria Pilot Project

- Testing and program development




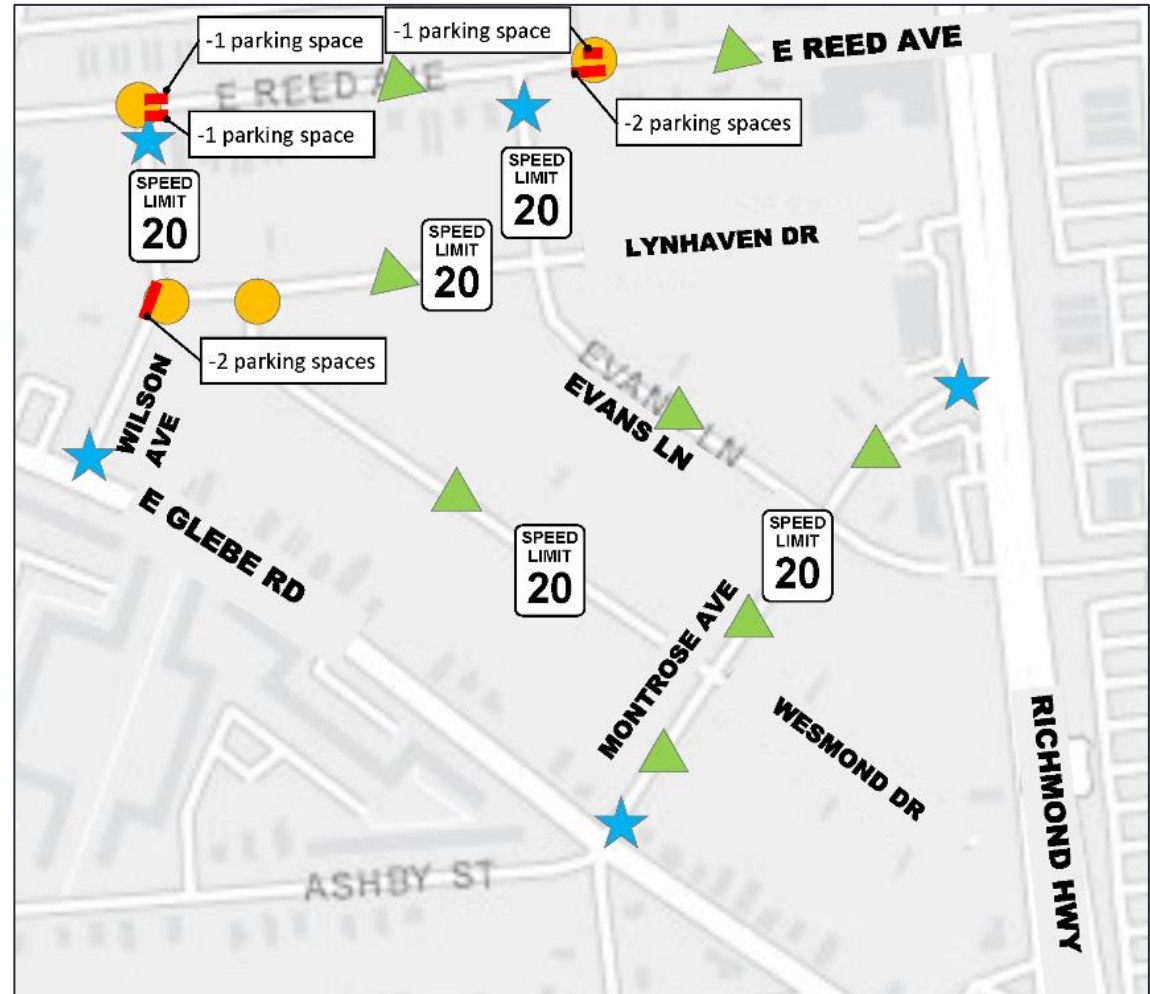
Lynhaven Neighborhood Slow Zone Pilot



- Residential neighborhood
- Access to school, rec center, parks, retail, and public transit
- Traffic safety concerns

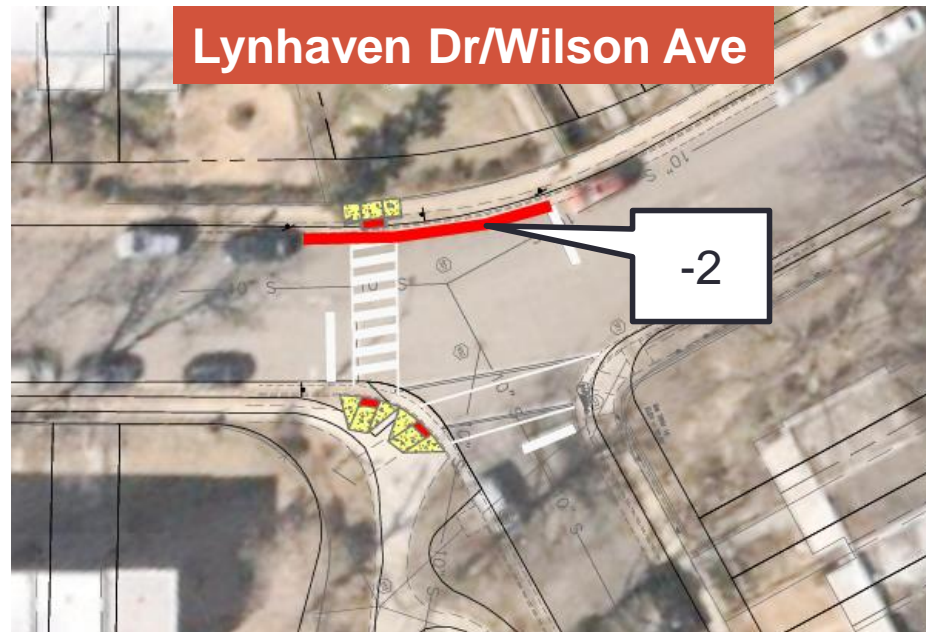
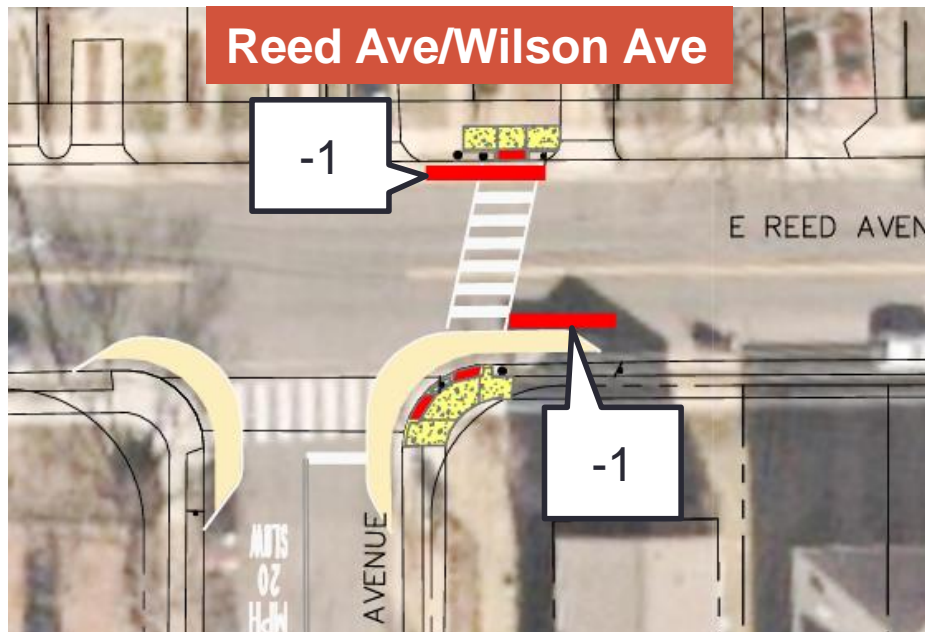
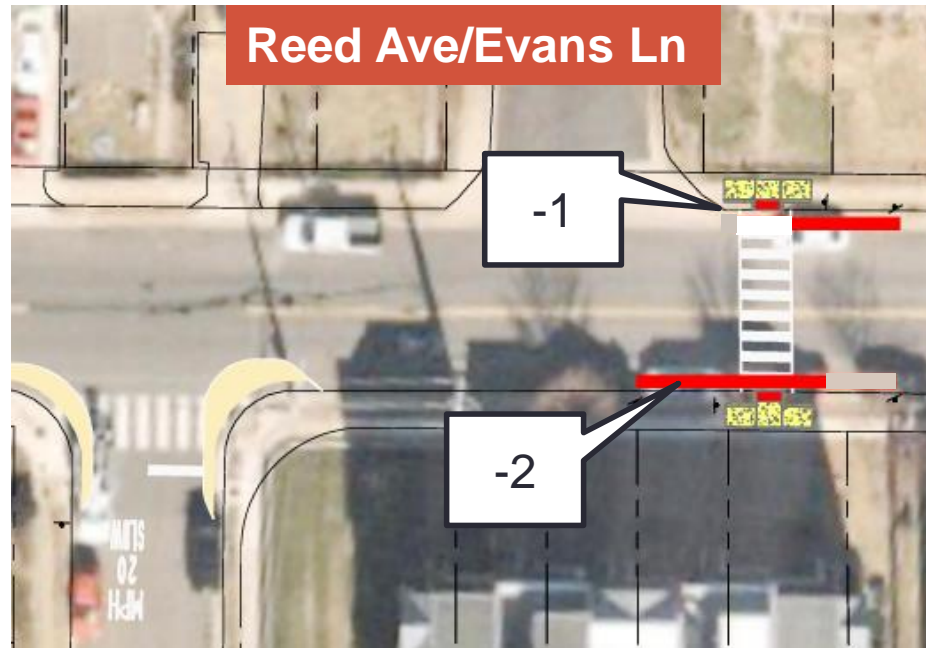
Proposed Improvements

- ★ Painted curb extension and gateway signs and markings
- New crosswalk
- ▲ Speed cushion
-  New speed limit
- Parking changes



Parking Impacts

- **7 parking spaces** proposed to be removed to daylight crosswalks and improve pedestrian safety




Community Outreach

Outreach Efforts


- ✓ Community meetings
- ✓ Flyers mailed to residents
- ✓ Information shared via citizens association


Community Feedback

- Concerns/Issues
 - Speed cushion concerns
 - Reduce parking impact
 - More improvements on East Reed Ave
- Endorsement from Lynhaven Citizens Association
- Overall broad support from residents



LYNHAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD SLOW ZONE PILOT PROJECT





Project Area


In 2021, the City began the Lynhaven Neighborhood Slow Zone Pilot Project to respond to past neighborhood concerns about traffic safety. The purpose of this project is to create a "neighborhood slow zone" to encourage safer, more welcoming streets in Lynhaven. This project includes two changes that must be reviewed by the City's Traffic & Parking Board:

Lower Speed Limit:
To encourage slower speeds in the neighborhood, the City is proposing a 20 MPH speed limit for Montrose Ave, Wesmond Dr, Evans Ln, Wilson Ave, and Lynhaven Dr.

New Crosswalks & Parking Changes:
This project includes new crosswalks to make it easier and safer to walk to parks, the school, bus stops, and around the neighborhood. To ensure visibility of people using the crosswalks, some on-street parking is recommended to be removed. The proposed parking removals are shown in the enclosed map. The detailed design plans are also available on the project webpage, linked below.

A public hearing will take place at the [March 27 Traffic & Parking Board meeting](#). Please send any comments to Alexandria.Carroll@alexandriava.gov by [March 3](#). Residents are also invited to participate at the public hearing either in person or via Zoom.

Example of a Neighborhood Slow Zone



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Additional Information:

Traffic & Parking Board Public Hearing:
alexandriava.gov/TrafficParkingBoard

Lynhaven Slow Zone Project Webpage:
alexandriava.gov/go/2928

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Recommendation

That the Board recommend that the Director of T&ES:

- ✓ Reduce the posted speed limit from 25 to 20 mph on Montrose Avenue, Wesmond Drive, Evans Lane, Wilson Avenue, and Lynhaven Drive
- ✓ Remove 7 parking spaces in the Lynhaven neighborhood to improve pedestrian safety

Code Amendment – Curb Cuts

Agenda Item 8

Presenter: Alex Boulden



Goals of Proposed Code Modifications

- Streamline the review process while ensuring city standards are met
- Delegates the approval authority to Director of T&ES or any designated agent. Authority currently resides with the City Managers Office.
- Modifies the appeal process to include only curb cuts that do not meet City standards.

Appeal Process

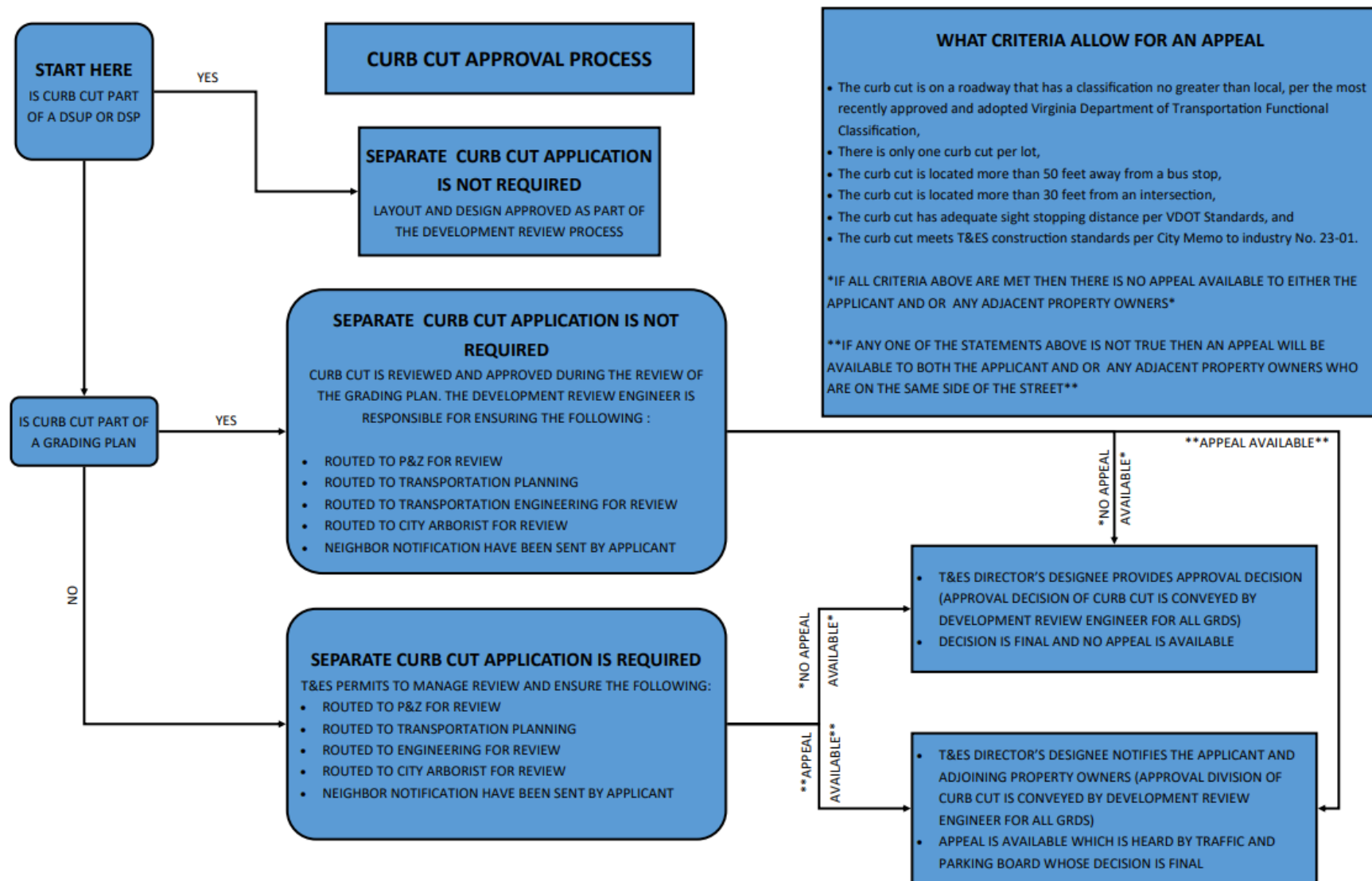
Appeals to the Traffic and Parking Board will be available only to proposed curb cuts that do not meet all the following criteria

- The curb cut is on a roadway that has a classification no greater than local per the most recently approved and adopted VDOT's Functional Classification
- One Curb cut per lot
- Curb Cut is located greater than 50' away from a bus stop
- Curb Cut is located greater than 30' from an intersection
- Curb Cut has adequate sight stopping distance per Virginia Department of Transportation Standards
- Curb Cut Meets T&ES Construction Standards

Modifications to Workflow

- No changes to the workflow for curb cuts proposed on DSUPs and DSPs
- A separate curb cut application will not be required for Curb Cuts proposed in associations with a Grading Plan
- No changes to the workflow for Curb Cuts proposed with a stand alone Curb Cut Application

Modified Curb Cut Ordinance Workflow



Recommendation

That the Board makes a recommendation to the City Council to amend and reordain Section 5-2-14 of Article A (GENERAL PROVISIONS) of Chapter 2 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Information Items

STAFF UPDATES

COMMISSIONER UPDATES