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Hello Neighbors!

We have important information about proposed changes for Duke Street, which will affect everyone in our neighborhood, and there is an opportunity to voice your opinion about these changes. These changes include adding bus lanes by removing lanes for cars and creating an unprotected bike lane. Please be sure to read this carefully!!

## WHAT: Duke St Transitway advisory group meeting

## WHEN: Thursday, June 30, 2022 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

## WHERE: Alexandria Police Department Community Room-3600 Wheeler Av, 1st Floor

Here are the **key elements of the 2012 feasibility study for the West End**, which have been summarized by one of the representatives to the advisory group:

**From Landmark to Jordan**, where the road currently is six lanes across: The curb lanes in both directions would become bus-only, leaving two lanes each direction for cars.  An unprotected bike lane would be created between the bus lane and the middle lane for cars.

**From just beyond Jordan to just before Wheeler**: The second phase of the project would widen Duke Street to add a fifth lane.  The curb lanes would become bus-only.  The lanes just inside them (i.e., one lane in each direction) would be for cars and the middle fifth lane would reverse direction to match rush-hour traffic flow and also allow cars. This would require installation of overhead, digital signage to indicate the reversible lane's current direction.

Furthermore, bus-only lanes would carry restrictions similar to the HOV lanes on Rt. 1 through Old Town.  Those rules state that a car which needs to turn may be in the HOV lane for *one block only*.

If you cannot attend the meeting in person, you may email Hillary Orr (hillary.orr@alexandriava.gov) and Christopher Zieman (christopher.ziemann@alexandriava.gov) to obtain a Zoom link.

From now until July 11, Hillary Orr and Chris Ziemann are the points of contact for the Duke Street project. Starting July 11, Jennifer Slesinger-Monaco will take over as project manager: jennifer.slesinger@alexandriava.gov.

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