



VOTING SESSION /WORK SESSION NOTES

Bill: 21-0117

Termination of Administrative Parking Regulations - Peak Hour Parking Restrictions

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: April 19, 2022

Time (Beginning): 2:00 PM

Time (Ending): 2:38 PM

Location: Virtual WEBEX

Total Attendance: Approximately 20

Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock Mark Conway Ryan Dorsey Antonio Glover Robert Stokes Odette Ramos

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| Bill Synopsis in the file? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> n/a |
| Attendance sheet in the file? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> n/a |
| Agency reports read?..... | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> n/a |
| Video or audio-digitally recorded?..... | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> n/a |
| Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a |
| Evidence of notification to property owners?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a |
| Final vote taken at this hearing? | <input type="checkbox"/> yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> n/a |
| Motioned by:..... | Councilmember | | |
| Seconded by:..... | Councilmember | | |
| Final Vote:..... | | | |

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Councilmember Odette Ramos
- Graham Young, Complete Streets Manager, Department of Transportation
- Liam Davis, Department of Transportation

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairwoman Middleton opened the meeting, introduced committee members and City representatives and read the bill into the record.
2. Councilmember Ramos explained the purpose of the bill. She emphasized that proposed changes will help to calm traffic.
3. Liam Davis presented the Department of Transportation's (DOT) report. He indicated that DOT prefers that changes, as those proposed in the bill, not be legislative. DOT is committed to making recommendations and certain changes. Maryland House Bill 53 was approved and authorizes Baltimore City to roll-out automated bus lanes at the appropriate time. One major concern is that if peak hour restrictions are lifted and residents become acclimated to parking in the freed space, then DOT may have difficulty establishing dedicated bus lanes.
4. The committee discussed traffic calming, dedicated bus-lanes, freed spaces, left-turns, allowing parking for commercial areas, protecting customers access to businesses, and removal of parking restrictions in south-bound and north bound lanes.
5. Councilmember Dorsey shared information about the benefits to be gained from removal of peak hour restrictions whether by ordinance or administrative action. He emphasized that there needs to be better enforcement of parking violations.
6. Councilmember Stokes wanted to know if DOT and the business community have had discussions about how traffic in bus lanes impact safety, businesses and traffic speeds.
7. Councilmember Middleton asked about dedicated full-time parking. Liam Davis indicated that certain areas are being reviewed for full-time parking.
8. Councilmember Mark Conway inquired about traffic maneuvers around parking lanes and any potential for problems.
9. Graham Young provided information about peak hour parking. He indicated that a preliminary report was done. He will submit the report to the committee. He provided data and recommendations for parking restrictions in the 14th district. He also spoke about a pilot bus lane project in the 4th district. DOT is committed to removing the restrictions proposed in the bill, except those on Greenmount and 33rd Street. DOT is committed to removing certain peak hour parking restrictions.
10. The committee reviewed amendments. The sponsor and DOT will have further discussions about amendments. DOT will provide the sponsor with the preliminary report.
11. The hearing was recessed.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

Sharon Green Middleton, Chair
John Bullock:
Mark Conway:
Ryan Dorsey:
Antonio Glover:
Robert Stokes:
Odette Ramos:

Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff

Date: April 20, 2022

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