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Mayor and City Council City of Annapolis 160 Duke of Gloucester St. Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Petitions To Extend Residential Parking Hours in Districts 3 and 4 RECOMMENDATION OF SUPPORT

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

In April 2016, the Annapolis Transportation Board received two petitions from the President's and Murray Hill Residents Associations for changes to portions of the special parking districts 3 and 4 that border West Street. The petitions read:

President's Hill: "We, the undersigned residents and property owners of Special Residential Parking District 4, request that the City of Annapolis amend the City Code Chapter 12.32.180 to limit parking on Hill Street, Jefferson Place, Madison Place, and Munroe Court to two hours between the hours of eight a.m. and midnight, seven days a week, unless the vehicle parked within this area displays the special residential parking permit."

Murray Hill: "We, the undersigned residents of Murray Hill and Special Parking District 3 request that the City of Annapolis amend the City Code Chapter 12.32.17 to limit parking on Colonial Ave., Morris St., Murray Ave., and Lafayette St (between West St. and Southgate St.) to 2 hours between the hours of 8:00am and Midnight, 7 days per week, unless the vehicle parked within this district displays the Special Residential Parking Permit for District 3."

On April 22, 2016 the board deliberated and passed the following:

THE TRANSPORTATION BOARD SUPPORTS BOTH PETITIONS FOR EXTENSIONS OF THE HOURS REQUIRING RESIDENTIAL PARKING STICKERS.

Rationale: The section of West Street out to Westgate Circle has experienced significant revitalization over the last ten years becoming a vibrant residential, business and entertainment district, including two hotels. This increased activity extends beyond conventional working hours and has put substantial pressure on the ability of residents to find parking after work and on weekends.

The board finds the following:

- Many of the residents in the proposed modification areas have limited, if any off street parking.
- There is a significant supply of parking for visitors of the entertainment establishments in the Knighton and Park Place garages as well as some metered spaces on West Street.
- The requested changes are consistent with the constraints in Special Parking District 1 downtown, with which this area has now reached parity from a vitality standpoint.
- The petitioners have spent significant efforts to ensure that these changes are comprehensive in nature for the area.
- There is significant support for these petitions and as of this date, no opposing views.
- Anecdotally, some businesses are recommending that patrons use street space for longer term parking on weekends.
- The proposed extended hours do not detract from *transient* parking for business patrons.

The proposed changes will best balance the needs of residents, businesses and visitors by allowing limited 2 hour parking without a permit during the hours of highest demand.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, you can reach me at alex@teampline.org or 443-510-7297

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Transportation Board