



Capital Bikeshare Expansion in Alexandria

The City of Alexandria added eight Capital Bikeshare stations in Del Ray and Carlyle, doubling the size of the Capital Bikeshare system in Alexandria. Alexandria now has 16 stations throughout the City, making it even easier to explore our City and the region. With Capital Bikeshare, you can choose from over 300 stations in the region, and return a bike to any station near your destination.

The new stations are located at:

- Eisenhower Ave & Mill Race Lane
- Ballenger Ave & Dulany St
- Duke Street & John Carlyle St
- Mount Vernon Ave & East Nelson Ave
- Mount Vernon Ave & East Del Ray Ave
- Mount Vernon Ave & Kennedy St
- Monroe Ave & Leslie Ave
- Potomac Greens Drive & Slater's Lane

To sign up for Capital Bikeshare or learn more about the program visit www.capitalbikeshare.com.

For more information about Alexandria's transportation options visit www.alexandriava.gov/LocalMotion.

NOTICE Survey Results

The findings of a NOTICE survey of Alexandrians' opinions regarding development in North Old Town are consistent with the NOTICE Vision Statement for North Old Town issued in 2013. That statement called for respecting existing residential neighborhoods, redesign of the NRG power plant site that provides public access to and open views of the waterfront with all structures set back from the river bank, no industrial-type buildings, open spaces that afford activity at all times, and innovative and creative design that creates a sense of place. Respondents also said they would hold elected officials accountable for their decisions regarding development proposals in North Old Town.

When asked if they favored more or less development or if the current level of development was about right, 42.2% said the current level was about right, and 41.2% said there should be less development. Only 16.6% want more development.

The survey offered seven options for redevelopment of the NRG power plant site. The option for a small waterfront park with a mix of residential and commercial uses set back from the river received 53.3% approval. A specially designed waterfront park with open space received 36% support. Just over 6% wanted residential and commercial development up to the river with some open space. Respondents clearly favor some level of open space, and a majority supports some level of mixed residential and commercial use. In addition, 71.9% favored operation of a trolley on the existing rail line connecting with Old Town and areas of Alexandria to the north. When asked if an elected official's decision about the site's development would affect their vote in the next local election, 88.3% said, "Yes." Almost eighty percent said they would be more likely to vote for an elected official who supports creating a park of some sort on this site.

Questions about use of WMATA's bus garage site generated diverse responses, with 31.7% for mixed residential/commercial use with some park and open space. Next most popular at 27% was mixed use allowing residences and stores or offices. Next in

popularity at 14.3% and 13.7% respectively were residential townhouses and specially designed park and open space. Condos and apartments, single family homes, and commercial-only trailed with lower, single-digit support.

Opinions about redevelopment of the Giant/ABC site showed a similar, if slightly different, division. Mixed-use with some park or open space was supported by 32.6%. Mixed-use development for residences, stores, offices received 32.2% support. Commercial development for stores and offices was supported by 12.5%, while 11.2% supported a specially designed park and open space, and 6.9% supported townhouses. Single family homes and condos/apartments received negligible support.

These results reflect a broad range of opinions about optimal ways to develop and redevelop Alexandria's neighborhoods, with particular attention to our own North Old Town area. The fact that about 42 percent of respondents believe current levels are about right must be balanced against the 41 percent who would prefer less development and the 17 percent who believe we need more. We are an urban area and results seem to indicate that most people realize that. At the Giant/ABC site, for example, over 64% of respondents supported some sort of mixed-use development. Similarly at the NRG power plant site, approximately 36% supported park only use; over 50% support a smaller park with some mixed use development while retaining waterfront access for the public. In fact, support for moderate mixed-use development with some open space was often the most widely supported option. Under 2% supported single family development on any of the specific sites surveyed. Development that would be solely commercial or solely residential development also had relatively lower levels of support.

NOTICE received 478 responses to this survey. Of the respondents, 55.9% live in North Old Town; 15.9% live in other parts of Old Town; 28.5% live in another part of Alexandria. Almost all say they are registered voters, and 95.9% say they voted



NOTICE Survey Results Continued.... in the 2012 presidential election. Respondents were not scientifically selected. However, the respondents represent a wide range of ages. A majority of respondents (62%) have graduate degrees. Over 40% said they had a household income of \$150,000 or more. Only 20% still have children at home, full or part time. The fact that a high number of respondents took the time to respond to the survey gives NOTICE a high degree of confidence in the results.

To check the results for yourself, click on the link below. The numbers in that link will be slightly different from the results noted above because we have added to the on-line responses the responses given via paper copies of the survey distributed at the May NOTICE member meeting. The two sources did not offer significantly different results.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-PDPMM3B8/>

We thank Darrel Drury and Erik Olson for their help in developing this survey. The analysis of the results is the responsibility of NOTICE.

NOTE: The survey results will be a major topic of the NOTICE Community Meeting on Thursday, September 25, 7 p.m. at the Best Western Old Colony. Please mark your calendar. Details to follow.

Metroway Premium Bus Service Opens on the Crystal City-Potomac Yard Transitway

The Crystal City-Potomac Yard Transitway opened on August 24, with the introduction of WMATA's new "Metroway" service. The City of Alexandria and Arlington County are jointly constructing the Transitway, which will offer bus rapid transit features like those found in cities around the world. This project is the Washington metropolitan area's first right-of-way dedicated to premium bus operations, designed to encourage transit use along the heavily travelled Route 1 corridor as well as support residential and job growth in the area.

Metroway's bright blue buses travel between the Braddock Road and Crystal City Metro Stations, with stops in Potomac Yard. The Transitway features dedicated bus lanes and high-quality stations along Route 1 between Potomac Avenue and East Glebe Road. Metroway operates seven days a week, with buses every 12 minutes on weekdays and every 20 minutes on weekends.

- (Adapted from City of Alexandria News Release)

Alexandria Citizen Corps Council Host Community Preparedness and Awareness Forum on September 27th

As part of National Preparedness Month and Be Ready, Alexandria, the Alexandria Citizen Corps Council will host a community preparedness forum on Saturday 27, 2014. The Citizen Corps Council highlights it's First 72 (Hours) On You theme to raise awareness and collaboration among Alexandria residents and community leaders to prepare for natural and /or man-made disasters. Experts warn that the first 72 hours after a natural or man-made emergency will be a critical period to prepare as first responders may be overwhelmed in the immediate aftermath of an emergency.

Saturday, September 27 from 10:30 - 11:30 am at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave.

NOTICE is for you

We Inquire: *Staying connected with changes and issues that affect North Old Town.*

We Inform: *Circulate information to our members through newsletters and circulars, email and our website.*

We are Open: *Welcoming varying views of our role in North Old Town.*

We Discuss: *Remaining involved in finding alternative solutions and being tolerant of our neighbor's perspectives.*

We Meet: *Membership meeting three times a year, and a winter party in February.*

Membership - Join NOTICE

Single \$15, Family \$25, Sponsor \$50, Angel \$150+

NOTICE is a 501-C3 organization. Dues are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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Mail this form and payment to:

NOTICE; P.O. Box 25571; Alexandria, VA 22313

Events

12th annual King Street Art Festival

September 13
Saturday 10am-7pm
Sunday 10am-5pm
Free

King street, from the waterfront to Washington Street is transformed into an outdoor art gallery. Browse the artwork on display from over 200 artists.

73rd annual historic Alexandria homes tour

September 27
10am-3pm
\$35 in advance
\$40 on day

Six homes and gardens in Old Town, all in walking distance to each other will be open to the public. All tickets benefit the Alexandria Hospital
<http://www.thetwig.org/web/3805795/20>

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