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Board Adopts On-Street Parking Management Area Near Ashburn Metro Station; Public Hearing Set for March 9

During its March 1, 2022, meeting, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved a new On-Street Parking Management Area in the Moorefield Station neighborhood, which is adjacent to the Ashburn Metro Station. The Board's vote comes in preparation for the opening of Metrorail's Silver Line service in Loudoun County.

The Board approved an On-Street Parking Management Area specific to the Moorefield Station area, which includes the public roads generally bordered by Loudoun County Parkway, Old Ryan Road and Vinegar Hill Drive. The area consists of a new network of publicly maintained streets, which currently includes approximately 400 on-street parking spaces and is proposed to expand with future development to more than 800 on-street spaces. Within the new parking management area, there are two general categories of parking management: metered parking within the future mixed use development areas and a residential permit parking zone within the residential areas to help preserve on-street parking for residents. A residential permit parking zone is a defined area where on-street parking spaces are for the exclusive use of nearby residents and guests.

These programs are designed to promote the use of the Ashburn Station South garage by Metrorail riders in order to preserve neighborhood parking for use by current and future Moorefield Station residents and businesses. The Ashburn Station South garage will provide 1,540 parking spaces and has vehicular and pedestrian access to Silver Train Street and Croson Lane. The daily fee for parking in the garage is \$4.95.

Following input from and collaboration with residents and homeowners association representatives, the Board considered and approved a parking plan for the neighborhood that balances the residents' needs with future operations of the nearby Metro station, as well as the overall cost of the program. The adopted parking plan includes a sufficient number of multi-space metered kiosks for businesses, residents and visitors without oversaturating the neighborhoods with kiosks. Only electronic payments by debit or credit card are accepted for on-street parking and permits. The inclusion of a residential parking zone within the On-Street Parking Management Area is intended to discourage Metro riders and business patrons from parking in front of residential properties. Parking enforcement will be in effect from 6:00 am. to 6:00 p.m., seven days a week.

Public Hearing Regarding Parking Rates: March 9

Residents will have the option to purchase parking passes at a cost to be determined by the Board, which will allow residents to park on public streets within the residential parking zone by permit. The Board will consider a \$10 per year fee for each resident parking pass, which is consistent with the fee for other parking management programs in the county.

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To establish hourly rates for on-street metered parking, the Board of Supervisors must amend the county's <u>parking meter ordinance</u>. The proposed parking meter rates within the On-Street Parking Management Area in the Moorefield Station neighborhood are \$1.25 per hour (off-peak hours) and \$1.75 per hour (peak hours).

Members of the public may provide input to the Board on the proposed parking rates during a public hearing scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m., March 9, 2022. To view the meeting agenda, read staff reports, and to watch the meeting live, visit <u>loudoun.gov/meetings</u>. Information on how to provide comment, or to sign up to speak during the meeting is online <u>here</u>.

More Information

For more information about the Moorefield Station On-Street Parking Management Area and to sign up to receive email and text updates, visit <u>loudoun.gov/moorefieldstationparking</u>.