



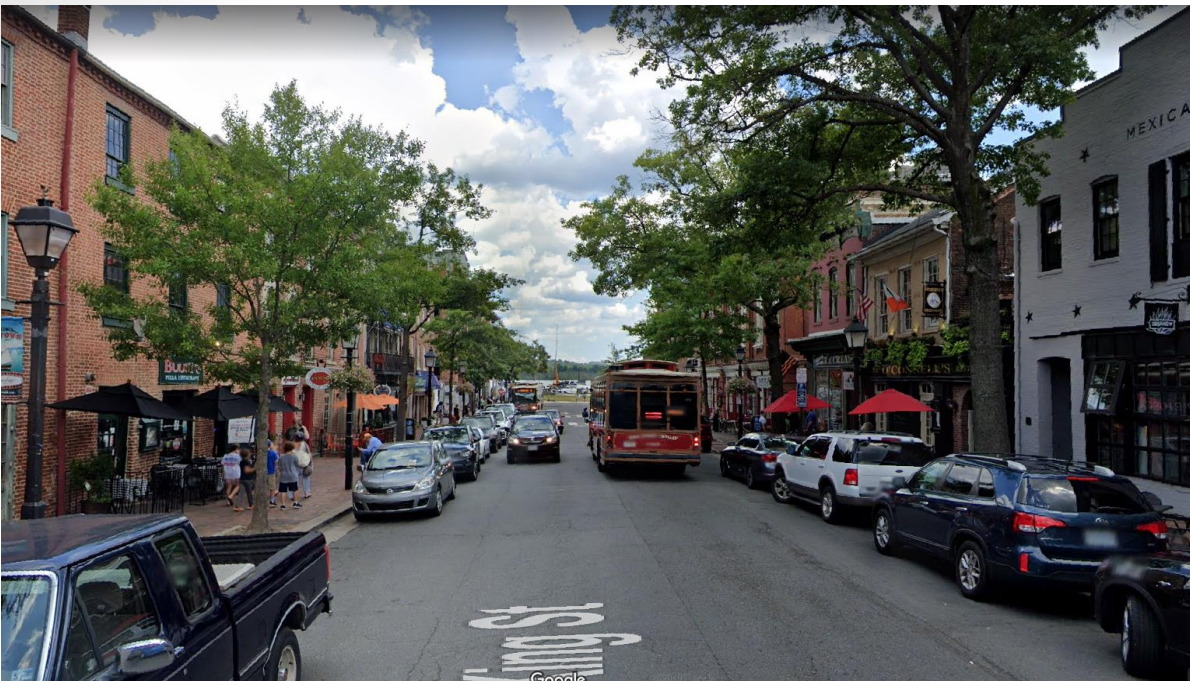
Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Closure of the 100 Block of King Street to Vehicular Traffic

City Council

October 12, 2021

Background

- 2015 Lower King Street Multi-modal Feasibility Study
- 2019/early 2020 – King Street Place concept
 - hybrid concept with one travel lane open
- May 2020 – Closed 100 block of King Street to all car traffic
 - Businesses permitted to use parking lane and sidewalk for restaurant or retail use



July 2019

Google
Streetview



**September
2020**

Credit: Chris
Cruz for Visit
Alexandria



Transportation Impacts

- Traffic - Estimates of traffic volumes (2021 vs. 2019)*
 - Decreases in average daily volume on 100-600 blocks of Cameron, King, Prince, and Duke Streets
 - Increase in Friday-Sunday evening trips in Waterfront area
- Parking
 - Parking is returning to pre-pandemic levels
 - Increase in daily garage parkers but decrease in monthly parkers

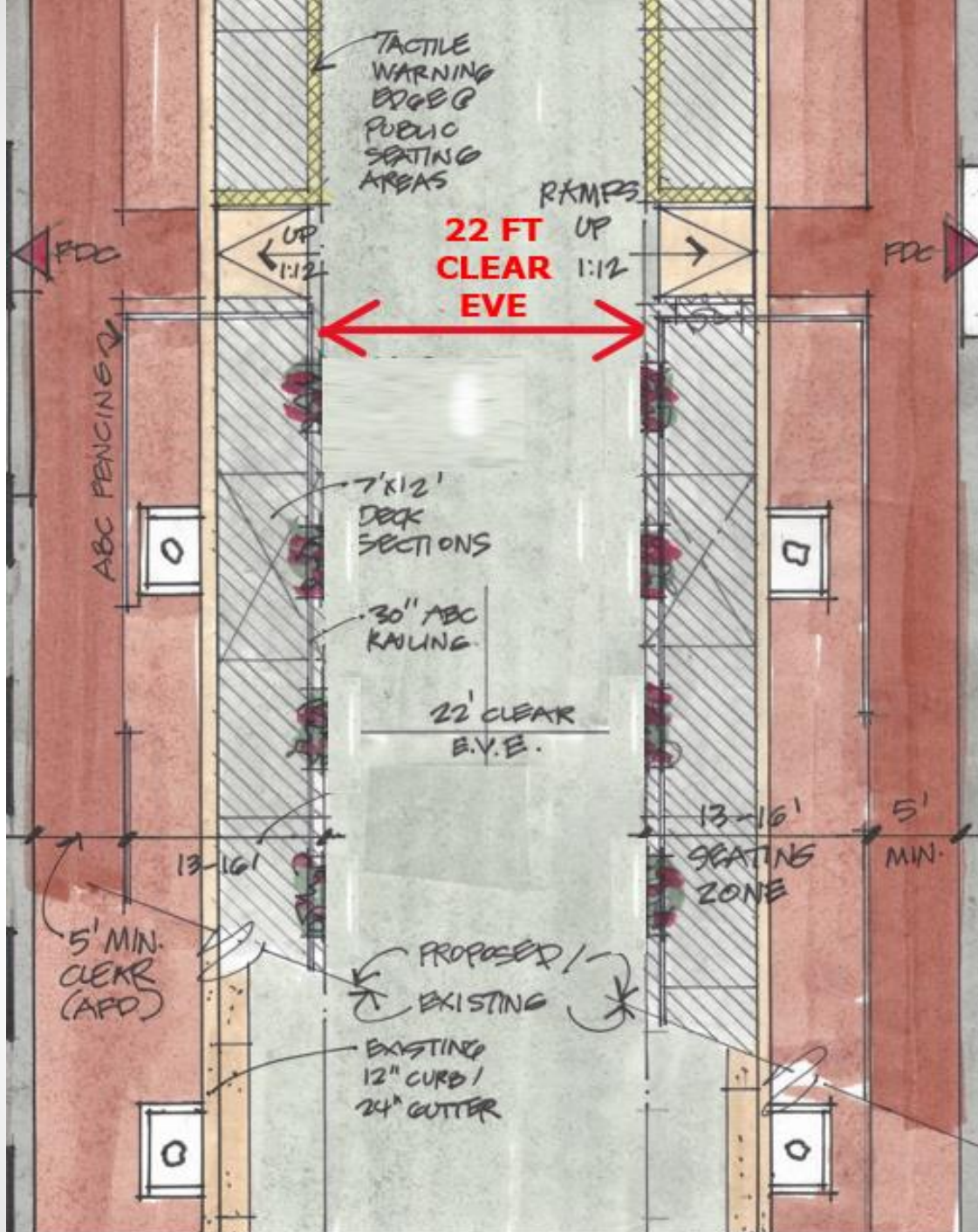


Community Feedback

Feedback Form: **2,776 responses** (86% residents, 11% visitors, 3% businesses)

- **88%** had a **positive to very positive** response to Quality of Experience on the 100 Block of King
- **91%** indicated they were **more likely** to go to a restaurant with outdoor seating
- **92%** of residents & visitors indicated they **would like to see the program continue**

Design Concept



- Maintain 22 ft clear EVE
- Add 5 ft minimum clear path on both sidewalks
- Allow businesses to use remaining sidewalk and parking lane through permit process
- Improved barricades and seating areas



Recommendation

- Set the Ordinance for public hearing on Saturday, October 16, 2021
- Approve the Ordinance after public hearing