John J. Tecklenburg
Mayor

Robert Somerville
Interim Director

City of Charleston
South Carolina
Department of Traffic & Transportation

Traffic & Transportation Committee
Grace on the Ashley Baptist Church
2014 Bees Ferry Road
Tuesday, October 11, 2016 4:00 p.m.

Chair, Councilmember Michael Seekings
Vice-Chair, Councilmember Marvin Wagner
Councilmember William Moody, Jr.
Councilmember Kathleen Wilson
Mayor John J. Tecklenburg

AGENDA

1.	Invocation	Councilmember Moody
2.	Approval of Minutes *(Deferred)*	September 27, 2016
3.	Resolution Approval - Approve a Resolution to demonstrate support and approval of a temporary carriage route pilot program developed by the several neighborhood associations and the carriage industry.	Janie Borden
4.	Discussion	

A RESOLUTION

TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT AND APPROVAL OF A TEMPORARY CARRIAGE ROUTE PILOT PROGRAM DEVELOPED BY SEVERAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS AND THE CARRIAGE INDUSTRY.

WHEREAS, the number of tourists coming to the city in recent years has increased dramatically, and it is in the public interest that sightseeing vehicles, including horse drawn carriages which travel in the old city district and old and historic district of the city be regulated under the police power of the city; and,

WHEREAS, the carriage routes currently being utilized in the City were created and approved by City Council over 33 years ago, in 1983.

WHEREAS, representatives from the carriage impacted neighborhood associations of Charlestowne, Ansonborough, and French Quarter have had a series of meetings with the carriage companies to seek compromises and solutions to address the negative carriage tour impacts on their neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, this very serious and deliberative effort of the neighborhood association representatives and the carriage industry representatives has resulted in an agreed upon proposed 60 day pilot program which alters the carriage tour route regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the neighborhood associations and the carriage companies wish to implement their approved route changes on a 60 day trial basis prior to City Council being asked to officially change the ordinance. This will allow everyone to see whether the proposed changes will indeed be an improvement, to assess any negative impacts, and to allow further refinement of the ordinance as necessary; and,

WHEREAS, these changes, if successful, will be implemented by ordinance at the end of the 60 day trial and evaluation period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, THAT THE CITY SUPPORTS AND APPROVES THE TEMPORARY CARRIAGE ROUTE PILOT PROGRAM ATTACHED HERETOFORE AS EXHIBIT A TO COMMENCE

ON MARCH 1, 2017 AND TO TERMINATE ON APRIL 30, 2017 OR WHEN TERMINATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE LIVABILITY WHICH EVER OCCURS FIRST.

Ratified in City Council this _____ day of _____ in the Year of Our Lord, 2016, and in the _____th Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By: _____
John J. Tecklenburg
Mayor, City of Charleston

ATTEST: _____
Vanessa Turner Maybank
Clerk of Council

Exhibit A

60-Day Horse Carriage Tour Trial Program

1) Zone 5 will have 30 medallions distributed among the five (5) carriage tour companies. Each company will be limited to 120 Zone 5 tours per calendar month. Carriage companies will keep the Zone 5 medallions. A notice of tour slip will be completed and delivered to the City Medallion Gate within 5 minutes of a Zone 5 tour departure to make sure that the medallions are not used more than the number of times allowed. Penalties will be provided for loss or misuse of medallions.

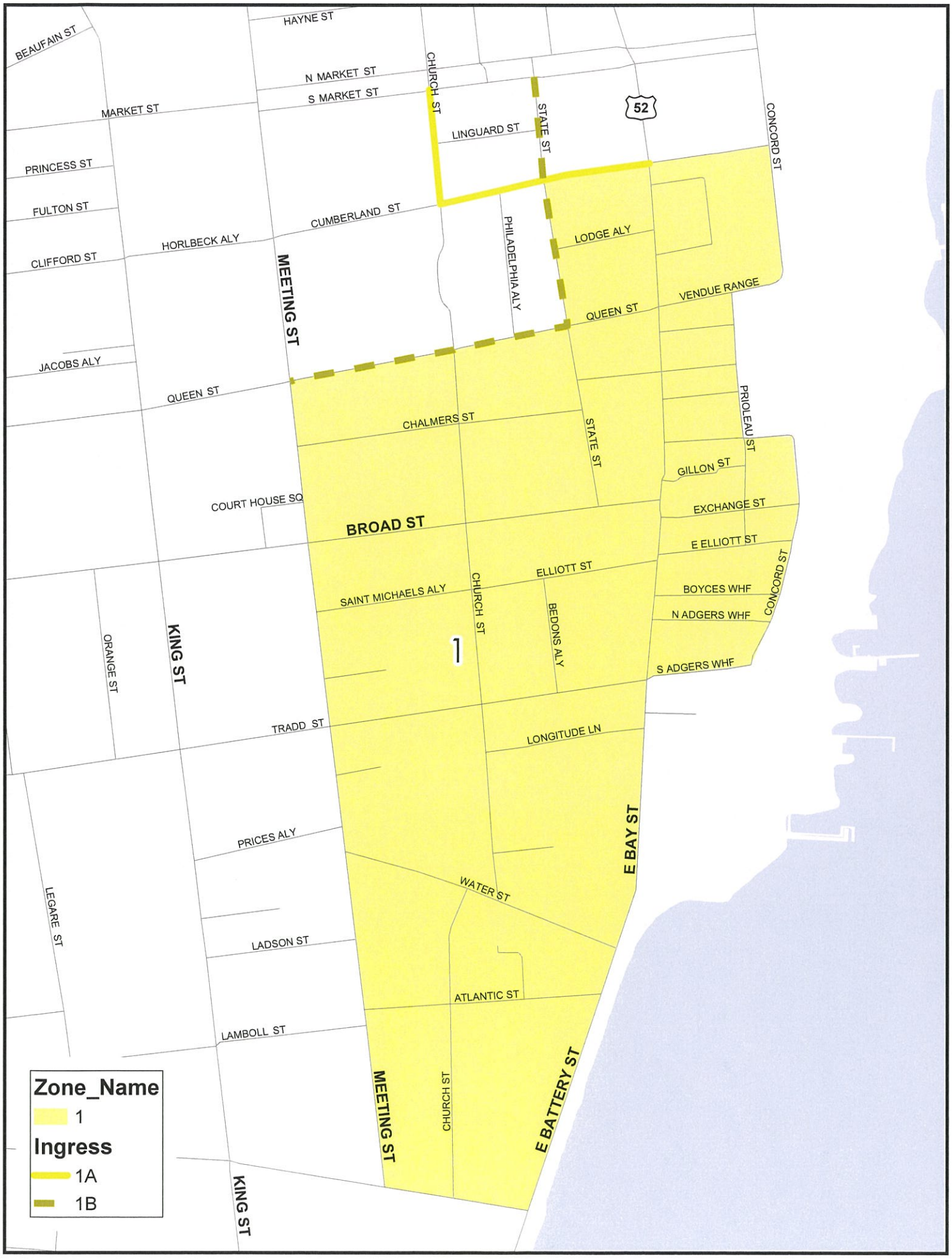
2) Zone 4 will be used as a part of a relief valve system. Zone 4 balls will be put in the medallion selection machine on City holidays, the 30 busiest days of the year as determined by the industry, and such other days as the Director of Livability and Tourism deem necessary. An exchange of one Zone 5 medallion for a Zone 4 medallion will be allowed once per day.

3) The gatekeeper will alternate between A and B medallions which will provide a different route for exiting the gatekeeper area and entering into the zones. These new A and B routes are set forth on the attached maps that are hereby be incorporated by reference.

4) To avoid multiple carriages from being sent out in succession on the same path, the gatekeeper will keep drawing balls until a different zone is drawn, unless all of the balls left are of the same zone.

5) In order to accommodate the new A and B routes, it is necessary to remove the prohibition on carriages on Meeting Street and Broad Street during the time period of 4 pm to 6 pm. Carriages will not be going the entire length of these streets, but must be on these streets for short periods to enter the A and B zones.

6) The departure time for the last carriage leaving the gate will be 4:15 pm Eastern Standard Time and 5:15 pm in Daylight Savings Time. All tour medallions must be returned to the gate within 75 minutes of receipt.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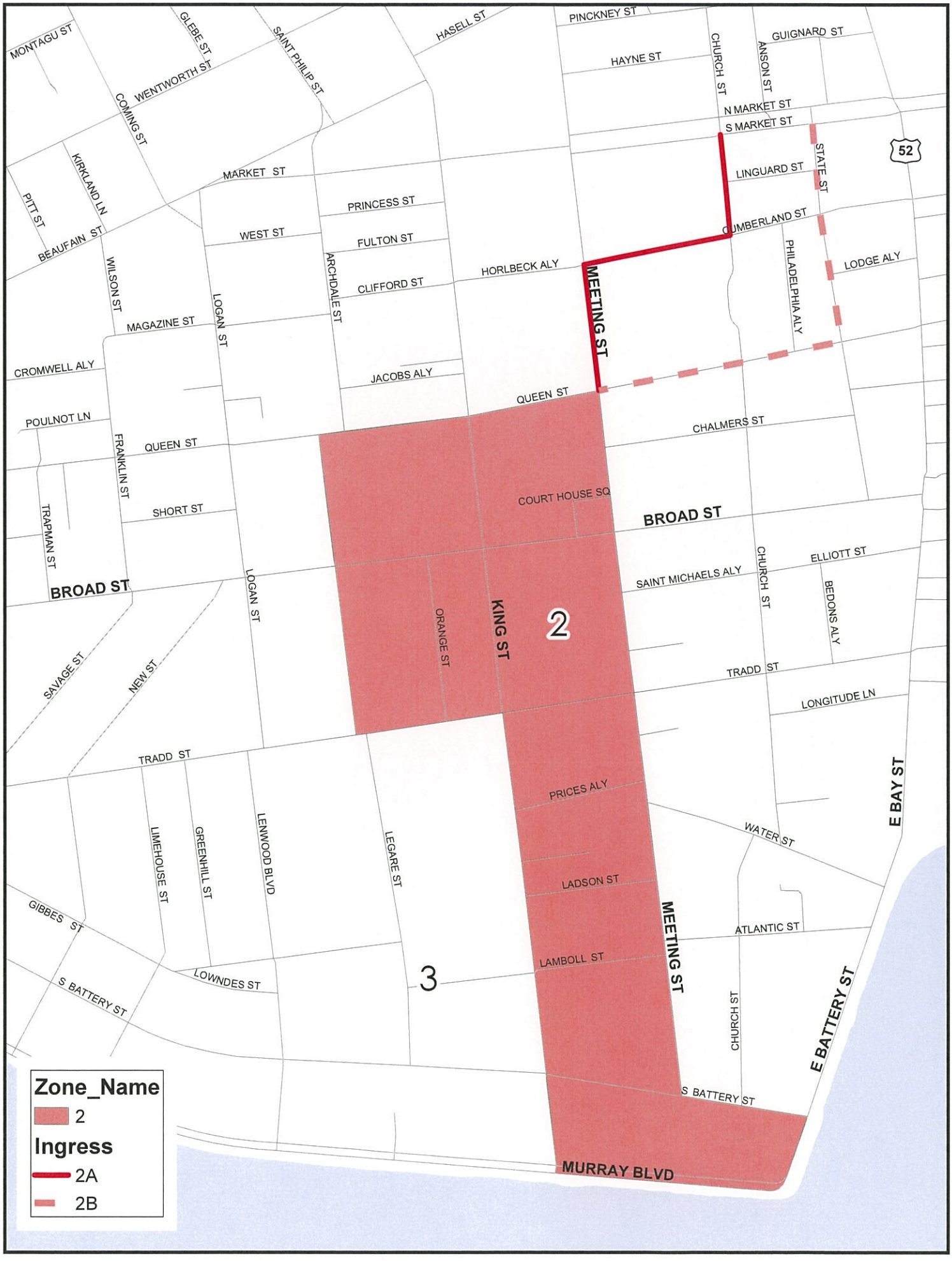
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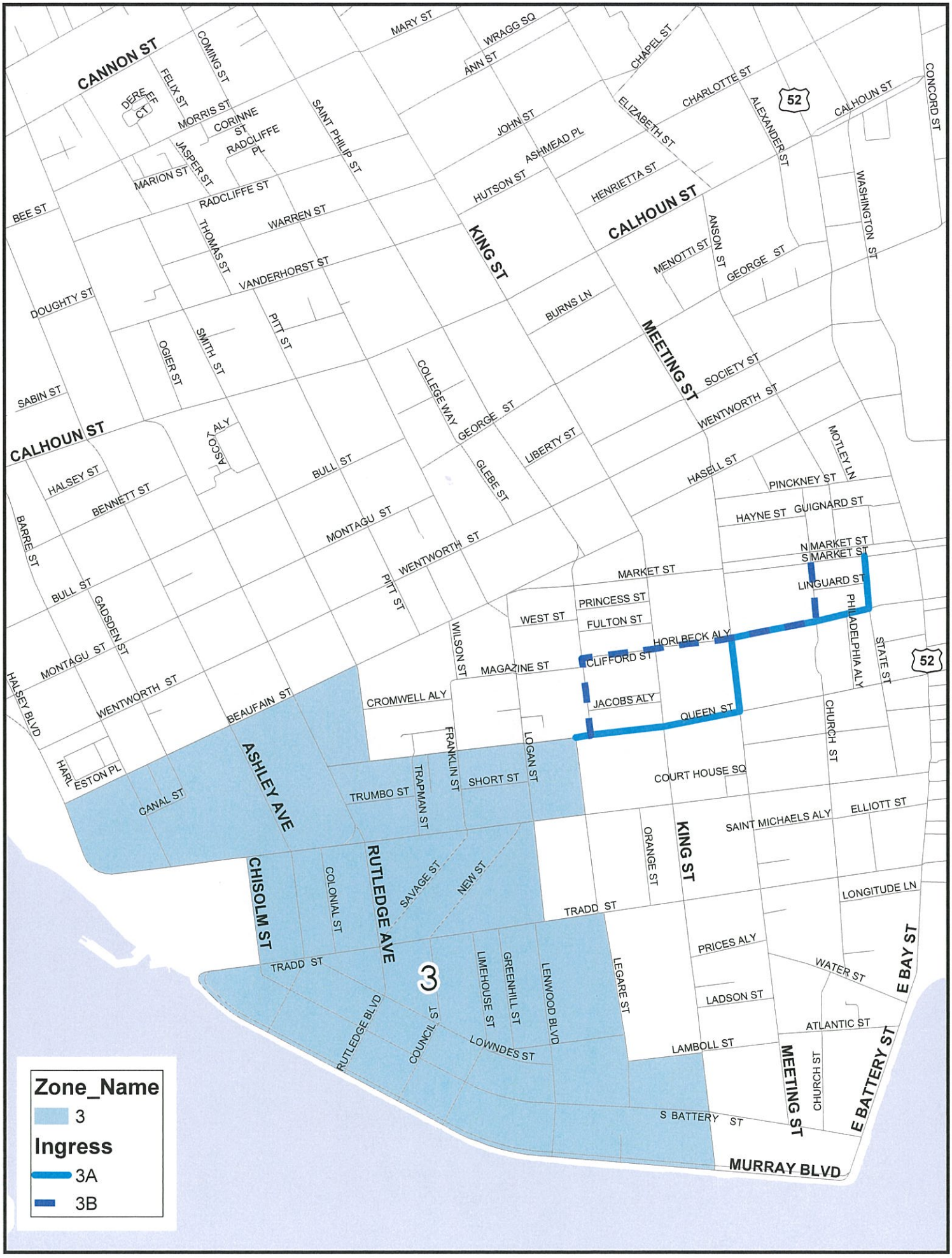
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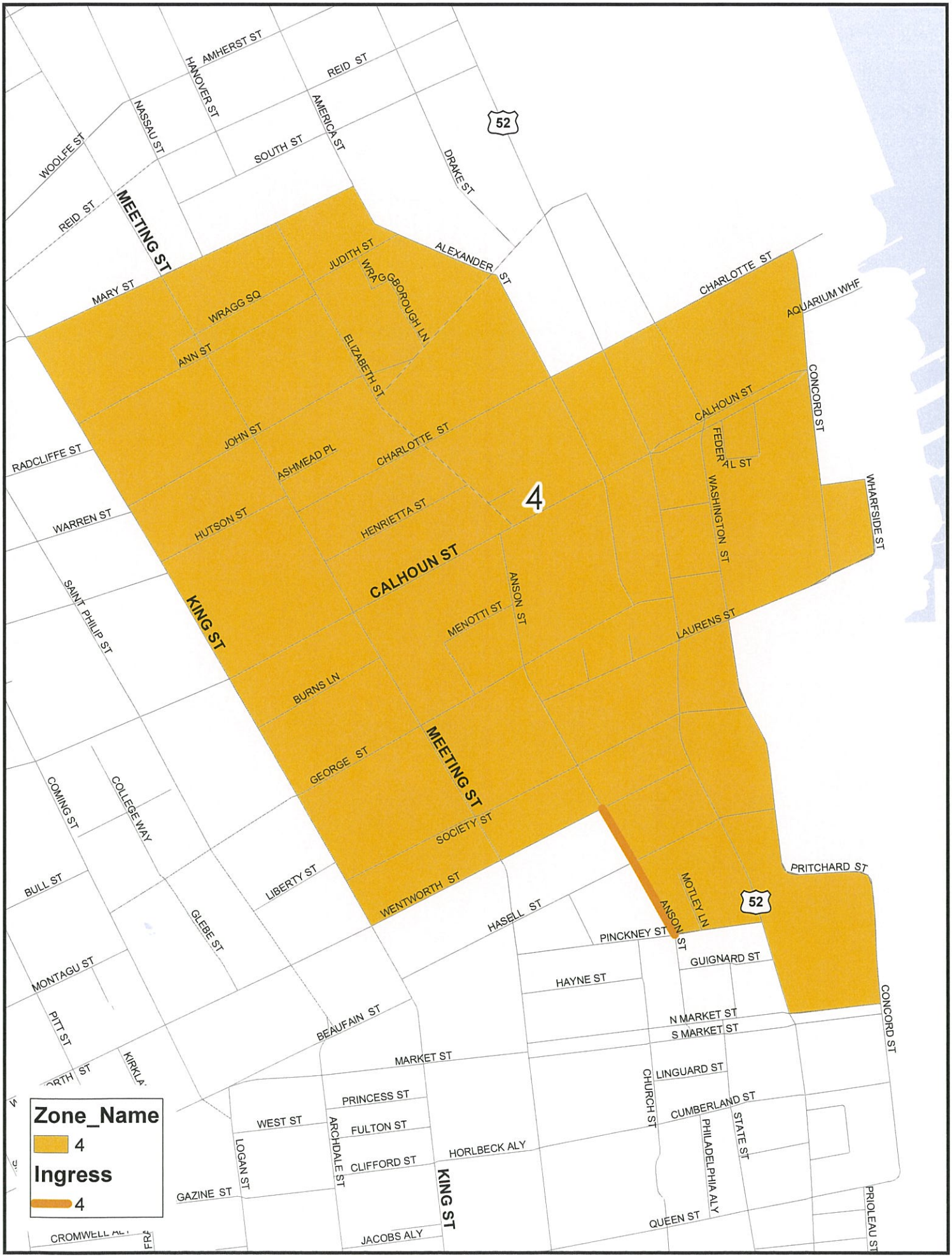
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