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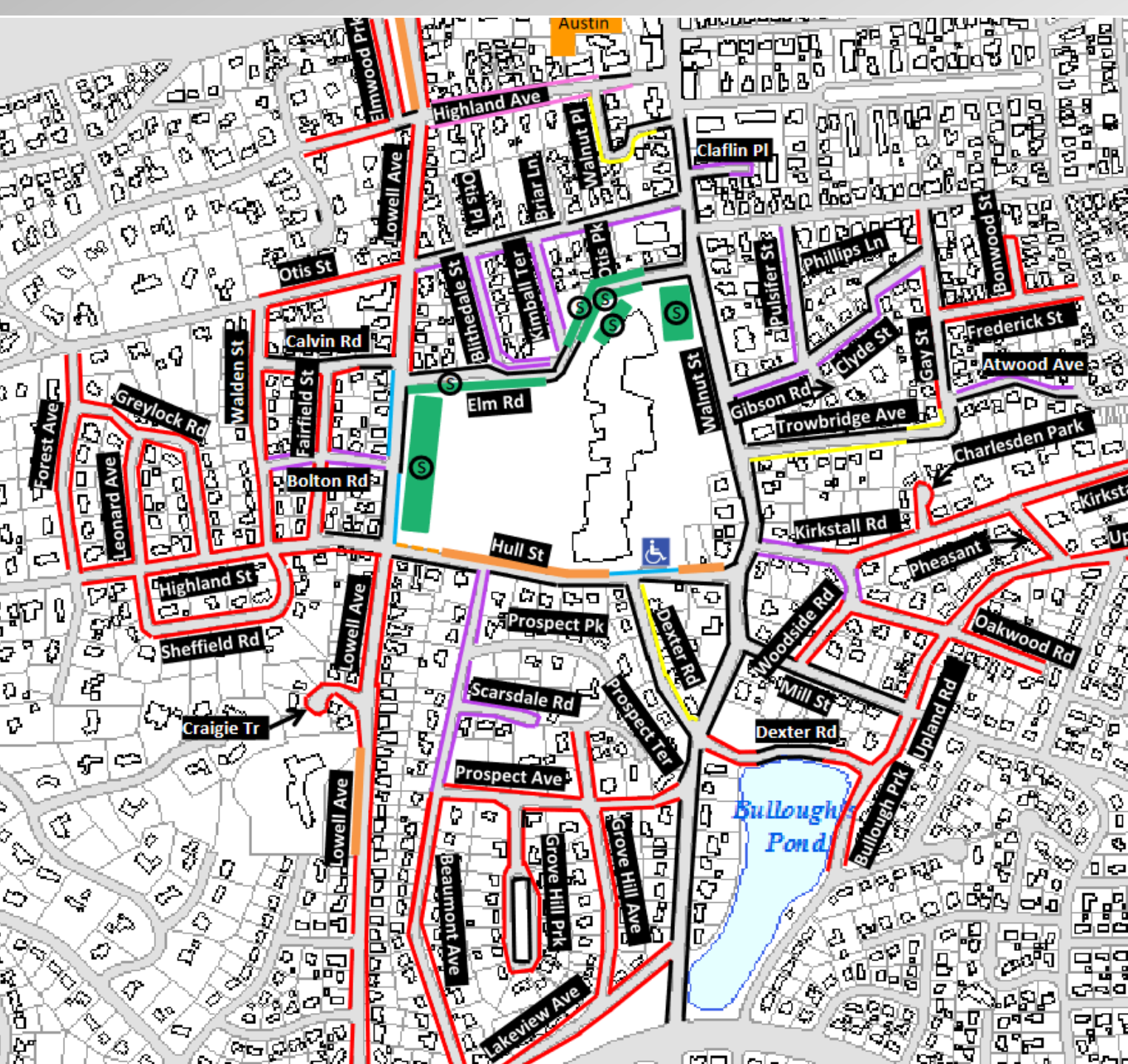
Review and potential changes to the Tiger Parking Permit Program

# Docketed Item

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**#293-22 COUNCILORS BOWMAN, ALBRIGHT, DOWNS, NORTON, OLIVER, AND DANBERG seeking a review and potential amendment to the Tiger Parking Permit Program (Sec. TPR-204. Newton North High School Tiger Parking Permits) including a review of the number of permits issued, the lottery process for permits and locations included in the Tiger Parking Permit Program and potential amendment to the fees associated with the Tiger Parking Permit Program.**



**Ne#293-22  
Newtonville  
Neighborhood  
Parking  
District**

*current through the  
2.17.22 vote of the  
Newton Traffic Council*

*Notes on reverse side*

**LEGEND**

- TIGER Permit Only 7AM-4PM,
- - - TIGER Permit-AM; Bus Zone-PM
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- pickup drop off zone
- Ⓞ NNHS Staff Only 7AM-4PM

# Designated Student TIGER Permit Parking Areas

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# Comparison of Student Parking Permits at Newton North & Newton South

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	Newton North High School	Newton South High School
Name of student parking permit	TIGER Permit	Newton South High School Student Parking Permit
Number of student parking permits issued	150 (each permit can be used one of four in specified areas)	145 (each permit is valid in a specific parking spot)
Appx. # of reserved student parking spaces	96, excluding the Austin Street Lot	145
Permits issued compared with reserved spaces	54 more permits issued when compared with reserved spaces	Equal. Permits are for assigned spaces, which are all numbered
Cost of student parking permit	\$25/year	\$175 each semester (\$350 per year)
Where does the parking fee revenue go?	City General Fund	Newton Public Schools
Who issues the student parking permits?	NPD, Traffic Bureau	High School Administration

# Comparison of Student Parking Permits at North & South (continued)

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	Newton North High School	Newton South High School
Process for distributing student parking permits	Lottery with priority given to seniors, at beginning of each school year. Must have a license and car by August. Not based on student address.	Lottery for seniors only, each semester. Not based on student address
When do permits generally sell out?	Every fall. More than 150 Seniors applied last August. Administration does not currently keep any extra TIGER permits for special circumstances	Usually sell out immediately. Deans keep 4 Student Parking Permits to use for special circumstances
Location of student permit parking areas	Specified areas surrounding the school. 1-5 minute walk distance	On-campus, in student parking lot
Does permit guarantee a parking space?	<b>No</b> , however the Austin St Lot currently has significant availability	<b>Yes</b>
In practice, is a space available every day?	Yes, many students with TIGER permits do not park in these areas every day	<b>Yes, because the ratio of permits to spaces is 1:1.</b>
Who sets the fee?	City Council	School Committee
Other parking options near the school	Certain local streets, <b>but not near the school</b>	<b>Some free parking available on Brandeis Rd, near the school</b>
	Move car during the day on streets with posted time limits	Move car during the day on streets with posted time limits
	50¢ per hour to park in a long-term space in the Austin Street Parking Lot	

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# Occupancy of All Reserved TIGER Permit Parking Spaces

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**Average Occupancy,  
Hull Street: 88%**

**Average Occupancy,  
Lowell at Claflin Pk: 27%**

**Average Occupancy,  
Lowell at Elmwood Pk: 6%**

**OVERALL Avg. Occupancy,  
of All Reserved TIGER  
Spaces: 61%  
(Average: 59/96 spaces  
occupied)**

	Hull Street		Lowell Avenue abutting Claflin Park		Lowell Avenue abutting Elmwood Park	
	*Total # of Spaces Reserved for TIGER permits	Total # of Spaces Reserved for TIGER Permits that were Occupied	*Total # of Spaces Reserved for TIGER permits	Total # of Spaces Reserved for TIGER Permits that were Occupied	*Total # of Spaces Reserved for TIGER permits	Total # of Spaces Reserved for TIGER Permits that were Occupied
WE 3/16/22 11:30 AM	59	50	20	6	17	1
TH 3/17/22 12:45 PM	59	50	20	7	17	2
FR 3/18/22 10:00 AM	59	58	20	8	17	0
MO 3/21/22 9:45 AM	59	54	20	5	17	1
TU 3/22/22 10:45 AM*	59	8	20	0	17	0
WE 3/23/22 3:15 PM	59	45	20	6	17	1
TH 3/24/22 10:45 AM	59	60	20	1	17	0
FR 3/25/22 12:30 PM	59	52	20	1	17	1
MO 3/28/22 11:45 AM	59	53	20	6	17	2
TU 3/29/22 1:45 PM	59	48	20	7	17	0
WE 3/30/22 12:45 PM	59	51	20	9	17	1
TH 3/31/22 3:30 PM	59	48	20	6	17	3
FR 4/1/22 10:30 AM	59	51	20	8	17	1
MO 4/4/22 9:30 AM	59	56	20	3	17	1
TH 4/7/22 10:45 AM	59	57	20	6	17	1
FR 4/8/22 9:15 AM	59	52	20	4	17	0
MO 4/11/22 2:45 PM	59	47	20	4	17	3
TU 4/12/22 1:30 PM	59	50	20	5	17	2
WE 4/13/22 9:15 AM	59	58	20	6	17	0
WE 4/13/22 1:45 PM	59	49	20	7	17	2
TH 4/14/22 9:00 AM	59	54	20	4	17	0
<i>Average Occupancy</i>		52		5		1
<i>Percent Occupied</i>		88%		27%		6%

\*MCAS day. Observations are not included in the summary statistics.

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# Availability of Spaces for TIGER Permit-Holders, When Adding In the Austin Lot

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The ongoing Traffic Council Trial allows vehicles displaying TIGER permits to park in any legal space in the Austin Street Lot during school days, without paying the meter.

Overall average occupancy in the Austin Street Lot observed to be: 34% (41/119 spaces occupied).

Best estimate: on average, 17 HS students park in the Austin St Lot (TIGER + non-TIGER) on School Days, representing the difference between parked cars on an MCAS day vs. a regular school day.

	Austin Street Parking Lot		Total, Any Space that is either Reserved or Available for TIGER Permit	
	**Total# of Available Parking Spaces	***Total# of Available Spaces Occupied	Total # of Spaces that are Available for TIGER Parking (Hull+ 2 locations on Lowell, + Austin Lot)	Total# of Spaces that are Available for TIGER Permit Parking (Hull + Lowell + Austin Lot) that were Occupied
	**These 119 spaces do not include any accessible parking spaces.	***Includes ALL parked vehicles (TIGER permit + no TIGER permit).		
WE 3/16/22 11:30 AM	119	37	215	94
TH 3/17/22 12:45 PM	119	38	215	97
FR 3/18/22 10:00 AM	119	34	215	100
MO 3/21/22 9:45 AM	119	37	215	97
TU 3/22/22 10:45 AM*	119	24	215	32
WE 3/23/22 3:15 PM	119	32	215	84
TH 3/24/22 10:45 AM	119	55	215	116
FR 3/25/22 12:30 PM	119	47	215	101
MO 3/28/22 11:45 AM	119	43	215	104
TU 3/29/22 1:45 PM	119	41	215	96
WE 3/30/22 12:45 PM	119	47	215	108
TH 3/31/22 3:30 PM	119	34	215	91
FR 4/1/22 10:30 AM	119	41	215	101
MO 4/4/22 9:30 AM	119	34	215	94
TH 4/7/22 10:45 AM	119	52	215	116
FR 4/8/22 9:15 AM	119	43	215	99
MO 4/11/22 2:45 PM	119	41	215	95
TU 4/12/22 1:30 PM	119	39	215	96
WE 4/13/22 9:15 AM	119	35	215	99
WE 4/13/22 1:45 PM	119	44	215	102
TH 4/14/22 9:00 AM	119	38	215	96
Average Occupancy		41		99
Percent Occupied		34%		46%

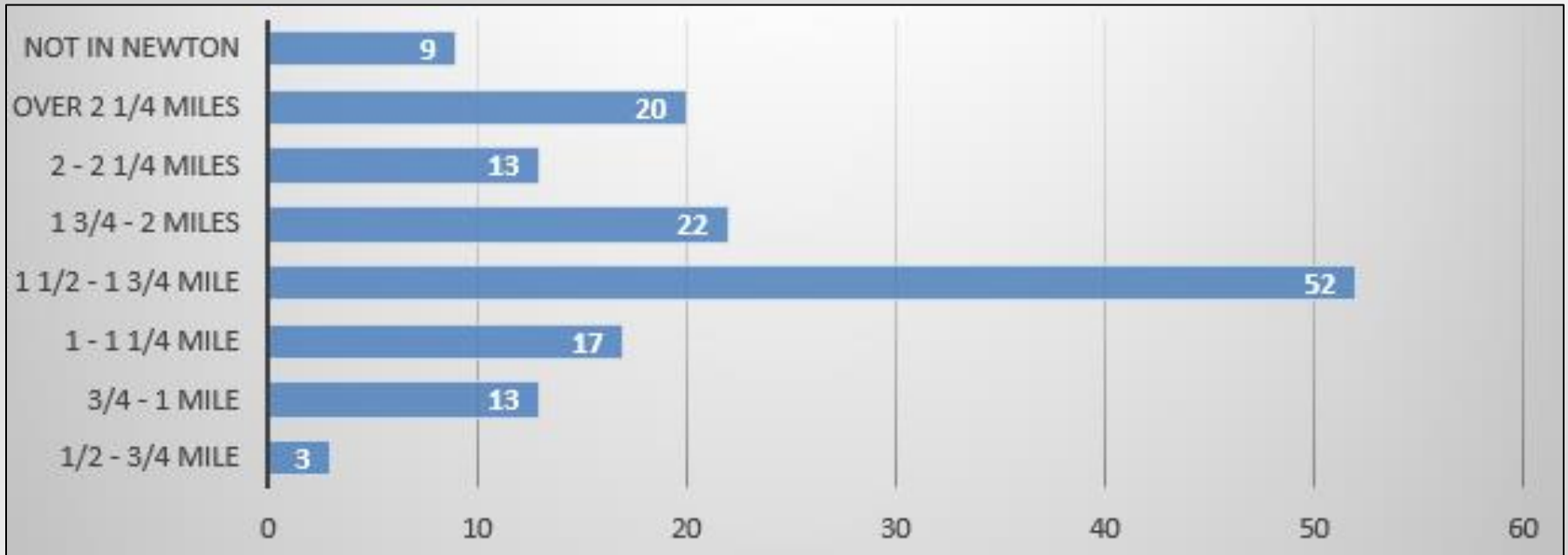
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# Distance between Student Home Address and NNHS, Among TIGER-Permit Holders

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**16 of the 150 permits issued are to students who live within 1 mile of the school. Distance is not a factor in the Lottery System. Note that distance does not consider:**

- Ability of student to walk to and from school
- After-school and before-school activities and responsibilities
- Students who live in more than one household

# Discussion Topics

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- Should City Council change the Student TIGER Permit fee?
  - *Note: increasing the TIGER Permit Fee may increase the frequency of use and reduce the number of spaces available within the reserved TIGER zones.  
(Maybe more parking in the neighborhood & in the Austin St Lot)*
  - *Note: remember that some free, all-day, convenient parking is available on Brandeis Rd for NSHS students*
- Should any additional TIGER permits be issued?
- Should parking continue to be allowed in the Austin Street Lot?
- Should the current Pick-Up / Drop-Off zone on Lowell Avenue revert back to TIGER permit parking?
- What other changes are recommended?