



# Newton Police Department

## Traffic Bureau

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### **95 Lincoln Street Speed Study**

A speed study was conducted by the Newton Police Department Traffic Bureau due to a concern of vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed in this area. A Radar Speed Sign was deployed near 95 Lincoln Street. This Radar Speed Sign monitored vehicle traffic in this area from December 11 to December 18, 2023.

Over this period of time, raw data was collected from 20,725 vehicles that traveled on this roadway. The average speed of the 20,725 vehicles was 20.89 mph. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was 27.68 mph. This means that of the 20,725 vehicles, 85 percent of the vehicles were traveling no more than 27.68 mph. The speed limit for this area of Lincoln Street is 20 mph. The fastest speed recorded over the speed study was 57 mph. While this speed is above the speed limit, we do take into account that many of the higher speeds recorded are the result of emergency vehicles responding to calls for service in the area. It should also be known that we do not have the ability to manipulate the data collected in any way.

Based on the raw data collected from this speed study, we do not believe that there is a need to implement permanent speed reduction interventions at this time. In the next 6 months, we may deploy another speed sign to monitor this area again to see if there are any changes that would warrant further intervention. In the meantime, we will direct our Officers to conduct directed traffic enforcements on Lincoln Street for speed when available.

If you would like to discuss the results of the speed study further, please contact me at 617-796-3662. If I am unable to take your call, please leave me a message with your name and phone number. If you are interested in pursuing a long-term traffic calming/speed reduction intervention, please contact the City of Newton Transportation Division, or visit the City of Newton's Traffic Calming website (<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/public-works/transportation-division/traffic-improvement-projects/traffic-calming-projects>).

Respectfully,

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