

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL ACTIONS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024

Note: Below is a summary of Traffic Council actions only. A full meeting report summarizing the Council's discussion and public testimony regarding each agenda item will be posted on the City website in approximately two weeks following the above meeting date.

Voting Members Present: Captain Devine, (Police), Margot Schoenfelder, Alternate Resident member; David Koses (DPW) and Isaac Prizant (DPW)

Also Present: Mitchell Fischman, Resident member; Councilors Leary, Gentile and Kelley

TC24-24      TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER ADRIAN AYALA, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, NED CODD, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC ENGINEER ISAAC PRIZANT, COUNCILOR DOWNS, COUNCILOR GREENBERG, AND COUNCILOR LEARY, requesting a discussion and possible action to change the official parking regulations on Nonantum Place, the section of Charlesbank Road between Saint James Street and Centre Street, and potentially Jefferson Street, Russell Road and Maple Street. This discussion is likely to include whether to remove or modify the current parking meter zones on Charlesbank Road and whether to modify the resident-only permit zones on Nonantum Place and Charlesbank Road in some way, with a goal of improving consistency and on-street parking availability to residents of Russell Road, Charlesbank Terrace, Orchard Street, Jefferson Street and other streets in the immediate neighborhood. (Ward 1) [05/31/24 @ 12:18 PM]

**HELD 5-0 on 09/12/24. Held to continue work on the development of a neighborhood parking district, for further discussion and potential approval at a future Traffic Council meeting.**

**ACTION: APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 951. TPR 951 changes the parking regulations on Charlesbank Road, Jefferson Street, Maple Street, Nonantum Place, and Russell Road. TPR 951 also creates a new Charlesbank Area Parking District which includes Charlesbank Road, Jefferson Street, Nonantum Place, Orchard Street, Russell Road and William Street.**

**This item may be appealed through the close of business November 6, 2024.**

TC9-24 SUE KLINE, 12 Russell Road, Newton Corner, requesting a discussion and a possible change to the parking regulations on Russell Road. (Ward 1) [03/01/24 @ 3:16 PM]

**HELD 4-1 (Fischman opposed) on 04/11/24. Held to docket a new Traffic Council item intended to broaden the discussion geographically.**

**HELD 5-0 on 09/12/24**

**ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY 4-0.**

TC40-24 ADRIAN AYALA, TRAFFIC ENGINEER, requesting to add a parking prohibition on portions of the west side of Jackson Road, in the vicinity of the newly-constructed neckdowns at 150 Jackson Road. (Ward 1) [09/20/24 @ 1:47 pm]

**ACTION: APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 952.**

**This item may be appealed through the close of business November 6, 2024.**

TC41-24 TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN DANIEL DEVINE, DPW COMMISSIONER JAMES MCGONAGLE, AND COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS JOSH MORSE, requesting a trial which will allow for various changes to the parking and circulation on streets near the new Lincoln-Eliot School at 150 Jackson Road and the building at 191 Pearl Street, to be used as a swing space school. It is expected that various changes will be necessary on nearby neighborhood streets in order to facilitate the opening of these schools, which is currently scheduled for September 2025. Each trial will be examined, and specific docket items will subsequently be prepared, as needed, in order for Traffic Council to vote to make permanent changes to our City Ordinance Chapter 19 (Traffic and Parking Regulations). (Ward 1) [09/20/24 @ 1:47 PM]

**ACTION: HELD 4-0. Held for a long-term trial.**

TC37-24 COUNCILORS GENTILE, LAREDO, OLIVER, GREENBERG, LEARY, GROSSMAN AND BAKER, requesting the establishment of a Safety Zone on a section of Waverley Avenue near Burr Park. (Wards 1 and 7) [08/02/24 @ 6:39 AM]

**ACTION: APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 953.**

**This item may be appealed through the close of business November 6, 2024.**

TC34-24 ILIJA JOVANOVIĆ, 131 Farwell Street, requesting to restrict parking on both sides of the block of Farwell Street between North Street and Joseph Road. Note that this petition does not request to change the parking regulations on any other portion of Farwell Street, only to further restrict parking on the east side of the block of Farwell Street between North Street and Joseph Road. (Ward 3) [07/10/24 @10:02 AM]

**ACTION: DENIED 4-0.**

**This item may be appealed through the close of business November 6, 2024.**

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Transportation Coordinator

Traffic Council Chair