

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015

7:45 pm  
Room 205

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#129-15      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of improving the traffic signals at several intersections in Auburndale and traffic improvements in Nonantum and Oak Hill, as well as other areas of the City.  
[05/11/15 @ 5:00 PM]

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#130-15      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of improving traffic signalization at several intersections throughout the City.  
[05/11/15 @ 5:00 PM]

#201-13(3)    128 BUSINESS COUNCIL, requesting an amendment to board order #201-13(2) of the Needham Shuttle Bus License, which includes revisions and approval to change bus operator and vehicle specifications. [05/08/15 @ 9:21 AM]

#138-15      TRIP ADVISOR, requesting **four (4) new bus licenses** to provide employee-only shuttle service. [05/26/15 @ 10:37 AM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#465-14      ALD. SANGIOLO, GENTILE AND HARNEY, requesting a discussion regarding reducing the fee charged to residents for permit parking programs.  
[11/17/14 @ 12:40 PM]  
**HELD 6-0 on 01/07/15**

The location of this meeting is handicap accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons requiring assistance. If you need a special accommodation, please contact John Lojek, at least two days in advance of the meeting: [jlojek@newtonma.gov](mailto:jlojek@newtonma.gov), or 617-796-1064. For Telecommunications Relay Service dial 711.

**Chairman's Note:** It is the Chairman's intention to entertain a motion for No Action Necessary on the following item:

- #310-14 ALD. YATES requesting a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor asking that the Director of Public Engagement develop a public outreach program in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation re the Add-a Lane Project on Route 128, including but not limited to emails to aldermen and members of the Upper Falls, Waban, and Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Councils, and create a prominent link on the city's website to the new Department of Transportation website page on the project. [07/31/14 @ 12:12 PM]

**ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**REFERRED TO PS&T, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #85-15 ALD. SANGIOLO, requesting discussion with the Director of Transportation and the Transportation Coordinator to determine whether a fee could be imposed on all residents who own automobiles in the City. Such fee to be placed into a transportation fund to pay for roadway and sidewalk improvements. Residents would get a parking sticker in return for each automobile they have registered with the City that would enable them to bypass parking restrictions in the City except for Tow Zones and Fire Hydrants and any other emergency zones determined by the Police and Fire Departments. [03/12/15 @ 10:38 AM]

**REFERRED TO PUB FACIL, PROG & SERV, AND PS&T COMMITTEES**

- #46-15 ALD. JOHNSON & CICCONE, requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Department of Public Works and the School Department to determine and discuss parking options including use of school properties based on the current municipal parking lot programs including the issuance of permits. [02/11/15 @ 1:35 PM]
- #326-14 ALD. ALBRIGHT, requesting a discussion and a plan to replace all Newton parking meters within two years. [08/19/14 @ 9:16 AM]  
**HELD 5-0 on 09/17/14, Ald. Harney and Lipof not voting**  
**HELD 6-0 on 02/04/15, Ald. Fuller and Johnson not voting**  
**HELD 7-0 on 03/04/15**
- #309-14(2) ALD. JOHNSON, requesting a discussion regarding changes that may need to be made to Traffic Council. This would include intent and purpose of the council, criteria and process to determine the referral of Traffic Council petitions to be discussed and acted upon Administratively, by Traffic Council or Public Safety & Transportation Committee. [03/05/15 @ 9:23 PM]
- #309-14 ALD. JOHNSON requesting a discussion re changes that may need to be made to the membership of the Traffic Council to make it more effective, efficient, and representative of the community. [07/28/14 @ 9:20 AM]  
**HELD 7-0 on 09/17/14**  
**HELD 7-0 on 03/04/15**

- #72-14 ALD. CICCONE & JOHNSON, requesting a discussion of the installation of a possible bike lane on Walnut Street between Otis Street and Commonwealth Avenue. [03/03/14 @ 8:17 AM]  
**HELD 7-0 on 03/19/14**
- #28-14 ALD. CICCONE AND FULLER on behalf of the Health Department and the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) requesting a discussion on duplicate street names. [01/09/14 @ 10:57 AM]  
**HELD 8-0 on 01/22/14**  
**HELD 8-0 on 05/07/14**
- #150-13 ALD. JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT & LINSKY, requesting the Planning Department create a traffic and parking management plan for the Education Center, Day Middle School, Horace Mann Elementary School and Carr School neighborhood area by December 2013. (Wards 1 & 2) [03/29/13 @ 9:11 AM]  
**HELD 7-0 on 02/04/15, Ald. Fuller not voting**  
**HELD 7-0 on 03/04/15**

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

- #257-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending (1) review of the Fees, Civil Fines/Non-Criminal Disposition contained in Chapter 17 LICENSING AND PERMITS GENERALLY and Chapter 20 CIVIL FINES/NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITION CIVIL FINES to ensure they are in accordance with what is being charged and (2) review of the acceptance of G.L. c. 40 §22F, accepted on July 9, 2001, which allows certain municipal boards and officers to fix reasonable fees for the issuance of certain licenses, permits, or certificates.
- #240-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE requesting that **Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC** be amended to determine who has jurisdiction for parking on municipal land, the owning department as described in **Sec. 19-224. Parking prohibited on city grounds.** or the Traffic Council as described in **Sec. 19-26. Authority and role of Traffic Council.**  
**HELD 7-0 on 03/18/15**
- #234-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending that the definition of *Speed humps* in **Sec. 19-1. of Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC** be amended to make it consistent with current design/practice standards.  
**HELD 6-0-1 on 03/18/15, Ald. Yates abstaining**

**REFERRED TO PS&T AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES**

- #413-11 ALD. CICCONE, SALVUCCI, GENTILE & LENNON updating the Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees on the progress of renovations to the city's fire stations. [11/17/11 @ 11:07 AM]  
**HELD 6-0 on 01/07/15**  
**PUBLIC FACILITIES HELD 8-0 on 01/07/15**

- #137-11 ALD. DANBERG AND FULLER requesting possible changes to City Ordinance 19-191, Parking Meter Fees, to require a minimum purchase at long-term parking meters in order to discourage short-term use. [04/26/11 @ 9:52 AM]  
**HELD 6-0 on 05/18/11, Ald. Freedman not voting**  
**HELD 8-0 on 01/18/12**  
**HELD 5-0 on 01/23/13, Ald. Fuller not voting**

**REFERRED TO PS&T, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #310-10(2) ALD. DANBERG, BLAZAR, KALIS, SCHWARTZ, ALBRIGHT, HESS-  
(#409-12) MAHAN, RICE, COTE, LEARY, AND NORTON, requesting amendments to Sec. 26-8D of the City of Newton Ordinances to modify and make permanent the trial program for removal of snow and ice from sidewalks and to provide for enforcements and fines for violations. [09/10/14 @ 2:12 PM]  
**HELD 7-0 on 10/08/14, Ald. Schwartz not voting**  
**PUBLIC FACILITIES HELD 6-0 on 10/08/14**

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman



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May 13, 2015

Honorable Board of Aldermen  
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1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton Centre, MA 02459

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2015 MAY 13 AM 11:22  
DAVID A. OLSON, CHIC  
Newton, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board amend my original request of May 11, 2015 by replacing the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) with the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and by expanding the scope of traffic improvements to include Nonantum and Oak Hill, as well as other areas of the City.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren  
Mayor

1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, Massachusetts 02459

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May 11, 2015

Honorable Board of Aldermen  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to authorize the appropriation of \$1,500,000 and authorize a general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the purpose of improving the traffic signals at several intersections in Auburndale.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren  
Mayor

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*The monies would be used on the following locations pertaining to Auburndale Square: Projected cost \$1.2 mil*

*Commonwealth Ave @ Lexington Street  
Commonwealth Ave @ Melrose Street  
Lexington @ Wolcott Street  
Lexington @ Auburndale Avenue*



*projected cost 1.2 Mil*

*The remaining funds would go towards as many of the following as possible Est remaining \$800,000*

*Watertown Street @ Adams Street  
California Street @ Bridge Street  
Nahanton Street @ Winchester Street  
Washington Street @ Auburn Street  
Washington Street @ Perkins Street  
Washington Street @ Prospect Street*



*projected cost \$150,000*

*projected cost \$75,000*

*projected cost \$250,000*

*projected cost \$375,000*



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May 11, 2015

Honorable Board of Aldermen  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to appropriate the sum of \$150,000 from June 30, 2014 Certified Free Cash for the purpose of improving traffic signalization at several intersections throughout the City.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren  
Mayor

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*We would also use the funds to complete as much as possible for the project below.*

*Watertown Street @ Capital Street*  
*Watertown Street @ Pearl Street*



*projected cost \$150,000*



May 7, 2015

Danielle Delaney, Committee Clerk  
Newton Board of Alderman  
Public Safety & Transportation Committee  
1000 Commonwealth Ave  
Newton, MA 02459

RE: Request to Amend Board Order # 201-13(2)

Mrs. Delaney:

128 Business Council is requesting to amend Board Order # 201-13(2).

128 Business Council has operated the Needham Shuttle since 2001. The shuttle provides a transit connection between Newton Highlands Station and employers in Newton and Needham. The shuttle operates on weekdays from 6:30AM-9:50AM and from 3:43PM-6:40pm. We recently changed shuttle vendors, and would like to request that Board Order # 201-13(2) reflect our new bus operator and new shuttle vehicle.

Bus Operator:

TransAction Associates, Inc.  
5 Wheeling Avenue  
Woburn, MA 01801

Vehicle Specifications:

2013 Starcraft Ford Chassis  
Seating Capacity: 33, not ADA accessible  
Propulsion system: Ten cylinder, gas vehicle  
Vehicle features: GPS, 2-way radio, backup camera

Sincerely,  
Patrick Sullivan  
Director of Policy & Outreach

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www.128BC.org**

#201-13(3)

#201-13(2)

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

September 15, 2014

The Board of Aldermen, pursuant to the provisions of Section 19-361 et. Seq. of the Revised Ordinances, as amended, hereby AMEND license #201-13, issued on July 14, 2013 to

The 128 Business Council  
395 Totten Pond Road  
Waltham, MA 02454-1290

Through its bus operator:  
Local Motion, Inc.  
66B Rocsam Park Road  
Braintree, MA 02184

to operate a motor vehicle for the carriage of passengers for hire over ways in the City of Newton as follows:

1. Include as destinations: 320 Needham Street, Newton, and Needham Crossing Office Park via Needham Street stops.
2. In Street Use eliminate Columbus Street and Forest Street
3. In Street Use add Elliot Street, Oak Street, and Woodward Street.
4. All other conditions in license #201-13 shall remain in effect.

Under Suspension of Rules  
Readings Waived and Approved  
22 yeas 0 nays 1 absent (Alderman Lappin) 1 vacancy



(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON  
City Clerk



(SGD) SCOTT D. WARREN

Mayor

Date:

9/14/15

To whomever this concerns,

Please see below for the specifications relating to the in-house shuttle service that TripAdvisor, LLC is seeking to run for the benefit of its employees. Please note that this service (no fare), is run purely as an employee-only benefit to curb traffic congestion and fuel omissions, as well as providing a safe reliable way of travel to work for those who do not own vehicles. As roughly 20 percent of our employees take advantage of this service, it has the prospect of reducing the number of cars on Newton roads by almost 150 people.

Our proposed pick-up location for two shuttles is the Newton Highlands transit stop at 1170 Walnut Street, Newton Highlands, MA 02461. The drop-off location will be the TripAdvisor headquarters' at 141 Needham Street, Newton, MA 02464.

Our proposed pick-up location for the other two shuttles is the Central Square transit stop at 220 Prospect Street, Cambridge, MA 02139. The drop-off location will be the TripAdvisor headquarters' at 141 Needham Street, Newton, MA 02464.

**Number of Vehicles:** Four (4) vehicles

**Types of buses:** Turtle Top Odyssey, Two (1) 8 Cylinders and gas and Two (2) 10 cylinders and gas

**Seat count:** Two (2) 24 passengers and two (2) 30 passengers

**Accessibility:** No handicapped accessible seats

**Backup Camera:** Yes

**Hours of Operation:** Weekdays 7:15 – 10:30am and 4:30 – 7:00pm

**Transportation Company:** TransAction Associates, LLC

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### **Streets in proposed route(s)**

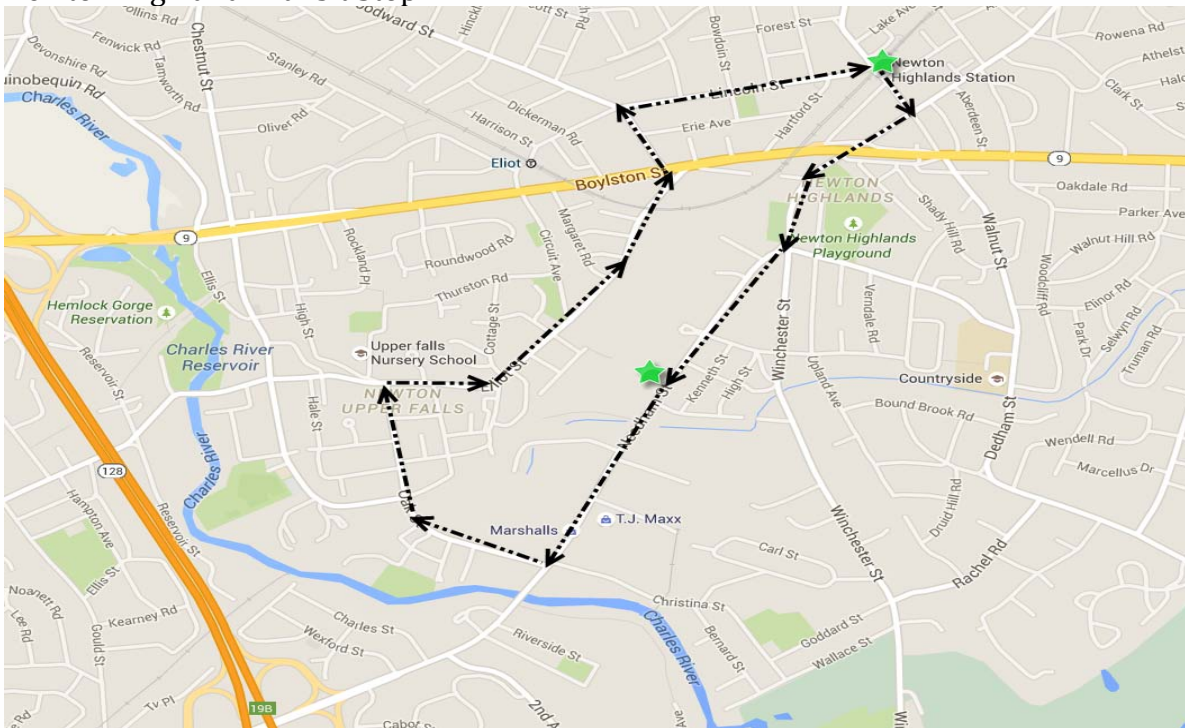
#### **Newton Highlands transit stop:**

Needham Street  
Oak Street  
Eliot Street  
Lincoln Street  
Walnut Street  
Winchester Street

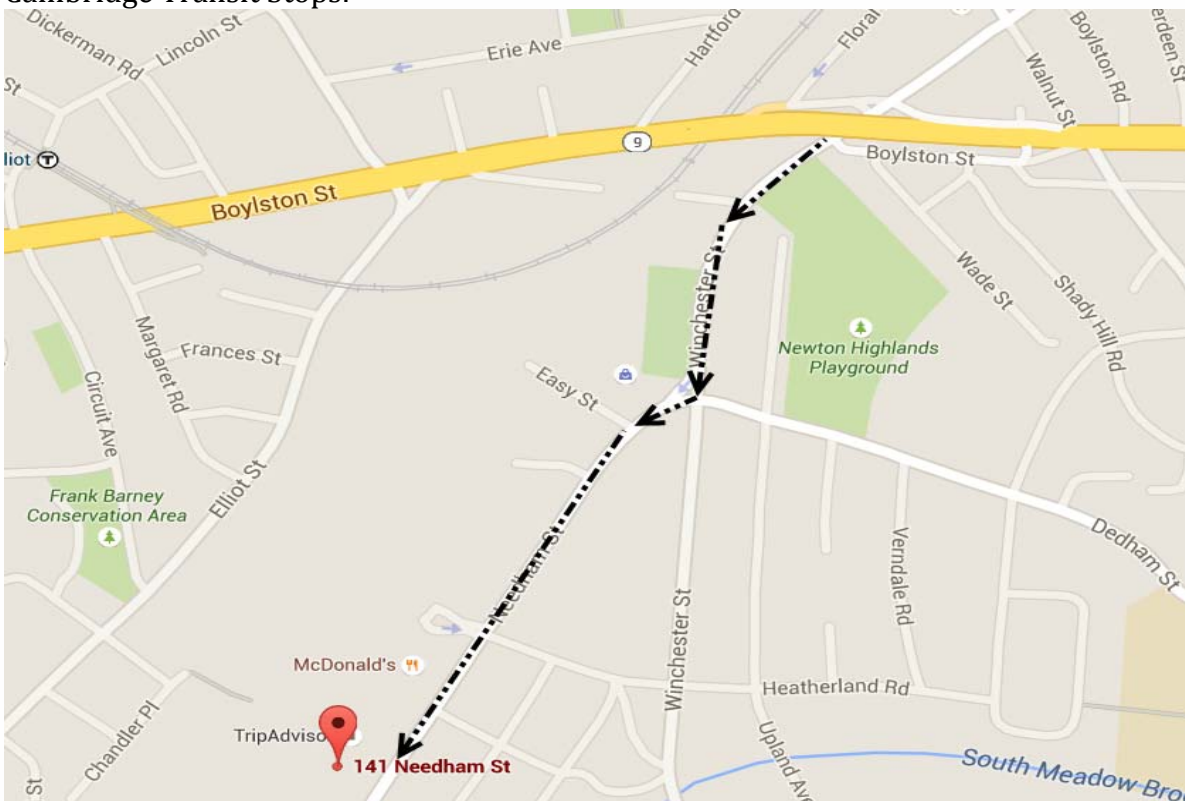
#### **Cambridge transit stops:**

Centre Street  
Needham Street

### Newton Highland Transit Stop:



### Cambridge Transit Stops:



# CITY OF NEWTON PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM

<b>TYPE OF PERMIT</b>	<b># OF PERMITS' ISSUED</b>
AUBURNDALE RESIDENT PERMIT	32
AUBURNDALE RESIDENT VISITOR PLACARD	69
AUBURNDALE BUSINESS PERMIT	67
NEWTONVILLE RESIDENT PERMIT	65
NEWTONVILLE RESIDENT VISITOR PLACARD	130
CITY WIDE RESIDENT PERMIT	147
CITY WIDE RESIDENT VISITOR PLACARD	352
CARR SCHOOL STAFF PERMIT	39
UNDERWOOD SCHOOL STAFF PERMIT	8
NEWTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL TIGER/STUDENT PERMIT	150

TOTAL PERMITS- RESIDENTIAL	244
TOTAL PERMITS- BUSINESS	67
TOTAL PERMITS- SCHOOL STAFF	47
TOTAL VISITOR PLACARDS	551
TOTAL TIGER/STUDENT PERMITS	150

CITY OF NEWTONIN BOARD OF ALDERMENPUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015

Present: Ald. Ciccone (Chair), Yates, Cote, Fuller, Lipof, and Schwartz

Absent: Ald. Johnson and Harney

Also Present: Ald. Crossley (Chair), Lennon, Gentile, Albright, Lappin, Danberg, Laredo, Brousal-Glaser, Sangiolo and Norton

City Staff: David Turocy, Commissioner of Public Works; Joshua Morse, Commissioner of Public Buildings; Maureen Lemieux, Chief of Staff/Chief Financial Officer; Chief Bruce Proia, Newton Fire Department; Rob Garrity, Director of Sustainability; Capt. Marc Gromada and Sgt. Jay Babcock, Newton Police Department and David Koses, Transportation Coordinator

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#465-14      ALD. SANGIOLO, GENTILE AND HARNEY, requesting a discussion regarding reducing the fee charged to residents for permit parking programs. [11/17/14 @ 12:40 PM]

**ACTION:**      **HELD 6-0****NOTE:**      Ald. Gentile, Sangiolo, Norton, Mr. Koses, Sgt. Babcock and Capt. Gromada joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Ald. Sangiolo and Gentile informed Committee members that they docketed this item after receiving complaints from constituents regarding the implementation of a \$25.00 permit fee per sticker for the Auburndale Village Parking District Plan. It appears some residents are unhappy with parking being eliminated in front of their homes or that they have to purchase resident permits. What used to be free is now costing \$25.00 per year, per permit. Residents were happy prior to the Auburndale Village Parking District Plan being implemented. They said that they informed their constituents that they would docket an item researching the possibility to either reduce or eliminate the permit fee.

Capt. Gromada and Sgt. Babcock said that the Police Department is absorbing the cost on these permits; it is costing the department more than \$25.00 to implement the program. The department purchases the stickers, pays the issuing clerks salary, pays overtime costs, if necessary and installs necessary information into the hand-held computers. The City pays to install the permit signs.

If permit fees are reduced or eliminated perhaps residents in areas of other approved parking plans will request a refund or a fee reduction. Residents are unhappy when parking is eliminated in front of their homes unless it is for their use. Initially when the Newtonville Neighborhood Parking District Plan was implemented, residents were complaining of the \$25.00 fee.

A paid resident permit allows residents to override a parking restriction. Permit fees are \$25.00 for the entire year and each violation is \$25.00. Each parking permit includes two free visitor



passes. Sgt. Babcock noted that a number of years ago, the Board of Aldermen approved a \$25.00 resident permit-parking fee prior to any of the neighborhood-parking plan being implemented, residents did not complain.

This year, the department has issued approximately 1,000 stickers at \$25.00 each. Residents are complaining to them that the department only issues permits weekdays until 5pm. The department is discussing an option to allow residents the ability to renew and pay on-line, which would lower department costs. Sgt. Babcock noted the following fees charged for permit parking in neighboring communities: Cambridge and Brookline are \$25.00, Brookline is \$25.00, Watertown charges a fee and Waltham is free (does not have a permit-parking program). Employees in the Auburndale Village Parking District Plan area purchase parking permits for \$25.00. Brookline charges \$500.00 for employee parking permits.

Committee members expressed their concerns, questions/suggestions and comments.

#### Concerns

- Some Committee members feel that the fees should not be reduced or eliminated due to a few complaints.
- Understanding the difference between paying taxes and fees are necessary. Fees are charged to residents requiring unique needs such as parking.
- Fees charged for resident parking permits should not be a financial penalty and should not be an inconvenience to residents.
- A \$25.00 permit fee is concerning to residents.

#### Questions/Suggestions

- Is it right to charge residents to pay a fee allowing them to park on their street?
- Track the number of complaints received.
- Are residents requesting permit plans be implemented?
- Some resident do not desire parking permit plans.
- Determine how parking plans are approved and decided.
- Survey residents inquiring if parking permit plans are beneficial for them.

#### Comments

- Some Committee members said that the parking permit allows residents to park on their street and allows them to override parking restrictions without receiving violations. A cost is necessary and the City should not absorb the fees.
- Some Committee members and Aldermen present said that the City taxes should include resident parking permit fees and include supplementing the Police Department for their costs.
- Committee members said that there would be additional resident parking permit programs implemented Citywide and fees should be considered and discussed.
- Significant Police presence is necessary to enforce these parking plans.

Mr. Koses explained the three different \$25.00 permit fees. Resident permits cost \$25.00, Tiger permits cost \$25.00 and Auburndale Village employee permits cost \$25.00. Ald. Gentile noted that he is not suggesting eliminating or reducing permit fees for the Tiger permits or Auburndale Village employee permits. He is only suggesting resident permit fees be eliminated or reduced. Mr. Koses said that the Newtonville Neighborhood Parking District Plan included sixty streets. Since implementation, some residents have docketed items for Traffic Council's consideration either to be eliminated or added into the neighborhood-parking program. The Auburndale Village Parking District Plan is the same process where abutters may petition Traffic Council. It

is an easy process to complete. Ald. Sangiolo said that as a last resort, Traffic Council implements resident parking restrictions after conducting trials.

Ald. Sangiolo asked for statistics of overtime paid to process the permit and the number of permits issued. Sgt. Babcock answered that the department started issuing permits on December 17. He is hopeful all permits will be issued by January 31.

Ald. Fuller made the motion to hold this item on the following three parking districts including Newtonville Neighborhood Parking District Plan, Carr School Traffic and Parking Plan and Auburndale Village Parking District Plan regarding residential parking permits (only) to eliminate the fee charged to residents while maintaining the parking programs. She then suggested collecting additional data if possible.

Ald. Lipof made the motion to hold this item. Committee members agreed 6-0. The docketers agreed to hold this item and discuss again in the near future with data including the number of residents purchasing permits and the number of residents who do not purchase permits. They understand that residents may always petition Traffic Council to change, opt in or opt out of the program. Ald. Fuller requested that this report reflect a potential motion in the future on the following three parking districts including Newtonville, Carr School Traffic and Parking Plan and the Auburndale Village Parking District Plan residential permit parking permits (only) to eliminate fees charged to residents while maintaining the parking programs.



#310-14  
as of 05-15-15

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**Memorial Day Parade**

NEWTON MEMORIAL VETERANS PARADE  
Sunday, May 17, 2015  
Starting at 2pm at Newton North

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**Yard Waste Collections Have Resumed**

~~Yard Waste collections have resumed and will continue through~~

Friday, May 15, 2015 • 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
**Special Electronic Recycling Drop-Offs**

Saturday, May 16, 2015 • 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
**Special Electronic Recycling Drop-Offs**

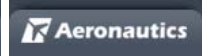
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**HOUSE TOUR PREVIEW PARTY**

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## Needham-Wellesley I-95 Add-A-Lane

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### Project Area

The work on I-95 begins approximately 1,000 feet north of the Needham Branch RR Bridge in Needham and continues to 5,000 feet north of Route 9 in Wellesley, approximately 3.8 miles.

### Project Overview

This project is the sixth and final contract associated with the overall effort to provide an additional travel lane and shoulder toward the median on I-95 from approximately the Route 24 interchange in Randolph to the Route 9 interchange in Wellesley. This additional roadway widening includes restoring the proper functional use of the breakdown lane in each direction.

The work to be done under this Contract consists of adding an additional travel lane and shoulder to I-95 (Route 128) northbound and southbound toward the median along the entire length of the project. A new interchange will be constructed at Kendrick Street, along with new collector-distributor roadways between Kendrick Street and Highland Avenue. The existing interchanges at Highland Avenue and Route 9 will be modified to improve safety and mobility. The introduction of the new collector distributor roads as well as the improved interchange design will improve safety and significantly reduce the diversion of traffic to parallel local roads.

Four new bridges will be constructed as part of this project; Kendrick Street over I-95, Ramp K -1 over K-2 at the Kendrick Street Interchange, Highland Avenue over I-95 and I-95 over Route 9. The bridge work also includes widening the bridge carrying I-95 over Central Avenue and the demolition of the MBTA Railroad Bridge over I-95. There are also a total of 18 new retaining walls and seven separate noise barrier segments that will be constructed as part of this project.

### Construction and Traffic Management

Throughout the week of April 20th, Barletta Heavy Division (BHD), MassDOT's contractor for the Route 128 Add-a-Lane Bridge V project, will continue construction operations. Work will be performed during both the standard working hours of 7:00AM to 3:00PM and a third shift of 7:00PM to 5:00AM.

Work during the third shift will be located on the Route 128 mainline and require the closure of two highway lanes which is prohibited during standard working hours. Work on the mainline will include the installation of temporary barrier and impact attenuators. Noise monitoring for night work will continue.

During standard working hours, work will focus on the Kendrick Street Bridge, the Highland Avenue Bridge, and the MBTA Railroad Bridge. Work on the MBTA Railroad Bridge will include the removal of its structural deck. At the Kendrick Street Bridge, work will focus on excavation and installation of walls, installation of tiebacks and lagging, demolition of the existing abutments and excavation for the new bridge footings. At the Highland Avenue site, work will focus on the installation of tiebacks and lagging, excavation for the east and west abutments, as well as forming and reinforcing the bridge pier footings. All work will be contained within existing work zones and vehicular travel will be maintained in its current configuration on all local roads.

MassDOT has completed implementation of the revised Kendrick Traffic plan. MassDOT will continue to evaluate the traffic improvements to make adjustments as necessary.

### Project Status

On July 22, 2014, MassDOT opened bids for this contract and a total of five (5) bids were received. Barletta Heavy Division, Inc. was the lowest responsible and eligible bidder with a bid price of \$137,590,000.00. A contract has been executed with Barletta and they received Notice to Proceed in November 2014. Construction will begin in early 2015 and is expected to be completed in Spring 2019. The contract includes an interim milestone that requires a portion of the new Kendrick Street Interchange to be open to traffic in the Fall 2016.

### Upcoming Meetings

No meetings are planned at this time.

A public meeting to introduce the contractor and MassDOT's construction team was held on Monday, December 22, 2014 at the Needham Town Hall.

### Getting Involved

Please [sign up for e-mail updates](#) on the project. Send questions and comments to: [NW195@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:NW195@dot.state.ma.us)

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