

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015

7:45 pm  
Room 205

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- #186-15(2) ALD. YATES, requesting a *RESOLUTION* that MassDOT include the exclusion of trucks from the sign to Quinobequin Road at the intersection with Rtes. 16 and 128. [07/15/15 @ 8:10 PM]
- #186-15 ALD. YATES, requesting a *RESOLUTION* that MassDOT devise a system to inform drivers entering Ellis Street, Quinobequin Road and Williams Street (Wellesley) intersection that Quinobequin Road is closed to truck traffic before entering Rte. 9 ramp to be modified by the Add-a-Lane project. [07/15/15 @ 8:10 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**
- #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**

**ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

- #288-15 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY 2017-FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter. [10/01/15 @ 1:53 PM]

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- #197-15 ALD. ALBRIGHT, on behalf of a constituent requesting a discussion with the Chief of Police and the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation on the use of drones in the City of Newton to discuss what means and methods could become policy or ordinances to deal with an increase of privacy complaints as well as uses of more serious consequences. [08/14/15 @ 11:51 AM]
- #185-15 ANDREW ROSABIANCA, 45 Smith Avenue, appealing the Approval of TC53-14 Traffic Council Decision on June 25, 2015: No parking, Smith Avenue, west side. (Ward 3) [Appeal filed 07/14/15]

**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 & CICCONI, 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]

**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**  
**HELD 6-0 on 06/03/15, Ald. Lipof not voting**
- #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**

**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 09/09/15, Ald. Harney not voting**

**PUBLIC FACILITIES HELD 7-0 on 09/09/15**

#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**

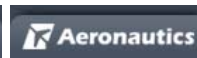
**PUBLIC FACILITIES HELD 6-0 on 10/08/14**

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman

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### Project Area

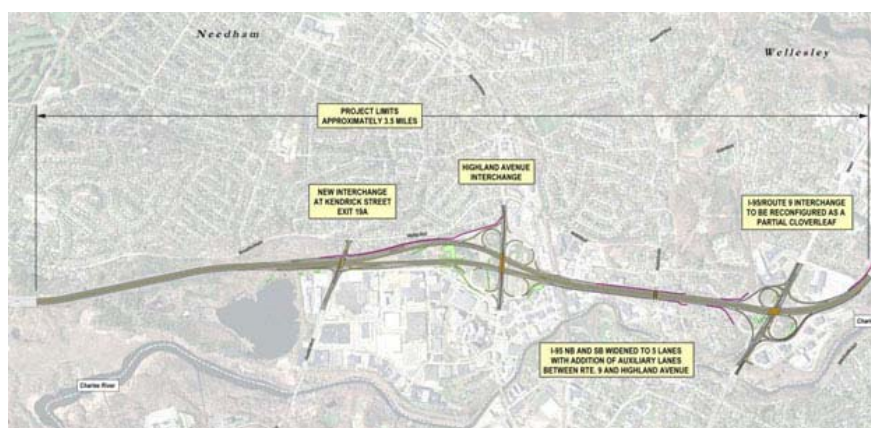
The work on I-95 begins approximately 1,000 feet north of the Needham Branch RR Bridge in Needham and continues to 5,000 feet north of Route 9 in Wellesley, approximately 3.8 miles.

### Project Overview

This project is the sixth and final contract to provide an additional travel lane and shoulder toward the median on I-95 from approximately Route 24 in Randolph to Route 9 in Wellesley. This widening includes restoring the breakdown lanes for their intended use. This sixth contract is a 3.8-mile segment of I-95 from just north of the Needham Branch railroad bridge in Needham to about 5,000 feet north of Route 9 in Wellesley.

Work under this project includes:

- ▶ Additional travel lane and shoulder to I-95 northbound and southbound toward the median along the entire length of the project.
- ▶ A new interchange at Kendrick Street and two collector-distributor roads connecting Kendrick Street and Highland Avenue.
- ▶ Seven new noise barriers.
- ▶ Upgrades to the interchanges at Highland Avenue and Route 9 to improve safety and mobility to reduce traffic diversions to local roads.
- ▶ Two additional auxiliary lanes between Highland Avenue and Route 9.
- ▶ Four new bridges: Kendrick Street over I-95, a new flyover ramp at the Kendrick Street interchange, Highland Avenue over Route 128, and I-95 over Route 9.
- ▶ Widening of the bridge carrying Central Avenue over I-95.



### Project Status

Barletta Heavy Division, Inc. is the prime contractor. Construction began in January 2015 and is expected to be completed in Spring 2019. MassDOT established an interim milestone requiring a portion of the new Kendrick Street Interchange to be open to traffic in Fall 2016.

The project has been split into five major stages to minimize impacts to the traveling public. Stage 1 (January 2015 to October 2015) includes the following:

- ▶ Widening the northern half of the Kendrick Street Bridge while maintaining the existing three lanes on the structure.
- ▶ Building Kendrick Street ramp bridge to I-95 NB.
- ▶ Commencing construction of the new Highland Street Bridge while maintaining traffic on the existing spans.
- ▶ Initial construction at the interchange of I-95 and Route 9.
- ▶ Demolition of the railroad bridge over I-95.

### Current Construction Activities: Week of September 28

Throughout the week of September 28, 2015, 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 the standard working hours of 7:00AM to 3:00PM and will take place project-wide.

At Kendrick Street, work will include the installation of the waterline and electrical ductbanks, curing and stripping the deck, and forming and reinforcing the sidewalk and approach slabs. Starting Tuesday, September 29th, work on Kendrick Street will also include installing the wall H precast barrier.

At ramp K1, work will focus on forming and pouring level up along wall B. At ramp K2, drainage will be installed. At Highland Avenue, work will include the installation of drainage and utilities at the East Abutment as well as the delivery and installation of structural steel.

At Central Avenue, operations on Monday, September 28th will focus on installing a work zone barrier as well as excavating and lagging the center arch. Throughout the week at Central Avenue, the center walls will be formed and reinforced.

At Route 9, the upper shoulders of W2 and W1 will be widened. Along the mainline, work on Monday, September 28th and Tuesday September 29th will include reconstructing the median south of Kendrick Street. Throughout the week, work will focus on the installation

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of temporary drainage for the crossover. On Wednesday, September 30th, a test strip south of Kendrick Street will be paved along the mainline.

### Upcoming Meetings

No meetings are planned at this time.

### Getting Involved

Please [sign up for e-mail updates](#) on the project. Send questions and comments to: [NWI95@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:NWI95@dot.state.ma.us)

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#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**

**ACTION: HELD 7-0**

**NOTE:** Mr. Paille, Ald. Albright and Ald. Leary joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

This item was previously held for Mr. Paille to provide an update on the installation of new parking meters that will begin to be installed in January/February 2015.

Mr. Paille summarized the existing conditions of the City parking meters. Currently there are approximately 1,750 parking meters including 1,000 on-street parking meters. The remaining 750 meters are installed in the City's municipal parking lots, Cypress Street parking lot does not have parking meters; it has a Kiosk. It costs the City approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000 per year in repairs and maintenance.

Mr. Paille said that today he provided a draft parking meter replacement plan to the parking meter group and the Executive Department. Over the past several years, Mr. Paille has conducted a smart meter technology four-stage meter replacement plan. The plan is to replace approximately 50% of all City meters by the end of 2015. The Executive Department suggests the City do their own request for proposal process. Meter replacement is now timely because the Police Department hand-held computers can now verify if meters have been paid. Meter revenue is approximately 1.8 million dollars per year. This does not include tickets.

Mr. Paille briefly described the four-stage meter replacement plan.

Stage 1 May 2015, begin initial installation as a pilot to accept feedback, review and decide on plan.

Stage 2 If stage 1 is successful; begin installing 750 municipal meters through November 2015.

Stage 3 spring 2016, will begin installing off-street meters.

Stage 4 Decision process and if successful, all 1,750 meters will be replaced by the end of 2016.

Once this plan is tweaked and finalized, Mr. Paille will provide copies to this Committee.

Committee members and Aldermen present are pleased that broken parking meters in the City will be replaced and will be capable of receiving other forms of payment. Suggestions included increasing parking costs if paid by coin, increase parking costs in high demand locations and review security measures.

Ald. Lipof made the motion to hold this item until meter replacements come to fruition. Committee members agreed 7-0.

At approximately 9:40 pm, the Committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman

#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**

**ACTION: HELD 7-0**

**NOTE:** Mr. Paille, Sgt. Babcock and Ald. Albright joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

This item was previously held to allow Mr. Paille the opportunity to discuss traffic concerns at the Education Center, Day Middle School, Horace Mann Elementary School and Carr School neighborhood.

Mr. Paille described locations where traffic and HAWK signals are installed in this area. Traffic signals are installed at the Watertown and Walnut Streets intersection and at the Albemarle Road, Watertown and Crafts Streets intersection. A HAWK beacon is installed at Crafts Street and Linwood Avenue allowing protected pedestrian crossings, stopping traffic only as needed. The signals are coordinated together allowing traffic to flow easier. Mr. Paille noted that eight locations are slated for improvement this year. He will continue to collect new data and the geometry of these two locations.

Mr. Paille then said that he is in the process of reviewing additional traffic signals at Walnut and Crafts Streets and California and Crafts Streets locations. He feels that if traffic were controlled in these areas, pedestrian and vehicle safety would increase. He described the two locations.

Walnut and Crafts Streets:

In 2011, traffic counts were performed at this location. Mr. Paille did not have traffic counts available to determine if this intersection met the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) warrants. This intersection is slated for improvement in FY17.

California and Crafts Streets:

In 2006, traffic counts were performed at this location. Mr. Paille will review this traffic data and research accident data. Mr. Paille did not have traffic counts available to determine if this intersection met the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) warrants. Sgt. Babcock did not have accident data available.

Committee members expressed their concerns, requests and suggestions.

Concerns

- It appears traffic is queuing up at the intersection of California and Crafts Street.
- HAWK beacons are confusing.

Requests

- Committee members would like these intersections to be improved prior to FY17.
- Please provide accident data at the intersection of California and Crafts Streets.
- Committee members requested a list of approved traffic signal projects and prioritization that has not been funded.



Suggestions

- During Budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) discussions, review and ensure that the lists of priorities are reflected.
- Employees of the Horace Mann Elementary Schools should be informed that they should park on Albemarle Road.
- Host neighborhood meetings to receive resident input regarding the creation of a traffic and parking management plan for the Education Center, Day Middle School, Horace Mann Elementary School and Carr School neighborhood.
- Invite the School Department/School Committee members to the neighborhood meetings.

Mr. Paille said that the Executive Department assured the Department of Transportation that they will not have to wait for funding to be approved, if it is necessary to begin these projects. He then answered that two traffic signal projects were approved for Beacon and Grant Streets and Winchester and Nahanton Streets. These have been removed from the list of approved traffic signal projects that have not been funded but did not know the reason of how they moved forward. He then said that zero traffic signal projects remain on the list. Traffic signals are prioritized by signal age, number of accidents, crash data, locations and importance.

Chair Ciccone offered to contact Supt. Fleishman requesting that Horace Mann Elementary School employees be directed to park on Albemarle Road.

Without further discussion, Ald. Lipof made the motion to hold this item to host neighborhood meetings to receive resident input regarding the creation of a traffic and parking management plan for the Education Center, Day Middle School, Horace Mann Elementary School and Carr School neighborhood. Chair Ciccone suggested including residents of Linwood Avenue, Crafts and Walnut Streets. Committee members agreed 7-0.