

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012

8:00 PM **NOTE NEW TIME**

Room 202

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#364-10(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of seventy-four thousand five hundred three dollars (\$74,503) from the Capital Stabilization Fund – Designated for Ordinary Capital Funding to provide additional funds to secure the entrance in the Police Department lobby. [01/30/12 @ 4:18 PM]

#278-11 ALD. YATES, requesting a report from His Honor the Mayor on the likely impacts on traffic in Newton from the changes to the Route 9/128 intersection as part of the Add-A-Lane Project. [09/26/11 @ 2:37 PM]
HELD 7-0, Ald. Fuller not voting on 01/04/12

ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

#417-11 ALD. JOHNSON requesting a discussion with the Department of Transportation regarding sound barriers along the Turnpike. [12/07/11 @ 9:29 PM]
HELD 8-0 on 01/04/12

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]

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

#383-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY13-FY17 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter and the FY12 Supplemental Capital budget which require Board of Aldermen approval to finance new capital projects over the next several years. [10/31/11 @ 3:12 PM]

The location of this meeting is handicap accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons requiring assistance. If you have a special accommodation need, please contact the Newton ADA Coordinator Trisha Guditz at 617-796-1156 or tguditz@newtonma.gov or via TDD/TTY at (617) 796-1089 at least two days in advance of the meeting.

- #289-11 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, SWISTON, SALVUCCI, requesting a discussion with the Animal Control Department regarding the presence of coyotes in Newton and the recent attack on a dog in West Newton. [10/06/11 @ 9:07 AM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #262-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting amendments to Chapter 17 of the City of Newton Ordinances, 2007 to increase fees for permits issued by the Fire Department. [08/29/11 @ 3:50 PM]

- #233-11 ALDERMEN CROSSLEY, YATES AND RICE requesting a discussion with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) regarding design and location of the recently created pedestrian access from Quinobequin Road to the revised DCR trail parallel to the Charles River, where pedestrians are concealed and unprotected from oncoming traffic, and further to consider redesign and/or relocation to make access points to the trail safe for both pedestrians and drivers. [08/01/11 @ 4:18 PM]

HELD 6-0, Ald. Fuller and Harney not voting on 01/04/12

- #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. [4/26/11 @ 9:52 AM]

HELD 8-0 on 01/18/12

REFERRED TO PS&T AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

- #41-11 ALD. JOHNSON, LENNON AND DANBERG requesting discussion of the elimination, except during snow emergencies, of the overnight parking ban which is in effect from November 15 through April 15. [01/18/11 @ 9:00 PM]

- #279-10 ALD. JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT & LINSKY, requesting the development of a comprehensive traffic and parking plan for the Newton North High School neighborhood with the following streets as its borders: Commonwealth Avenue, Washington, Harvard and Valentine Streets. This plan to be completed by November 30, 2010 will include a fix to short term (immediate needs) and longer term needs to effectively manage the traffic circulation within the neighborhood, provide pedestrian and vehicular safety, and preserve quality of life for the neighborhood, school staff and faculty. [10/06/10 @ 12:33 PM]

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman



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January 30, 2012

Honorable Board of Aldermen
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Newton, MA 02459

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Newton, MA 02459

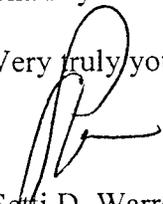
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to appropriate the sum of \$74,503 from the Capital Stabilization Fund – Designated for Ordinary Capital Funding to supplement *Docket #364-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of one hundred eighteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$118,500) from the Reserve for Debt Funded Projects for the purpose of creating a secure entrance in the Police Department lobby. [11/29/10 @ 3:23 PM].*

The cost increase is based on a change in scope of the project to use a higher level bulletproof glass and the reinforced wall system required with such.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,


Setti D. Warren
Mayor

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Setti D. Warren
Mayor

January 25, 2012

Mayor Setti D. Warren
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Re: Additional funding request for the Police Lobby Security Project

Dear Mayor Warren:

The Public Buildings Department requests an additional \$74,503.00 to supplement the \$118,500.00 approved in docket item 364-10 to complete the Police Headquarters Lobby Security Project. The cost increase is based on the high material price associated with the level 4 bulletproof glass. Additionally the level 4 glass is extremely heavy, and therefore requires a much stronger wall system, which impacts the accessibility improvements.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Kane Gilman
Public Building Commissioner

CC: Robert Rooney, Chief Operations Officer
Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer

Police Lobby Security Renovation

Docket item 364-10:

The Police Lobby Security Renovation has been completely designed and is ready to go to bid. The cost estimates are above the \$118,500.00 that was initially appropriated. An additional \$74,503.00 is needed to fully fund the project.

The increased cost is due to a number of factors, but they are all based on the need to install level 4 ballistic glass. Level 3 ballistic glass is the most common application for Police Stations in this area. However, many of these stations were built before the tragic events of 9/11, and since then the way we approach security has dramatically changed. Level 3 will stop a standard handgun, but it will not stop a rifle. Level 4 glass will stop rounds up to and including 30 caliber. This also happens to be the caliber that is most common in hunting rifles. That said, the big concern with using level 3 glass is the ease at which one can obtain a gun that can pass through the glass.

Level 4 glass is not only much more expensive, but it's much heavier than level three glass. This means that the entire support structure not only needs to be rated at level 4, but it also must support the weight of the glass and framework. This also means that the inner door in the lobby must be rated at level 4. That means that the handicap door operator must be able to handle the extremely heavy door.

Due to all of the above, the cost is higher than anticipated. The Police Chief strongly supports this initiative, in the manner in which we are proposing.

Regards,

Josh Morse

Director of Operations

Public Buildings Department

Police Lobby Cost Breakdown

Design	\$33,925.00
Construction Estimate	\$159,078.00
Total	\$193,003.00
Budget	\$118,500.00
Additional Funding	\$74,503.00

City of Newton
Police Station Lobby/Entry Renovations

October 27, 2011 Cost Estimate

Prepared for:

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Newton, Ma 02458

Prepared by:



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October 27, 2011



Mitch Goldman
Goldman Reindorf Architects
427 Watertown Street
Newton, Ma 02458

Mitch,

Please find enclosed our construction cost estimates for the above project. The estimates include direct construction costs, contractor general conditions, overhead and profit.

Summary of Construction Costs

Current Construction Cost	\$159,078
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If you have any questions and require further analysis, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Tortora Consulting, Inc.

Gerry Tortora

City of Newton
Police Station Lobby/Entry Renovations
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Qualifications and Assumptions

Introduction

This Cost Estimate was produced from drawings and specifications received 10-25-11 by GRA.

Basis For Pricing

Prices are based upon current prevailing wage rates and material and equipment costs.

Our costs assume chapter 149 bidding laws.

Items Excluded From This Estimate

Loose furnishings and equipment.
 Design fees and other soft costs.
 Owner's project administration.
 Legal fees.
 Builder's risk insurance
 Construction contingency (for change orders).
 Interest expense.
 Printing and advertising.
 Moving and storage expense.
 Mold remediation
 Asbestos
 Furniture systems
 Security equipment and devices
 Tel/Data equipment and devices

Markups:

Estimating and Design contingency is carried
 Contractor's General Conditions have not been carried
 Contractor's OH & Profit have not been carried
 Sub and Contractor's Bond have not been carried
 Escalation is not carried

Recommendations For Cost Control

TCI recommends that the Owner and Architect carefully review this document, including line item descriptions, unit prices, clarifications, exclusions, inclusions and assumptions, contingencies, escalation and mark-ups. Request for modifications of any apparent errors or omissions to this document must be made to TCI with in ten (10) days of receipt of this estimate. Otherwise, it will be understood that the contents have been concurred with and accepted.
 It is recommended that TCI using bid documents produce a final update estimate, to determine overall costs changes which have occurred since the preparation of the estimate. The final update estimate will address changes and additions to the document, as well as addenda issued during bidding process. TCI cannot reconcile bid results to an estimate not produced from bid documents.

Statement Of Probable Cost

TCI has no control over the cost of labor and materials, the general contractor's or any subcontractor's method of determining prices, or competitive bidding and market conditions. The opinion of construction is made on the basis of the experience, qualifications, and best judgment of the professional estimator familiar with the industry. TCI does not guarantee that bids will not vary from this estimate.

TCI staff of professional cost estimators has prepared this estimate in accordance with generally accepted principles and practices.

Acceptance of Report

With acceptance of this report, the holder shall indemnify and hold harmless Tortora Consulting from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorney fees and court costs arising out of or as a result of the performance of this work, including third party claims.

Project: **City of Newton**Location: **Police Station Lobby/Entry Renovations**Date: **October 27, 2011 Cost Estimate****CSI ESTIMATE TOTALS**

<i>Div</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Base Estimate</i>	<i>Area</i>
			545
2	02050-SELECTIVE DEMOLITION	\$2,730	\$5.01
4	04810-UNIT MASONRY	N/A	
5	05500-METAL FABRICATIONS	N/A	
6	06100-ROUGH CARPENTRY	\$1,000	\$1.83
	06200-FINISH CARPENTRY	\$12,605	\$23.13
7	07920-JOINT SEALANTS	\$780	\$1.43
8	08111/08114/08710-DOORS, FRAMES AND HARDWARE	N/A	
	08411-ALUMINUM-FRAMED ENTRANCE AND STOREFRONTS	\$13,500	\$24.77
	08800-GLAZING	Inc above	
9	09260-GYPSUM BOARD ASSEMBLIES	\$6,080	\$11.16
	09511-ACOUSTICAL PANEL CEILINGS	N/A	
	09651-RESILIENT FLOOR TILE	\$3,102	\$5.69
	09910-PAINTING	\$2,290	\$4.20
10	10440 -FIRE PROTECTION SPECIALTIES	N/A	
13	13070 -BULLET RESISTANT FRAMES AND WINDOWS	\$40,000	\$73.39
15	15300-FIRE PROTECTION	\$1,500	\$2.75
	15400-PLUMBING	N/A	
	15500-HVAC	\$1,500	\$2.75
16	16100-ELECTRICAL	\$14,460	\$26.53
	SUB-TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$99,547	\$182.66
	ESTIMATING / MARKET CONDITIONS CONTINGENCY - 5%	\$4,977	
	PERMITS	waived by city	
	GC & SUB BONDS	\$1,991	
	General Conditions/Requirements	\$31,780	
	Overtime premium	\$8,000	
	General Contractor overhead & profit	\$12,782	
	CONSTRUCTION TOTAL	\$159,078	\$291.89

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Base Estimate Detail

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	COST
02-SITEWORK				
02050-DEMOLITION				
Remove desk, conduits, flooring, soffit trim and door systems	4	md	\$520.00	\$2,080
Dumpsters	1	ea	\$650.00	\$650
DEMOLITION TOTAL				<u>\$2,730</u>
06-WOODS AND PLASTICS				
06100-ROUGH CARPENTRY				
Misc plywood and blocking	1	ls	\$1,000.00	\$1,000
ROUGH CARPENTRY TOTAL				<u>\$1,000</u>
06200-FINISH CARPENTRY				
10" plastic laminate transaction counter	3	lf	\$200.00	\$600
24" plastic laminate counter w/ grommets	14	lf	\$200.00	\$2,800
12" plastic laminate shelf	15	lf	\$140.00	\$2,100
6" plastic laminate wall cap	8	lf	\$55.00	\$440
Wood base to match				NIC
Wood paneling to match	252	sf	\$20.00	\$5,040
Pencil drawer	1	ea	\$125.00	\$125
24" 5 drawer base cabinets	3	ea	\$500.00	\$1,500
FINISH CARPENTRY TOTAL				<u>\$12,605</u>
07-THERMAL AND MOISTURE PROTECTION				
07900-SEALANTS				
Interior caulking	1	md	\$680.00	\$680
Materials	1	ls	\$100.00	\$100
SEALANTS TOTAL				<u>\$780</u>
08-DOORS AND WINDOWS				
08411-ALUMINUM-FRAMED ENTRANCE AND STOREFRONTS				
D1 - aluminum storefront single door w/ sidelights	1	ls	\$3,500.00	\$3,500
D1 - hardware	1	ls	\$2,500.00	\$2,500
D2 - aluminum storefront single door w/ sidelights	1	ls	\$3,500.00	\$3,500
D2 - hardware	1	ls	\$2,000.00	\$2,000
D3 - hardware	1	ls	\$2,000.00	\$2,000
ALUMINUM-FRAMED ENTRANCE AND STOREFRONTS TOTAL				<u>\$13,500</u>
09-FINISHES				
09260-GYPSUM BOARD ASSEMBLIES				
Low wall - 2 1/2" metal stud w/ 5/8" gwb each side	32	sf	\$20.00	\$640
2 1/2" Metal stud for w/ 1 layer 5/8' gwb	216	sf	\$15.00	\$3,240
Install bullet proof fiberglass panels provided by 13070	2	md	\$600.00	\$1,200
Cutting and Patch existing walls/ceilings	1	ls	\$1,000.00	\$1,000
GYPSUM DRYWALL TOTAL				<u>\$6,080</u>

Base Estimate Detail

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	COST
09651-RESILIENT FLOOR TILE				
VCT	540	sf	\$4.00	\$2,160
Rubber base	201	lf	\$2.00	\$402
Floor prep	540	sf	\$1.00	\$540
RESILIENT FLOOR TILE TOTAL				<u>\$3,102</u>
09910-PAINTING				
Finish new wood paneling and base to match	2	md	\$600.00	\$1,200
Paint walls, ceilings and soffits	545	sf	\$2.00	\$1,090
PAINTING TOTAL				<u>\$2,290</u>
13000-SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION				
13070 -BULLET RESISTANT FRAMES AND WINDOWS				
Furnish, install, freight and tax)	1	ls	\$40,000.00	\$40,000
Level 4 -Transaction window w/ arch, ss tray and supports	60	sf		Inc above
Level 4 - Bullet resistant door and frame	1	lv		Inc above
Level 4 - Bullet resistant glazing and frame over existing windows	54	sf		Inc above
Supply level 4 bullet resistant fiberglass panels behind wood panels	65	sf		Inc above
Add dd for custom color powdercoat				NIC
BULLET RESISTANT FRAMES AND WINDOWS TOTAL				<u>\$40,000</u>
15500-MECHANICAL				
15300-FIRE PROTECTION				
New sidewall sprinkler to match (connect to existing main)	1	ls	\$700.00	\$700
Shutdown, drain and recalcs	1	ls	\$800.00	\$800
FIRE PROTECTION TOTAL				<u>\$1,500</u>
15500-HVAC				
Through wall 20cfm wall fan	1	ls	\$1,500.00	\$1,500
HVAC TOTAL				<u>\$1,500</u>
16-ELECTRICAL				
Demo/Make-safe	10	mh	\$85.00	\$850
Lighting and circuitry				
4' pendant	1	ea	\$350.00	\$350
Remove and reinstall lighting	4	mh	\$85.00	\$340
New Exit signs	2	ea	\$275.00	\$550
Lighting Circuitry and Power				
4000 wiremold	18	lf	\$95.00	\$1,710
Wall duplex outlet	5	ea	\$275.00	\$1,375
Ceiling duplex outlet	2	ea	\$275.00	\$550
New switches	1	ea	\$112.00	\$112
Wall fan wiring and connection	1	ea	\$350.00	\$350
Conduit, wire and tie-in to panel	1	ls	\$1,500.00	\$1,500

Base Estimate Detail

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	COST
<i>Fire Alarm</i>				
MC FA Teflon Cable	40	lf	\$12.00	\$480
Horn/strobe	1	ea	\$343.00	\$343
Central Equipment (tie into exist)	1	ls	\$250.00	\$250
<i>Telecommunications System (rough-in)</i>				
Conduit	60	lf	\$14.00	\$840
Tel/Data Outlet Backbox w/ Stubup	2	ea	\$84.20	\$168
<i>Security System (rough-in)</i>				
Security conduit	275	lf	\$14.00	\$3,850
Junction backbox for card readers and cameras	10	ea	\$84.20	\$842
ELECTRICAL TOTAL				<u>\$14,460</u>

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General Conditions and Requirements

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	COST
4 Week Schedule				
Project Staffing				
Superintendent	4	wks	\$3,600.00	\$14,400
Project Manager	2	wks	\$3,800.00	\$7,600
Temporary Facilities				
Field Office				with-in space
Copier				n/a
Fax Machine (Purchase)				n/a
Furniture				n/a
Drinking Water				n/a
Supplies for Office Trailer (Copies / Faxes)				n/a
Sanitation				n/a
Telephone				n/a
Field Office Computer				n/a
Portable phones	1	mth	\$200.00	\$200
First Aid / Safety	1	mth	\$150.00	\$150
Postage				n/a
Temp walls	12	lf	\$40.00	\$480
Temp signs	1	ls	\$800.00	\$800
Final cleaning	1	ls	\$1,000.00	\$1,000
Cleaning Dumpsters	3	ea	\$650.00	\$1,950
Cleaning / misc labor (1 laborer for 2 weeks)	10	md	\$520.00	\$5,200
GENERAL CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS TOTAL				\$31,780



PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTICE

Dear Resident:

The Public Safety & Transportation Committee of the Board of Aldermen seeks public comment on the following item, which may be of interest to you, at its next meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 8:00 pm in Room 202, Second Floor, City Hall. The meeting is open to the public and if you would like further information on the item, you are urged to attend.

#278-11 ALD. YATES, requesting a report from His Honor the Mayor on the likely impacts on traffic in Newton from the changes to the Route 9/128 intersection as part of the Add-A-Lane Project. [09/26/11 @ 2:37 PM]
HELD 7-0, Ald. Fuller not voting on 01/04/12

This is not a public hearing, but written opinions will be accepted. If you would like to offer an opinion in writing, please send to the following address: Clerk of the Board, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton Centre, MA 02459 or e-mail to Danielle Delaney at ddejaney@newtonma.gov by February 7, 2012 reflecting docket item #278-11.

Sincerely,

Danielle Delaney
Committee Clerk
Public Safety & Transportation Committee

Newton Tab Press Release

Aldermen seek public comment about the likely impacts on traffic in Newton as part of the Add-A-Lane Project.

The Public Safety & Transportation Committee of the Board of Aldermen seeks public comment on the likely impacts on traffic in Newton from the changes to the Route 9/128 intersection as part of the Add-A-Lane Project. A meeting takes place on Wednesday, February 8, 8:00 p.m., Room 202 at Newton City Hall. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may provide their written comments to: Board of Aldermen, Attn.: Danielle Delaney, Committee Clerk, Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave., Newton Centre, MA 02459 or ddelaney@newtonma.gov before February 7.



[What will happen to traffic when I-95 grows wider?](#)

by Matt Cuddy

February 8, 2012

8:00 pm to 9:30 pm

As you may know, MassDOT is working to widen I-95 to include four travel lanes from Route 24 to Route 9. The design work will likely be completed in fall 2012, with construction to begin in 2013 and completed in 2016. The proposed 127 million dollar project will widen 3.3 miles of I-95 including the three interchanges (Kendrick Street, Highland Street and Route 9).

The Public Safety & Transportation Committee of the Board of Aldermen will hear a report from the City's Director of Transportation, Clint Schuckel, on Wednesday, February 8, in Room 202 of City Hall. The public is invited to ask questions about the project and its expected impacts.

February 1, 2012 [No Comments](#)

Newton Tab

2/1/12

**Wednesday,
Feb. 8**

PUBLIC COMMENT

SOUGHT The Public Safety & Transportation Committee of the Board of Aldermen seeks public comment on the likely impacts on traffic in Newton from the changes to the Route 9/128 intersection as part of the Add-A-Lane Project. A meeting takes place on Feb. 8, 8 p.m., Room 202 at Newton City Hall. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may provide their written comments to: Board of Aldermen, Attn.: Danielle Delaney, Committee Clerk, Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave., Newton Centre, MA 02459 or ddelaney@newtonma.gov before Feb. 7.

2/8/12

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
ADD-A-LANE PROJECT**

at Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, on Feb. 8, 8 p.m. In Room 202. The Public Safety & Transportation Committee of the Board of Aldermen seeks public comment on the impacts on traffic in Newton from the changes to the Route 9/128 intersection as part of the Add-A-Lane Project. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may provide their written comments to: Board of Aldermen, Attn.: Danielle Delaney, Committee Clerk, Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave., Newton Centre, MA 02459 or ddelaney@newtonma.gov.

Danielle Delaney

To: **ddelaney@newtonma.gov**
Subject: **(Fwd) Regarding mtg on Rt.128 widening**
Date sent: **Tue, 31 Jan 2012 14:27:55**

#278-11

----- Forwarded message follows -----

From: **Jeanie Roper**
Subject: Regarding mtg on Rt.128 widening
Date sent: **Tue, 31 Jan 2012 14:23:19 -0500**
To: **ddelaney@newtonma.gov**

> **Dear Ms. Delany,**

Could you please let the Aldermen know that a big problem on route128 is that as soon as one gets on 128 N from rt.9 it is necessary to get over 2 lanes to avoid the back up from people trying to exit to get on the Pike. Route 128N curves steeply so that getting over to the left while the road curves right is very hard in terms of looking behind to check before changing lanes. Maybe if they expand it they could move the lanes that feed into the Pike over and make it a more gradual curve to get by that on the left for a mile or so south of the Pike exit.

I hope this makes sense to you. It really is a dangerous area with lots of people changing lanes to get over to get on the Pike or coming onto the highway and trying to get over to avoid Pike exiters between route 9 and the pike.

Thank you, Jean Roper

Draft Questions on Traffic Impact of Add-a-lane Project to Newton streets near intersection of Routes 9 and 128

What is the amount of traffic going southbound on 128 at the Route 9 intersection ?

How is it divided between through traffic, westbound on Route 9, and eastbound on Route 9?

What is the division expected to be after the compression of the two exits into one with a stop light?

What will the level of service be at the stop light? (How long will cars leaving 128 be stopped at the light, particularly during rush hours?)

How many drivers who anticipate a hold up at the light will be diverted to alternative routes through Newton such as Quinobequin Road, Chestnut Street, etc.?

What will the level of service be at the light for cars going westbound on Route 9?
How many cars will be diverted to other routes through Newton by delays at the light ?

What is the amount of traffic going northbound on 128 at the Route 9 intersection?

How is it divided between through traffic. Eastbound on Route 9, and westbound on Route 9?

What is the division expected to be after the compression of the two exits into one with a stop light?

What will the level of service be at the stop light? (How long will cars leaving 128 be stopped at the light, particularly during rush hours?)

How many drivers who anticipate a holdup at the light will be diverted to alternative routes through Newton (Highland Avenue/Needham Street to Oak Street, Centre Street, Chestnut Street, Quinobequin Road, Kenrick Street to Dedham Street to Parker Street, Centre Street, or Walnut Street)?

What will the level of service be at the light of cars going eastbound on Route 9?
How many cars will be diverted to other routes through Newton by delays at the light?

What are the reasons (accident rates, etc.) for the proposed unique solution of compression of two exits into one with a stoplight onto Route 9?

#278-11

Provided by Ald. Kalis on 01-10-12

Additional Questions:

1. Given the traffic implications to Newton on Nahanton St, is there any consideration, plans, or dollars to direct to traffic flow improvements at the intersection of Nahanton and Dedham as well as the intersection of Nahanton and Winchester?
2. What is the estimated shift of weekday and weekend, as well as commute trips from Needham St to Nahanton St?
3. Will a study be done to understand traffic flow differences on Winchester St and then downstream, implications to the traffic light at Dedham and Winchester?
4. What is the plan to review actual impact following implementation and will dollars be set aside to address any unforeseen impacts?
5. Is the new intersection at Kendrick intended to be a full intersection or only an entry from 128 South? Please specify the details of this intersection.
6. Will the new Kendrick St bridge continue to allow flow to and from Needham and Newton?