

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2011

7:00 pm  
Aldermanic Chambers

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

#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]  
**HELD 6-0 on 02/09/11**

#335-11      ALD. JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT & LINSKY, filing on October 19, 2011 an appeal from the decision of Traffic Council on October 13, 2011 to approve TC51-11 as follows:  
*The following streets were approved to be designated TIGER Permit areas:  
Beaumont Avenue between Hull Street and Prospect Avenue, Blithedale Street, Bolton Road, Calvin Road, Clyde Street, Dexter Road, Fairfield Street, Gay Street, Highland Avenue between Lowell Avenue and Walnut Street, Kimball Terrace, Lowell Avenue between Craigie Terrace and Highland Street, Lowell Avenue between Calvin Road and Highland Avenue, Otis Street between Walden and Walnut, Pulsifer Street, public portion of Trowbridge Avenue, Walden Street.*

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](mailto:tguditz@newtonma.gov) or via TDD/TTY at (617) 796-1089 at least two days in advance of the meeting.

#336-11 ALD. JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT & LINSKY, filing on October 19, 2011 an appeal from the decision of Traffic Council on October 13, 2001 to approve TC52-11(h) as follows:

*(h) no more than 70 permits will be issued to students that will allow them to override existing time limits and resident parking restrictions and park on public ways that are approved by TC51-11 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days, provided the following: (1) students can only be assigned to one side of each street approved by TC51-11, and (2) the maximum number of permits issued to students per street cannot exceed the number of houses that have frontage along the TIGER Permit designated side of the street.*

**It is the Chairman's intention to entertain motions to vote No Action Necessary or to refer the following items to the 2012-2013 Board.**

**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]

#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]

#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 6-0 (Ald. Shapiro not voting) on 10/19/11**

**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]

- #156-11 ALD. YATES requesting a report from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority on the physical condition of the bridge that carries the MBTA Green Line over Route 9 near Eliot Station. [05/02/11 @ 10:51 PM]
- #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 6-0 (Ald. Freedman not voting) on 05/18/11**
- 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]  
**PUBLIC FACILITIES HELD 6-0 (Ald. Salvucci not voting) on 02/09/11**  
**HELD 6-0 on 02/09/11**

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman

CITY OF NEWTONIN BOARD OF ALDERMENPUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT**REVISED**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011

Present: Ald. Ciccone (Chairman), Harney, Yates, Shapiro, Johnson, and Fuller

Absent: Ald. Freedman and Swiston

Also Present: Ald. Albright, Fischman and Linsky

City Staff: Marc Welch, Director of Urban Forestry; David Koses, Transportation Planner; Jim Danila, Transportation Engineer, Clint Schuckel, Traffic Engineer and Chief Matthew Cummings, Newton Police Department

#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]

**ACTION:**      **HELD 6-0****NOTE:**      **This item has been revised due to incorrect information being provided to the Committee Clerk at the meeting.**

David Koses, Jim Danila, Clint Schuckel, Chief Matthew Cummings, Ald. Linsky and Ald. Albright joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Mr. Koses provided Committee members with a pick-up/drop-off staff observation chart and a PowerPoint presentation, both are attached to this report. The Planning Department collected data for the area including Newton North High School traffic on November 30, 2010. Mr. Koses said the study primarily focused on what other streets are experiencing parking problems and what else can be considered to improve motorists, cyclist and pedestrian safety.

*Existing and Proposed Conditions*

- Traffic and parking conditions in the area of Newton North High School continue to change.
- Parking restrictions vary on streets surrounding the school.
- Walnut Street has absorbed more parking and traffic than Lowell Street.
- AM arrival coincides with rush hour: Heavy traffic on Walnut Street for 20-30 minutes, and a 3-5 minute delay in Newton North High School vicinity.

- New parking lot on Lowell Street is expected to open in fall 2011. Reducing contractor parking after demolition, will add 110 spaces in lot plus 14-24 on Lowell Street, reduce TIGER permit parking on streets and expect changes will shift some vehicles off Walnut Street.

#### Study Approach

- Collect and map current parking data.
- Locate areas with high parking or availability.
- Examine inconsistent parking restrictions.
- Consider short and medium-term parking, pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

#### Summary of Staff Observations

- Elm Road: Fence-hoppers and heavy congestion 7:45-8:00 AM to get onto Walnut Street and cars block “Bus Only” entrance.
- Walnut Street: Cars waiting in queue to enter Tiger Drive, pedestrians entering and exiting cars and some pedestrians do not use new flashing pedestrian-activated beacon.
- Tiger Drive: Blue zone painted at the end of Tiger Drive, most vehicles on Tiger Drive pickup able-bodied students.
- Hull Street: Additional capacity *not* available for additional drop-off during the AM drop-off and additional capacity *is* available for additional pick-up activity on Hull Street.

#### Pick-up Activity Varies:

- East side: Very High (Tiger Drive, Walnut and Clyde Streets)
- South side: High (Hull and Dexter Streets)
- West side: Some (Lowell Avenue, Highland Street and Calvin Street)
- North Side: Low (Kimball Terrace, Blithedale Street) some shifting to Lowell Avenue parking lot likely

#### Recommendations

- Discourage/enforce no queuing from Walnut Street to Tiger Drive
- Limit access to Tiger Drive during PM pickup
  - Buses, Special Ed, Plowshares, Taxi
- Enforce “No Parking”/”No Waiting” on Walnut and Clyde Streets
- Call Police Department for current violations
- Docket long-term changes at Traffic Council
- Review again after new parking lot is built
- Consider break in northern fence – short term / revisit
- Encourage sharing of the DO/PU
- Consider bike lanes in the area
  - Encourage biking and reduce vehicle trips
  - TAC policy development – how to accommodate cars/bikes on narrow streets

Ald. Yates asked if buses are being used to their full capacity. Mr. Koses said some buses have been re-routed to Elm Road due to difficulty parking on Tiger Drive. In the spring, he also anticipates Tiger Drive becoming difficult to park on due to 'traveling sports buses'.

Ald. Linsky suggested bicycling be encouraged and incorporated into this docket item as Mr. Koses recommends. He said he spoke with Newton North Principal, Jen Price who reports drop-off and pick-up issues and locations have improved due to students being asked to use Elm Road and Hull Street rather than Tiger Drive. He suggested the continuation of monitoring this area. He asked if the proposed parking spaces on Lowell Street would exist because he thought they were eliminated from the original design plans. He then asked if the parking lot design plan included drop-offs and pick-up locations. Mr. Schuckel answered the parking lot would be used for staff parking only.

Ald. Albright asked Mr. Koses what actions he is considering on the identified problems. Mr. Koses said issues have to be resolved regarding Tiger Drive; people need to be encouraged not to use it as pick-up or drop-off locations. He is hopeful the Transportation Team can also recommend these suggestions. Ald. Albright suggested that this Committee make additional suggestions on identified problems and encouraged dialogue with the School and Police Departments. Chairman Ciccone said the Police Department could not enforce this area on a regular basis due to crossing guards being assigned to their crossing posts. Chief Cummings said he is concerned with public safety and there are two main issues. First, an officer patrols vehicles in and out of Tiger Drive where students cross Walnut Street avoiding the pedestrian light. Second, vehicles exiting Elm Road have difficulty entering Walnut Street. Each AM and PM, two officers are assigned at Newton North High School.

Ald. Johnson agreed with Ald. Albright. She said residents are anticipating results and asked what specific plans can be considered. She then asked what recommendations are being considered in the area of Clyde Street, Trowbridge Avenue, Kirkstall Road, Hull and Walnut Streets. She believes a parking lot on Lowell Avenue will not decrease drop-off or pick-up locations. Ald. Fuller suggested a review of the Lowell Avenue parking lot perhaps alleviating future issues.

Mr. Koses said the Planning Departments recommendation were made to share the burden with neighboring streets. He suggested implementing a sticker program allowing certain vehicles access to Tiger Drive. Ald. Johnson asked if parking observations differentiated between Tiger Permit or personal vehicles parking on surrounding streets. Mr. Koses said Mr. Schuckel would have the count for Tiger Permits. In September, it is anticipated there will be fewer Tiger Permits issued improving the situation. Current observations proved Hull Street handles more than its share of the burden but there is no recommendation to further restrict parking on Hull Street.

Chairman Ciccone opened the discussion to members of the public who were present.

Kevin O'Hern, 442 Walnut Street, said exiting his driveway is difficult and sometimes a nuisance. He is primarily concerned with public safety witnessing near accidents due to people using driveways to turn around the same time as students are walking on the sidewalks. He

suggested Clyde Street be made a One-Way during certain times of the day perhaps alleviating this situation. Chairman Ciccone said this suggestion could be docketed for Traffic Councils review. Mr. Koses agreed Clyde Street is problematic.

A resident of 66 Clyde Street said she agrees with Mr. O'Hern and Koses. She said Clyde Street is used as a major cut-through street. She feels additional police enforcement is necessary on the north side of Clyde Street with parking vehicles, drop-offs and pick-ups. On the south side of Clyde Street, there is limited space allowing drop-offs and pick-ups. She suggested an item be docketed for Traffic Council's consideration prohibiting parking on the first section of Clyde Street to allow the maximum width of two lanes. She said Tiger Permit parking is allowed on Clyde Street but feels students are not parking where they are assigned, enforcement is necessary by the Police or School Departments. Ald. Johnson suggested she contact the Newton North High School providing the Tiger permit number of the vehicle in violation. Chief Cummings said the area is patrolled daily. She then said walking is difficult on the east side of Walnut Street because the sidewalks are not clear of snow. Ald. Johnson asked that the DPW be contacted to remove and plow the sidewalk.

Vick Voydock, 26 Trowbridge Avenue, said due to large amounts of snow; streets have become public safety issues. Trowbridge Avenue is not passable and does not allow emergency vehicles access without difficulty. Chairman Ciccone and Chief Cummings said it is not only a Newton problem it is statewide. Mr. Voydock said some Cities install temporary parking restrictions hoping to alleviate these issues. Ald. Johnson suggested he contact the Police Department when these issues arise. Ald. Albright asked Chief Cummings if he had the authority to tow or prohibit parking. Chief Cummings said the Police Department will review the area and may make temporary tow zones on tight streets.

A resident of Trowbridge Avenue said he is concerned with people disregarding the left turn when entering Tiger Drive. He agreed enforcement is necessary.

Ald. Johnson made the motion to hold this item for discussion with Principal Jen Price and Chief Cummings. She suggested this item be discussed on February 23, 2011. Committee members agreed 6-0.

**Board of Aldermen**

2010-2011

CITY OF NEWTON



**PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE**

Dear Resident:

The Public Safety & Transportation Committee of the Board of Aldermen will be discussing the following items, which may be of interest to you, at its next meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Aldermanic Chambers, Second Floor, City Hall. The meeting is open to the public and if you would like further information on the item, you are encouraged to attend.

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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, MA 02459 or e-mail to Danielle Delaney at [ddelaney@newtonma.gov](mailto:ddelaney@newtonma.gov) by November 30, 2011.

Sincerely,

Danielle Delaney  
Committee Clerk  
Public Safety & Transportation Committee



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# Traffic Council

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City Hall  
Aldermanic Chamber  
Thursday, October 13, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

# Agenda

1. TC52-11: requesting establishment of a permanent TIGER permit parking program for NNHS students. (Ward 2)
2. TC51-11: requesting that certain city streets be designated TIGER permit parking areas. (Ward 2)
3. TC14-10: requesting no parking either side of Trowbridge Ave. except by permit. (Ward 2)  
(Held for Trial on 9/30/10)
4. TC43-11: requesting Resident Parking only on Dexter Rd. (Ward 2)
5. TC29-11: requesting No Parking from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on School Days on Kirkstall Rd. and Charlesden Park. (Ward 2)

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TC52-11

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Requesting establishment of a permanent TIGER permit parking program. (Ward 2)

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TC51-11

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Requesting that certain city streets be designated TIGER permit parking areas. (Ward 2)

# Tiger Permits on Public Streets

- **Posted/Faculty (NNHS Permit Only 7-4p, school days)**
  - ✓ Hull St (north side) ~48 spaces
  - ✓ Lowell Ave (east side between Hull & Elm) ~ 22 spaces
  - ✓ Elm Road (south side) ~ 20 spaces
- **Posted/Student (NNHS Permit Only 7-4p, school days)**
  - Austin St parking lot ~ 40 spaces
  - Lowell Ave (west side b/w Highland & Austin) ~ 17 spaces
  - Lowell Ave (west side @ Clafin Park) ~ 23 spaces
- **Overlay/Student (permit supercedes posted restriction)**
  - Various streets= max 70 spaces

## Permit Parking Overview

- Permits will continue to override posted restrictions, including resident permit only.
- Permits are assigned to specific address numbers on only one side of street.
- No more than one student permit is assigned per property on one side of the street only.
- Properties that have Tiger Permit assigned are eligible to receive 1 additional permit for same property.



# Overlay/Student Permits

Street	Side of Street	Max # of Permits
Beaumont Ave.	Odd	7
Blithedale St.	Odd	4
Bolton Rd.	Odd	5
Calvin Rd.	Odd	5
Clyde St.	Even	10
Dexter Rd.	Even	5
Fairfield St.	Even	6
Highland St.	Odd	6
Kimball Terr.	Odd	5
Lowell Ave. (Cragie to Highland St.)	Odd	7
Lowell Ave. (Calvin to Highland Ave.)	Odd	7
Otis St. (Walden to Lowell)	Even	4
Otis St. (Lowell to Walnut)	Even	8
Trowbridge Ave.	Even	6
Walden St.	Odd	11



# Proposed Permit Location Info

- Provides up to 102 parking spots.
  - Not intended to go beyond 70.
  - Gives school flexibility on where to assign.
- No permits are currently proposed for the following streets:
  - Allston St., Austin St., Birch Hill Rd., Bullough Park, Elmwood Park, Forest Ave., Gay St., Gray Birch Terr., Greylock Rd., Grove Hill Ave., Grove Hill Park, Highland Ave., Kirkstall Rd., Leonard Ave., Oakwood Rd., Park Pl., Prospect Ave., Sheffield Rd., Somerset Rd., Upland Rd., Washington Park, or Woodside Rd.

CITY OF NEWTON  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011

Present: Ald. Ciccone; Danielle Delaney, Committee Clerk; Clint Schuckel, Director of Transportation; Jerome Grafe, Citizen Representative; David Koses, Transportation Planner and Sgt. James Norcross, Newton Police Department

Also Present: Ald. Linsky, Johnson and Albright

Others Present: Jennifer Price, Newton North High Principal; Deb Holman, Newton North High Vice Principal and Lisa Mazzola, Executive Assistant Newton North High School

Mr. Schuckel provided a PowerPoint presentation on these items, attached to this report.

TC52-11     PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, requesting the establishment of a permanent TIGER Permit program for students. This program would establish the following: (a) no more than 150 TIGER Permits to be issued to students, per the request of Newton North High School; (b) each TIGER Permit will include an assigned parking space, a permit number, and the effective dates; (c) 40 parking spaces in the Austin Street off-street municipal parking area will be designated as TIGER Permit only between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days; (e) the west side of Lowell Avenue between Austin Street and Highland Avenue will be designated as TIGER Permit only between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days, with no more than 17 permits assigned to this area; (f) the west side of Lowell Avenue adjacent to Claflin Park will be designated as TIGER Permit only between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days, with no more than 23 permits assigned to this area; (g) residents of Hull Street, Elm Road, and Lowell Avenue between Calvin Road and Highland Street will be eligible for TIGER Permits, which will not count against the student cap of 150 permits; (h) no more than 70 permits will be issued to students that will allow them to override existing time limits and resident parking restrictions and park on public ways that are approved by TC51-11 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days, provided the following: (1) students can only be assigned to one side of each street approved by TC51-11, and (2) the maximum number of permits issued to students per street cannot exceed the number of houses that have frontage along the TIGER Permit designated side of the street; (i) consideration of allowing residents of certain other streets to be eligible to obtain TIGER permits. (Ward 2) [09/30/11 @ 12:47 PM]

**ACTION:** The following was approved with a vote 3-2 (Ciccone, Norcross opposed): (a) no more than 150 TIGER Permits to be issued to students, per the request of Newton North High School.

**ACTION:** The following was approved with a vote 5-0: (b) each TIGER Permit will include an assigned parking space, a permit number, and the effective dates; (c) 40 parking spaces in the Austin Street off-street municipal parking area will be designated as TIGER Permit only between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days; (e) the west side of Lowell Avenue between Austin Street and Highland Avenue will be designated as TIGER Permit only between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days, with no more than 17 permits assigned to this area; (f) the west side of Lowell Avenue adjacent to Claflin Park will be designated as TIGER Permit only between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days, with no more than 23 permits assigned to this area; (g) residents of Hull Street, Elm Road, and Lowell Avenue between Calvin Road and Highland Street will be eligible for TIGER Permits, which will not count against the student cap of 150 permits; (h) no more than 70 permits will be issued to students that will allow them to override existing time limits and resident parking restrictions and park on public ways that are approved by TC51-11 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days, provided the following: (1) students can only be assigned to one side of each street approved by TC51-11, and (2) the maximum number of permits issued to students per street cannot exceed the number of houses that have frontage along the TIGER Permit designated side of the street;

**ACTION:** The following failed to carry with a vote 2-3 (Ciccone, Koses, Norcross opposed): (i) In the event that a student permit is assigned permit to park in front of a particular address, the resident of that address would also be entitled to obtain a TIGER permit.

These items may be appealed through the close of business November 2, 2011.

**NOTE:**

TC52-11 and TC 51-11 were discussed together. See TC51-11 summary below.

TC51-11 PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, requesting that the following streets be designated TIGER Permit areas: (a) Beaumont Avenue, (b) Blithedale Street, (c) Bolton Road, (d) Calvin Road, (e) Charlesden Park, (f) Clyde Street, (g) Dexter Road, (h) Elmwood Park, (i) Fairfield Street, (j) Gay Street, (k) Highland Avenue (between Lowell and Walnut), (l) Kimball Terrace, (m) Kirkstall Road (between Walnut and Charlesden Park), (n) Otis Street (between Walden and Walnut), (o) Prospect Avenue, (p) Pulsifer Street, (q) Trowbridge Avenue (public portion), (r) Walden Street, and (s) Woodside Road. (Ward 2) [09/30/11 @ 12:47 PM]

**ACTION:** The following streets were approved to be designated TIGER Permit areas with a vote 3-2 (Ciccone, Norcross opposed): Beaumont Avenue between Hull Street and Prospect Avenue, Blithedale Street, Bolton Road, Calvin Road, Clyde Street, Dexter Road, Fairfield Street, Gay Street, Highland Avenue between Lowell Avenue and Walnut Street, Kimball Terrace, Lowell Avenue between Craigie Terrace and Highland Street, Lowell Avenue between Calvin Road and Highland Avenue, Otis Street between Walden and Walnut, Pulsifer Street, public portion of Trowbridge Avenue, Walden Street. This item may be appealed through the close of business November 2, 2011.

**NOTE:** Mr. Schuckel said that the Planning Department and the Department of Public Works docketed these items upon request from the High School Administration. The High School Administration is requesting 150 parking spaces for students. Mr. Schuckel reviewed with Council members the existing TIGER permit locations, permit-parking overview, proposed locations, streets

where permits are not proposed to be issued, the number of maximum permits allowed and the proposed location for 102 parking spaces allowing the School Department to move permits around as needed. Eighty of the 150 spaces would be located either in the Austin Street lot, or along the two sections of Lowell Avenue. The remaining seventy spaces would be disbursed among several streets. Mr. Schuckel stated that there would be no more than one permit per house and permits would only be issued on one side of the street. During the Newton North construction phase, approximately 100 student permits were issued.

Mr. Koses stated that Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) developed over 26 recommendations to forward to the Executive Department, including one dealing with resident parking, and another that he referred to as a "Share the Streets" recommendation. The TAC recommends the re-evaluation of the resident permit program and a moratorium of new resident permits while the re-evaluation takes place. The TAC also recommended a pilot "Share the Streets" concept where a zone would be identified, parking restrictions would be enacted within the zone, and permits would be made available for residents and others to override the posted parking restrictions. The TAC recommends that a pilot area be selected immediately, and Mr. Koses noted that the neighborhood surrounding Newton North High School could be selected as the Pilot Zone. Mr. Koses also mentioned that the Ward 2 Aldermen docketed an item requesting a comprehensive traffic and parking study be completed in the area of Newton North High School, which has been an ongoing study and has included a review of pedestrian access, pick-up, drop-off, staff and student parking, potential bicycle lanes, and traffic signals.

Ms. Price thanked the residents for their patience during the construction phase. She said that 305 faculty and staff members park on site, 96 faculty and staff members' park on the streets totaling 401. The new proposal would allow for 421 parking spaces including the Lowell Avenue parking lot once construction is complete. Students and parents sign a contract when issued a parking permit. She is concerned with and understands residents' concerns. She said that if a student parking program is not implemented, students will park anywhere – instead, they would play the 2-hour parking game that the Police Department will have to enforce. Prior to construction, students parked on Hull Street, making it difficult for the residents. A proactive plan is necessary to disperse student parking throughout the neighborhood, so to avoid hardships between students and residents. Ms. Price described the criteria used to issue parking permits. Permits are issued in August to students with medical conditions, responsible for siblings or grandparent care and those who work. The second set of permits is issued by class seniority. Students are parking in areas with parking restrictions regardless of whether they are ticketed. She stated there is the demand for 150 student permits including a current waiting list of 20 students. Regardless, Ms. Price is hopeful students would be "good neighbors". Ms. Holman spoke and agreed with Ms. Price.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion for public comment and summarized the thirteen e-mails received on these items, attached to this report. Approximately 24 residents spoke stressing (a list of speakers is attached to this report) their concerns, suggestions and questions including the following:

Beaumont Avenue: A resident said he was concerned of children's safety due to the potential increase of traffic.

Blithedale Street, Bolton Road and Calvin Road: Residents did not speak.

Charlesden Park: A resident asked for clarification as to whether Charlesden Park was being proposed as a potential permit area. A resident asked that Kirkstall Road and Charlesden Park not be included in the TIGER proposal because Kirkstall Road is narrow, deeply sloped, students litter the street, trash pick-up

is difficult, travel is difficult especially for emergency vehicles and there are small children and elderly residents.

Clyde Street: A resident said that parents ignore safety issues when dropping off students. She suggested reducing the proposed 10 TIGER parking permits to be assigned to Clyde Street.

Dexter Road: A resident provided photos depicting the narrow street with parked cars. Drop-off areas result in additional traffic conditions and chaos. Students walk in the street, a major safety issue, since the street does not have sidewalks. Emergency vehicles have difficulty accessing the road especially in the winter months. Residents said that traffic, speed and pedestrian volumes have increased, exiting/entering driveways is difficult, vehicle and pedestrian safety is necessary because there are no sidewalks, which makes walking difficult and unsafe especially when parents are making U-turn's. Safety issues need to be addressed. Residents suggested better snow plowing to allow easier access to exit and enter driveways, better Police Department enforcement and permit parking should be limited to allow for resident and guest parking. They understand the need for a permit program, suggested the area be extended beyond the 1/3 mile radius. Parents are discouraged from using Tiger Drive as pick-up/drop-off location, putting the burden on surrounding streets. Ms. Price said that parents have received numerous letters including maps requesting proper drop-off/pick-up locations.

Elmwood Park: Residents did not speak.

Fairfield Street: A resident said he is concerned about children's safety and vehicular circulation. Buses have difficulty due to parked cars and snow accumulation. Exiting/entering driveways is difficult. Trash pickup is difficult. The resident requested that no permits be issued on this street.

Gay Street and Highland Avenue (between Lowell and Walnut): Residents did not speak.

Kimball Terrace: A resident supports the program but is concerned about student parking. He said that the fence that was installed to reduce foot traffic has been effective, but that if cars are allowed to park on Kimball Terrace, he knows that students will jump the fence. He is also concerned about the increased speed and traffic. There are only six houses on Kimball Terrace and questions why five parking spaces are being proposed. A resident suggested lifting parking restrictions in the winter or perhaps better plowing.

Kirkstall Road (between Walnut and Charlesden Park): A resident said she was concerned students without permits would continue to park in this area.

Lowell Avenue: A resident asked for clarification regarding staff parking on Lowell Avenue Mr. Koses said that staff parking lot has been approved for all three streets forming the perimeter of the high school. The resident suggested reconsideration of this as Lowell Avenue is a speedway with high traffic volumes. Evening parking is also chaotic and requested better Police Department enforcement. High volumes of trash are also problematic.

Otis Street (between Walden and Walnut): A resident said exiting/entering driveways is difficult, especially in the winter. She asked how many additional TIGER permits are being proposed for Otis Street. Mr. Schuckel said there are currently nine spaces in the program that will be reduced to eight spaces.

Prospect Avenue: A resident said that he is pleased Prospect Avenue will not be considered for the permit program. He understood that when the new Newton North High School was being built, the previous traffic situation would be put in place. A resident suggested a "donut" pattern where students cannot park close to the high school, the perimeter starts ¼ mile out reducing traffic congestion in the school neighborhood.

Pulsifer Street: Residents did not speak.

Trowbridge Avenue (public portion): A resident said that residents should not have to deal with the burden of student parking, trash, noise, loitering, and recommends these items be re-thought.

Walden Street: A resident said that Walden Street residents are concerned with the number of spaces being proposed. They support the program but request the number be reduced. They suggested that the burden be shared by involving additional streets. They also suggest a student community service program in addition to the contract to assist the elders with shoveling or other community activities.

Woodside Road: A resident said that Woodside Road has a parking restriction that does not allow homeowners' to park on the street. She requests that students not be able to park on the street.

Walnut Street: A resident said the City would need to take additional snow removal responsibility to remove snow from sidewalks included in the areas of the permit program.

Mr. Koses said he received a request asking to extend the TIGER permit program earlier than 7 a.m. and later than 4:00 p.m. due to school class schedules.

Ald. Johnson asked Mr. Schuckel to consider the "donut" suggestion made by beginning the perimeter ¼-mile radius outside the school area reducing traffic congestion in the neighborhood, which would also encourage students to walk and spread the burden in the neighborhood. She then said providing permit parking allows students closer parking and entitlement. She feels the parking proposals need additional work.

Ald. Albright agreed. She would also like to have the perimeter begin further. She said that students are capable of walking further than 1/3 mile. It is a privilege for students to park in front of residents' homes. She is concerned about what she has heard tonight about narrow streets, winter travel is difficult, trash pickup difficulty and emergency vehicle access. She is hopeful TAC recommendations would be provided soon to the Executive Department. She asked if the correct streets have been chosen.

Council members expressed their suggestions and concerns on the establishment of the program.

Sgt. Norcross agreed with Ald. Johnson. Children should be encouraged to walk or ride the bus to school. A permit program only encourages driving. He does not agree with issuing 150 permit parking spaces, he only recommends issuing 80 spaces on Lowell Avenue and Austin Street parking lot, which would not affect neighbors.

Mr. Koses suggested approval of a student TIGER permit program trial through June 30, 2012. He believes the concept of share the streets could work in the Newton North area, and time is needed to develop the concept. A trial would allow the program to be tweaked, accommodating both students and residents. He also suggested that a share-the-streets program would allow residents to purchase permits, which would allow them to override parking restrictions. Ald. Ciccone disagreed. Taxpayers should not have to purchase permits to park in front of their own homes. Sgt. Norcross said that he would not support a trial.

Ald. Linsky recommends that residents and students have a reciprocal relationship permitting residents also the opportunity to obtain a permit. He suggests waiting until the spring to determine whether the onsite parking lot fulfill the parking needs, and whether student parking is being accommodated using the 80 spaces on Lowell Avenue and the Austin Street parking lot. Many streets are impacted and winter travel only affects them. Ald. Linsky suggested holding these items for additional meetings. Ald. Linsky thanked the residents, Traffic Council and School Department for their patience and

difficulties they have endured. Mr. Schuckel said that half the streets proposed already have some resident parking restrictions. He identified 102 possible spaces, 70 is the maximum.

Mr. Koses said the Lowell Avenue lot is likely to open in December 2011, and that Traffic Council needs to implement some type of student parking program. He believes that once the Lowell Parking Lot is complete, the High School construction can be considered to be complete, thereby ending the old TIGER program. At a previous meeting, Traffic Council made permanent the TIGER permit program for staff on streets forming the perimeter of the school. Traffic Council has not yet approved a TIGER permit program for students. If an adequate number of TIGER permits are not approved for students, the result is likely to be continued student parking in residential neighborhood, and with the School unable to know which car goes with which student. Mr. Koses said that this situation would not be good for students or for residents.

Ald. Albright asked Mr. Schuckel if a trial is implemented to consider 1/2 mile radius rather than 1/3 mile. Mr. Schuckel answered yes; the concern is that the further you go out, students will only find a closer alternative. Ald. Johnson agreed with Ald. Albright. She supports these items be held for additional work, and would be disappointed if approved as written.

Mr. Grafe said that he does not encourage additional student parking. Students park anywhere, parking is in demand, and they will continue to park with or without parking permits. He agreed with Sgt. Norcross, that these items encourage driving. He agreed with moving forward with a trial and perhaps limiting the number of spaces, and expanding the area and time of day for the spaces. He is hopeful that the TAC recommendations will come to fruition. He recommends that residents have the opportunity to purchase a permit. He said that residents should have priority over the students. Commuters, employees and students should pay a higher fee for the permit. He understands residents' concerns about the snow, trash, road corners and road conditions. He suggested a trial, expand the geography to spread the burden and enforcement is necessary. He said that he could not support the proposal as written.

Mr. Schuckel said that members would not know if a program would work unless it is put into place. He suggested a split vote on 80 spaces as a separate item from the remainder of TC52-11 (40 spaces in the Austin Street parking lot and 40 spaces on Lowell Avenue, not in front of residents). Mr. Koses took a straw poll to determine if Traffic Council would take action on TC 52-11, Council members agreed 5-0 to take an action this evening. Mr. Koses then asked members whether they support a trial through the rest of the school year. The proposal of a trial for TC52-11 failed 1-4 (Mr. Koses in favor). Ms. Price stated the 80 spaces are occupied with students. If the spaces were not approved, they would have to be revoked.

Mr. Grafe made the motion to approve TC52-11(c), (e) and (f) to approve 80 spaces on Lowell Avenue and the Austin Street parking lot on a temporary basis until the end of the school year or receipt of the TAC recommendations is approved. Sgt. Norcross made the friendly amendment to make the motion permanent because these areas would not impact the neighbors. Ald. Ciccone agreed. Mr. Grafe amended his motion to make the 80 spaces permanent. Council members agreed 5-0.

Sgt. Norcross made the motion to approve TC52-11(a) with no more than 80 parking spaces issued. Mr. Schuckel said 150 permits is less than 10% of the student population. He suggested extending the area by adding (Gay Street, Sheffield Road and Greylock Road). Mr. Koses said that Sheffield Road and

Greylock Road residents were not notified of the Traffic Council meeting, so action could not be taken for those streets at this time. He suggested that additional streets could be added as “TIGER Permit Areas” through subsequent Traffic Council action. Ms. Price said that Newton North High School would invite residents the opportunity to purchase a permit.

Ald. Johnson asked if Washington Street (west south side of Lowell Avenue) was considered when determining parking locations. Mr. Schuckel said Washington Street was included in the program until this school year when the City received complaints from residents and additional parking was available on the site. She suggested this location be considered in order to increase the number of permits by not affecting residents’ home fronts. Mr. Koses said that this area does not currently have any parking restriction, so students could already park there, but many don’t want to park there because it is too far from the school. Ald. Ciccone stated that Washington Street parking would not burden the neighbors. Ald. Albright asked why the TIGER permit policy has changed, allowing students to park in the neighborhood. Mr. Schuckel said that students choose to park anywhere, taking their chances. Ald. Johnson asked how many student permits currently exist. Mr. Koses answered 100. She then asked why 150 spaces are being proposed. Ms. Price answered that as of the spring the demand is 150, with 20 students on the waiting list. Additional permits will be issued when the Lowell Avenue is open.

Ald. Ciccone asked how many parking spaces are available on Washington Street for this program. Mr. Schuckel answered that Washington Street has no parking restrictions, which would allow many spaces. Ald. Ciccone suggested including Washington Street into the program. The Police Department’s plate recognition system could help issues tickets. Mr. Koses said students would not park on Washington Street because it is too far, and they want to park closer. Sgt. Norcross said students can be offered a permit and let them decide if the distance is too far.

Sgt. Norcross modified his motion to amend TC52-11(a) to include 40 additional spaces from Washington Street totaling 120 spaces to be issued to students. Mr. Grafe asked if Washington Street would be reconstructed. Mr. Schuckel answered that Lowell Avenue will be re-paved. Approximately 500’ each direction of Washington Street from Lowell Avenue. The parking lanes will remain on both sides of Washington Street. Repaving will not affect this proposal. Council members voted on the motion, which failed to carry (Ciccone and Norcross in favor, Grafe, Koses and Schuckel opposed).

Mr. Schuckel moved to approve 52-11(a) no more than 150 TIGER Permits to be issued to students, per the request of Newton North High School. The 70 additional spaces (not including the 80 spaces previously approved for the Austin Street Lot and the two sections of Lowell Avenue) would include Gay Street and additional streets to be docketed for inclusion. Council members approved the motion.

Mr. Schuckel moved approval of 52-11(b), (c), (e), (f), (g) and (h). The motion was approved 5-0.

Ald. Linsky recommends approving only enough parking for the current number of student needs and hold the remainder of the item. Mr. Schuckel started discussing item 52-11(i) consideration of allowing residents of certain other streets to be eligible to obtain TIGER permits. He suggested that residents may also apply for a permit in locations where the TIGER permit will be approved. Ald. Ciccone asked how residents would be notified of the TIGER permit locations chosen. Mr. Koses suggested that the school write a letter notifying residents before issuing student permits to inform residents they are also eligible to purchase permits if a permit will be issued in front of their home. Ald. Albright said that



problems are not being resolved for residents with parking restrictions on one side of the street. Sgt. Norcross said that it is not fair to tax-paying residents who cannot park in front of their own homes. Ald. Johnson agreed.

Council members voted on 52-11(i), such that once a student TIGER permit is issued in front of a residence, a resident living in that home would be eligible to obtain a TIGER permit as well. Mr. Schuckel described this as a compromise between allowing some residents to park, and a program that would be too large for the High School administration to handle. The motion failed to carry (Grafe, Schuckel approve, Ciccone, Koses and Norcross opposed). Mr. Koses said that these items may be appealed through the close of business November 2, 2011.

Mr. Schuckel moved approval of TC51-11, with the following streets to be designated TIGER Permit areas: Beaumont Avenue between Hull Street and Prospect Avenue, Blithedale Street, Bolton Road, Calvin Road, Clyde Street, Dexter Road, Fairfield Street, Gay Street, Highland Avenue between Lowell Avenue and Walnut Street, Kimball Terrace, Lowell Avenue between Craigie Terrace and Highland Street, Lowell Avenue between Calvin Road and Highland Avenue, Otis Street between Walden and Walnut, Pulsifer Street, public portion of Trowbridge Avenue. The motion carried with a vote 3-2 (Grafe, Koses and Schuckel in favor, Ciccone, Norcross opposed)

Barbara and John Molé  
311 Lowell Ave.  
Newtonville, MA 02460

November 28, 2011

Danielle Delaney  
Committee Clerk  
Public Safety & Transportation Committee  
Newton, MA

RE: Opposition to item #335-11

ATTN: Public Safety & Transportation Committee Members

We are opposed to Item #335-11 and believe that TIGER Permits should NOT be allowed on Lowell Ave. between Calvin Street and Otis Street. Our house is next door to St. John's Church and this short block should be reserved for members, staff and visitors of the church; families and staff of Bowen Nursery School; and the volunteers and customers of St. John's Thrift Shop.

Adding student parking is a burden that we do not want. Lowell Ave is a busy street and adding student parking will increase the congestion. Local resident permit parking was initiated on Lowell Ave to eliminate student parking near the high school and we wish to keep it that way.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please do NOT allow TIGER permits on Lowell Ave. between Calvin Street and Otis Street.

Sincerely,

Barbara and John Molé

cc: St. John's Church, 297 Lowell Ave., Newtonville

**Danielle Delaney**

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To: **ddelaney@newtonma.gov**  
Subject: **(Fwd) Public Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting Notice #335-11 336-11**  
Date sent: **Tue, 29 Nov 2011 09:26:20**

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From: Regina Hoyt  
To: **ddelaney@newtonma.gov**  
**Subject: Public Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting Notice #335-11**  
Date sent: **Mon, 28 Nov 2011 18:20:17 -0500**

Attention: Clerk of the Board  
Regarding: #335-11 and #336-11

My name is Regina Hoyt and I reside at 23 Calvin Road, Newtonville.

I write to state my opposition for Tiger permits being issued for Calvin Road.

Calvin Road has long been the "standing" road for parents waiting to pick up and drop off their children at the high school, and thus the street is frequently clogged with traffic to the point where it becomes un navigable. The street is designated one side only parking, with a no parking zone at the foot of the street abutting Lowell. Both sides of the street, are often parked up despite the signs saying no parking.

There is a bus route for Cabot School, at the intersection of Calvin and Fairfield. Many children board the bus at this stop and often have to walk out into the street because the bus stop is parked over and curb-to-bus access impeded. Often the bus can not even navigate the street, especially the turn onto Fairfield because of parked cars.

Please reconsider permitting Tiger parking on Calvin Road, as the road is already difficult to navigate with the traffic and parkers (and standing cars) we presently have.

Sad but true, sometimes even the police officer who comes to assist walkers cross Lowell Street at the start and end of the school day often parks in the No Parking Zone, adding one more parked car to the difficulty of navigating Calvin Road.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Regina Hoyt

To: **ddelaney@newtonma.gov**  
Subject: **(Fwd) Public Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting Docket #s 335-11 and 336-11**  
Date sent: **Mon, 28 Nov 2011 09:17:28**

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From: **"Larry Mintzer"**  
To: **<ddelaney@newtonma.gov>**  
Copies to: **"Stephen"**  
**"Albright, Susan"**  
**<marcia@marciajohnson.org>**,  
**"Larry Mintzer"**  
**"Vicky Stein"**  
Subject: **Public Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting Docket #s 335-11  
and 336-11**  
Date sent: **Sun, 27 Nov 2011 21:49:31 -0500**  
Organization: **Mintzer & Associates**

Ms. Delaney,

I am a resident at 377 Walnut St, at the corner of Walnut and Otis Sts. Our garage/driveway, enters/exits off Otis St. In fact we are the first driveway on the right when entering Otis St from Walnut. Last winter I spoke to Aaron Goldman in the mayor's office about the issues of parking on Otis St by faculty and students of NNHS, especially because of the heavy snow of last winter. It was nearly impossible to enter and exit our driveway with the snow-narrowed streets AND the parking directly across from our driveway. I have attached my favorite 2 pictures of this debacle which I sent to my alderman, the mayor, Aaron, the principal of NNHS, and Vicky. You will note in the first pic this is looking out my driveway from the garage...the second shows it was the ONLY car parked on the street and it obstructed my driveway. This is unacceptable. Please note that only ONE LANE is passable.

I believe to make living on the north side of Otis, manageable you will need to restrict parking, especially across from driveways which have no other driveway or street opposite their driveway. Last year we discussed putting street signs, "no parking between signs", opposite north side driveways giving residents at least a chance of getting in and out of their driveways. To do this effectively, you will need to leave 3 car lengths opposite a driveway, one directly across and one on either side to allow some flexibility in getting in and out. Also, without that room one can never get a delivery truck of any size into your driveway.

In my particular case since I am the driveway closest to Walnut St on Otis, I have noticed that when snow has narrowed the street, and you add parked cars near the intersection of Walnut, the street is often down to nearly ONE LANE exiting or entering Walnut from Otis. This causes back ups on Walnut as well. Starting one car length West of my driveway, there should be "no parking here to corner" signs so that the Otis St entrance to Walnut is open always for 2 cars regardless of snow. To do this and enable my family to enter and exit our driveway there should be no parking from a car length west of my driveway east to Walnut. A better approach would be to disallow parking from one car length west of Vicky Stein's driveway east to Walnut. That would allow sufficient travel space for the traffic entering and exiting Walnut to have a free flow of traffic on one of the busiest streets in Newton.

Finally I know that last year Vicky Stein and I frequently called the police, city hall and the authorities at NNHS to remove cars and notify owners of the inconvenience and dangers of these

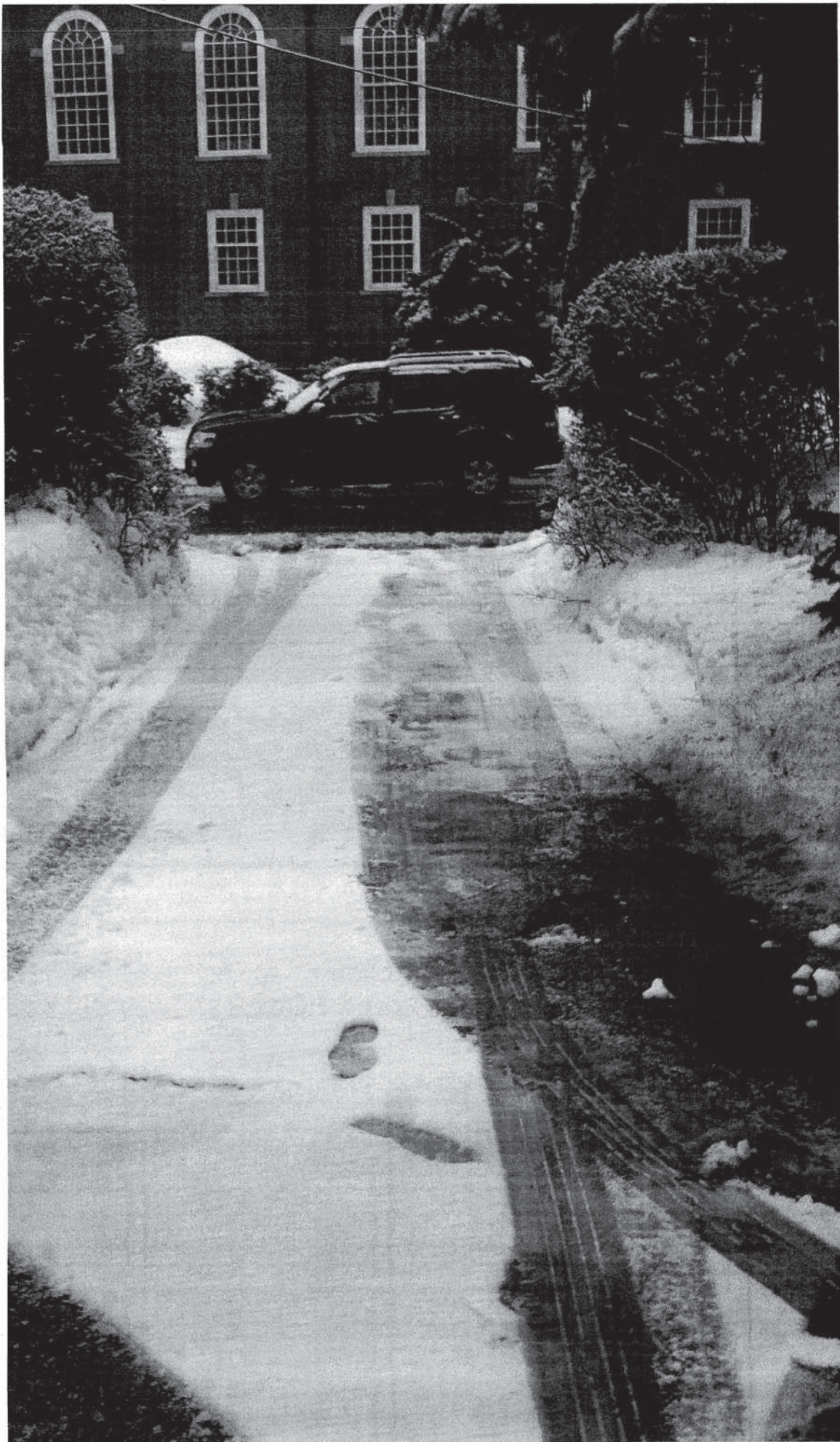
narrowed streets. At times last year it was nearly impossible for even emergency vehicles to move down Otis St. Please make some arrangements to maintain safe passage and access for the homes on the north side of Otis St, between Walnut and Lowell. **335-11**  
**336-11**

Thank You,  
Larry Mintzer  
Lawrence Mintzer  
Mintzer & Associates  
377 Walnut St.  
Newton, MA 02460

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**Danielle Delaney**

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To: ddelaney@newtonma.gov  
Subject: (Fwd) Public Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting Docket #s 335-11 and 336-11  
Date sent: Mon, 28 Nov 2011 09:15:50

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From: "Vicky Stein"  
To: <ddelaney@newtonma.gov>  
Copies to: ""Stephen""  
""Albright, Susan""  
marciajohnson  
"Larry Mintzer" <  
"Larry Mintzer" <  
Subject: Public Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting Docket #s 335-11  
and 336-11  
Date sent: Sun, 27 Nov 2011 21:06:31 -0500

I am writing regarding the upcoming meeting on Dec. 7, 2011 regarding the docket items listed above and the proposal to create a Tiger Parking Permit Program. As a resident at 23 Otis Street in Newtonville, I am very concerned about the creation of this new program. For a number of us, it can be very difficult to exit and enter our driveways if students and/or faculty are permitted to park directly at the foot our driveways. This became a serious problem last winter when the snow banks made it nearly impossible to get in and out of my driveway if a car was parked directly across on the opposite side of the street. This situation affects several houses on Otis Street as well as streets in the immediate area.

I would urge the Public Safety & Transportation Committee to ***only create permitted parking on the south side of Otis Street in spaces that are not DIRECTLY across from a resident's driveway in order to ensure that we have the ability to safely exit and enter our driveways without calling the police and/or the high school. While the proposed Tiger parking permit program would allow the high school staff to identify the person whose car is parked in a permitted spot – it does not ensure that the person can come and move his/her car in the middle of the day when a resident needs to get out of or into their driveway. Given the number of streets included in this proposed program, there would seem to be ample number of spots to reach the goal of 70 spaces without subjecting neighbors to being locked into their driveways or at the very least, having to do contortions to avoid hitting a car parked on the opposite side of the street.***

I appreciate this opportunity to share my views and look forward to hearing the outcome of this meeting on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Victoria E. Stein  
23 Otis Street  
Newton, Ma 02460



**Danielle Delaney**

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To: **ddelaney**  
Subject: **(Fwd) Newton North Student Parking**  
Date sent: **Thu, 01 Dec 2011 09:54:08**

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From: **Elizabeth Chinian**  
To: **ddelaney@newtonma.gov,**  
**slinsky@newtonma.gov,**  
**mjohnson@newtonma.gov,**  
**salbright@newtonma.gov**  
Subject: **Newton North Student Parking**  
Date sent: **Wed, 30 Nov 2011 00:09:55 -0500**  
Copies to: **swarren@newtonma.gov,**  
**agoldman@newtonma.gov**

Louise A. Chinian

34 Walden St

Newtonville, MA 02460

November 29, 2011

Dear Public Safety & Transportation Committee,

We are writing in regard to the upcoming Public Safety and Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for December 7, 2011, to discuss the student parking issue at Newton North.

It seems as though the committee has neglected the following ordinances;

Chapter 19 Motor Vehicles and Traffic

Article VII. Stopping, Standing and Parking

Division 1. Generally

Section 19-166

Except as provided in section 26-16 no person shall allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his name to stand or park in any street, way, highway, road, parkway or private way dedicated to the use of the public in violation of any of the provisions of this code and in particular in any of the following places when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of any police officer, traffic sign or signal:

(g) Upon any street or highway within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant.

(h) In front of or within five (5) feet of any private road or driveway.

We are residents of Walden St, for which you have proposed 11 "Tiger" permits. There are 2 fire hydrants on Walden St. It seems that the Committee has not done the math in terms of the parking for our street or any street for that matter. We don't see how you can fit 11 additional cars on the street given that residents already pay for parking.

We can't speak to the other streets but on Walden St. we already pay for resident parking. We can have permits for each car that the residents have plus one visitor permit. According to your proposed

“Tiger” Permit pass program they will “override” the current resident parking restrictions. So that means those of us who live on these streets no longer have the right to park on our street?

During the first meeting regarding this issue residents brought up several issues, safety, being the most important. The streets in Newton are not particularly wide and we all know what winters can be like. Parking on streets that become even narrower and slick will inevitably cause accidents and potentially dangerous situations for children, the elderly and residents in general.

And unfortunately other concerns, like parking directly across from a driveway, while not an ordinance, can make getting out of a driveway difficult. The use of common sense is not something teenagers are known for. Our neighborhoods are going to become parking lots and will cause an undue burden on the residents surrounding the school.

Please reconsider this program. Many of us voted for and were happy to have a new two hundred million dollar high school for the students of Newton. However, I think many of us assumed that would include parking and not unfairly disrupt neighborhoods as it will, Monday –Friday, 7AM – 4PM.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Louise A. Chinian

Jack Chinian

Elizabeth Chinian

Rose & Frank Drislane

53 Walden St

Ena Lorant

21 Walden St

Hallie & David Delorey

7 Walden St

**Danielle Delaney**

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To: **ddelaney**  
Subject: **(Fwd) Re: TIGER Permit Parking /10-13-2011 Meeting**  
Date sent: **Thu, 01 Dec 2011 09:45:05**

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Copies to: Marisa Brian O'Connor  
From: Marisa Fusco  
To: David Koses <dkoses@newtonma.gov>, ddelaney@newtonma.gov  
**Subject: Re: TIGER Permit Parking /10-13-2011 Meeting**  
Date sent: Tue, 29 Nov 2011 21:38:24 -0500

Dear David,

I recently received a Public Safety and Transportation Committee Meeting Notice regarding items 335-11 and #336-11 that will be discussed on December 7th. It indicated that this is not a public hearing but that written opinions would be accepted. I am resending the below correspondence in hopes that my original comments that for some reason were not received for the October 13th meeting will be seriously considered. I do want to reiterate the added burden Pulsifer St has in regards to Philips Lane (which has no off street parking at all) as well as the fact that we at 27 Pulsifer St do not have a driveway to park our cars on. We have a right of way on our neighbors driveway but we are unable to park there even for short times to load or unload a car. We respectfully ask that no Tiger permits be issued for Pulsifer St - but regardless - we at a minimum request that we don't have any issued for parking in front of 27.

Thank you David and Ms. Delaney,  
Marisa  
On Nov 2, 2011, at 10:11 AM, David Koses wrote:

> Hi Marisa,  
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> This is to confirm that I received your email from yesterday. You  
> did appear to use the  
> correct email address in every email you sent previously, but for  
> some reason, I never  
> received either previous email. I asked another member of Traffic  
> Council, who also did not  
> have a record of receiving the email. I don't know what happened,  
> but will follow up with IT. I  
> noticed that your email was sent to the Traffic Bureau, and I wonder  
> whether the original  
> email got caught up in City email filter. Our IT Department  
> forwards emails that are filtered --  
> if this happened, they may have sent it to the Newton Traffic Bureau  
> (a division of the Police  
> Department) rather than to the Newton Traffic Council.  
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> In any event, I have the email now, and Danielle Delaney will keep  
> it for the upcoming appeal.  
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> David  
>> Copies to: Marisa Tufts

> From: Marisa Fusco  
> To: dkoses@newtonma.gov,  
> d.delaney@newtonma.gov  
> Subject: Fwd: TIGER Permit Parking /10-13-2011 Meeting  
> Date sent: Tue, 1 Nov 2011 19:06:30 -0400  
>  
> Hello David,  
>  
> Thank you for taking the time to talk with me about the NNHS  
> Neighborhood parking issues.  
> Indeed, it's quite complicated! Below please find the original e-  
> mail that I sent on October  
> 5th, as well as a forwarded one later on the 14th - I must have the  
> wrong e-mail. Please  
> confirm receipt. Thank you,  
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> Marisa Fusco  
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> Begin forwarded message:  
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> From: Marisa Fusco  
> Date: October 14, 2011 11:10:07 PM EDT  
> To: trafficcouncil@newtonma.gov  
> Subject: Fwd: TIGER Permit Parking /10-13-2011 Meeting  
>>  
> Please confirm receipt of my e-mail below. It was sent in advance  
> of the 10/13  
> meeting, but I understand from a neighbor that it was not  
> referenced. Whom should I  
> contact to discuss?  
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> Thank you,  
> Marisa Fusco  
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> Begin forwarded message:  
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> From: Marisa Fusco  
> Date: October 5, 2011 9:36:19 PM EDT  
> To: trafficcouncil@newtonma.gov  
> Cc: Brian O'Connor  
> Subject: TIGER Permit Parking /10-13-2011 Meeting  
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> To: Newton Traffic Bureau  
> RE: Newton North Neighborhood Parking - Student Permits  
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> My husband and I just received a letter regarding the October  
> 13th meeting about  
> parking near Newton North High School. We may be out of town and  
> not able to attend  
> the meeting but wanted to provide following comments as well as  
> express our concern.  
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> We live at 27 Pulsifer St, a narrow, short residential street  
> that runs parallel to Walnut  
> and perpendicular to Cabot and Clyde. Parking is prohibited on  
> the east side and  
> limited to one hour on the west side during school days. It's  
> important to note that the  
> very narrow Philips Lane runs off Pulsifer St and has NO on-  
> street parking available for

- > the 5 houses on Philips Lane. Residents of Philips Lane and their
- > guests must often
- > park in front of our house. In addition, Pulsifer Street has
- > become a common cut-
- > through for both NNHS and Cabot School, creating congestion in
- > the morning and
- > afternoon when school is starting or letting out. We have
- > tolerated the parking
- > accommodations during the NNHS construction phase which include
- > having NNHS
- > permit parking in front of our house all day, understanding that
- > we have to do our part.
- > It has certainly been a hardship, especially for us as we do not
- > have a driveway.
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- > Beside the inconvenience of not being able to have guests park on
- > our street during
- > school hours, or being able to park in front of my own home given
- > the restrictions, we
- > also have the added burden of visitors to Philips Lane. Given
- > these particular
- > concerns, we request that Pulsifer St be exempt from student
- > parking. At the very
- > minimum given, that we do not have a driveway, we ask that 27
- > Pulsifer St not have a
- > student (or any NNHS Permit) parking in front of our house.
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- > I also find it quite difficult to comprehend the fairness as to
- > why permit parking would
- > be issued to student drivers (or other NNHS drivers) to override
- > the parking restrictions
- > posted on our street and yet, the residents of the street are
- > subject to the restrictions
- > that are posted to prevent long term parking associated with
- > NNHS. At the very
- > minimum it would seem only fair to me that if students or any
- > other permit parking
- > allowed, that it should extend to the residents of that street as
- > well.
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- > Thank you for your time and consideration.
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- > Marisa Fusco
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**Danielle Delaney**

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To: **ddelaney**  
Subject: **(Fwd) Items #335-11 and 336-11**  
Date sent: **Thu, 01 Dec 2011 09:59:33**

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Date sent: **Wed, 30 Nov 2011 20:28:04 -0600 (CST)**  
From: **lisahaddad**  
To: **ddelaney@newtonma.gov**  
Copies to: **lisahaddad**  
Subject: **Items #335-11 and 336-11**

My name is Lisa Haddad, and I reside at 71 Walden Street in Newton. I received the information regarding the upcoming meeting of the Public Safety & Transportation Committee at which appeals from the October 13, 2011 decisions of the Traffic Council will be heard. I wanted to submit some comments for consideration by the Committee. While I understand the need for some students to drive to school, I believe that every effort should be made by the City to accommodate the demand for student parking on the Newton North campus and otherwise in nearby commercial/non-residential areas. Even with the proposed limitations on the TIGER Permit program, there will inevitably be disruptions to the affected neighborhoods.

To the extent that a program is established by the City, the parking permits should be distributed in a manner so as not to inconvenience any single street or resident in an inequitable fashion. For instance, there were times during the construction period when two cars were given permits to park in front of my house (representing the full length of the sidewalk in front of my house) while other parts of my street had no parked cars. Also, there should be a mechanism for residents to easily report any issues, such that the burden falls upon the City and/or Newton North (and not residents) to police compliance with the program.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Danielle Delaney**

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To: **ddelaney@newtonma.gov**  
Subject: **(Fwd) Items #335-11 and 336-11, Public Safety & Transportation Committeemeeting on Dec.**  
Date sent: **Mon, 28 Nov 2011 09:12:33**

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From: **Ofra Sarid-Segal**  
Subject: **Items #335-11 and 336-11, Public Safety & Transportation Committeemeeting on Dec. 7**  
Date sent: **Wed, 23 Nov 2011 06:44:14 -0500**  
To: **ddelaney@newtonma.gov**

Dear Ms. Delaney,

Below is the email I sent to Aldermen Johnson, Albright and Linsky regarding their appeal before the Public Safety & Transportation Committee, to be heard before the committee On Dec. 7. Please foreword it to the members of the committee.

Thank you,  
Jack Sarid  
23 Trowbridge Avenue  
Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ofra Sarid-Segal  
**Date:** November 21, 2011 8:34:46 PM EST  
**To:** Stephen Linsky , marcia johnson, susan albright  
**Subject:** **NNHS student permits**

Dear Aldermen Albright, Johnson and Linsky,

From the city's website I learned that you have submitted to the Board of Aldermen an appeal of the Traffic Council's decision to grant permanent student permits in streets surrounding NNHS, as requested by the school principal. Thank you so much for addressing this subject.

I want to share with you my reasons for holding on to the same position. Feel free to forward this email to the Board of Aldermen or the committee that will be handling the appeal.

1. First, an explicit promise was made by the previous mayor that staff and student parking in the streets surrounding the high school will be temporary - only during the school's construction. The program that was designed was indeed labeled "Temporary Permit Program" from the very beginning. It is upsetting that not enough parking spaces were designed and that the permit program should be made permanent.
2. Some on the Traffic Council talk about "sharing our roads". But sharing should be on an equal basis - not a situation in which some people (students in this case) have permanent parking spots in streets surrounding NNHS, while their own streets are free from a similar burden. This is not sharing but a case in which some are servicing others.
3. There will be a reduction of property values in streets with permanent student parking spaces. Teenage drivers and their teenage friends bring noise, loitering and littering and other misbehaviors, and no promises about "call the school and they will take care of it" will convince prospective buyers to get into a situation over which they have no control. I have even witnessed drug dealing in front of our house a few times since the school year started, and the shelter of a car will enhance the ability to engage in this behavior.
4. I believe that we should encourage less driving and more walking and bicycling and as far as I know it is also the city's policy. Already, many people throughout the city, much older than the high school students, walk considerable distances to the train stations every morning and to their place of work upon

exiting the train, and back again in the evening, rain or shine or snow (in my wife's case - a total of 4 miles daily). Granting students permanent parking spaces in the city conflicts with the talk about driving less, and sends a wrong message of approval of unhealthy behavior.

5. The feelings of many residents in our street are still raw about the new school and how \$197,500,000 were handled. Assigning permanent student parking throughout the neighborhood of NNHS will not only remind people - on a daily basis - of the management of the NNHS project, but will cause many to wonder how is it that almost 200 million dollars were spent and still there was not enough for an adequate number of parking spaces.

Thank you,

Jack Sarid

Trowbridge Avenue



**Danielle Delaney**

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To: **ddelaney**  
Subject: **(Fwd) Public Safety & Transportation Committee**  
Date sent: **Thu, 01 Dec 2011 09:56:41**

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Date sent: **Wed, 30 Nov 2011 13:16:26 -0800 (PST)**  
From: **Nien Lung Tai**  
Send reply to: **Nien Lung Tai**  
Subject: **Public Safety & Transportation Committee**  
To: **"ddelaney@newtonma.gov" <ddelaney@newtonma.gov>**

To: **Danielle Delaney, Committee Clerk**  
**Public Safety & Transportation Committee**  
**1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459**

Dear Ms. Delaney:

The following letter was submitted to your office this morning with a few signatures from myself and our neighbors:

We have been long-term residents in Newtonville, between Highland Avenue and Walnut Street, and we are extremely concerned about the approval TC51-11 of seventy (70) TIGER permit areas which include our street and neighborhood.

Current traffic in Newtonville Square has been terrible, as everyone knows. It has been bad for nearly a decade. Many commuters either travel through our streets, or park nearby before boarding commuter rail into Boston. The building of our new high school, as you well know, has increased traffic and caused delays for most of Newton's residents.

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Alas, that did not happen. It disturbs us that such a liberal, affluent city as ours is not aware of the problems created by automobile congestion and pollution. Our neighborhood streets are already crowded with cars from our own citizens who come to the Senior Center or go shopping in our friendly "square." We do not understand the need to increase parking access to our healthy, privileged young people who could benefit from using public transportation, or even using bicycles to commute to school, as most youths of the world would do.

As you have encouraged our sharing opinions in writing, may I request that you consider seriously our concerns, which will greatly affect the health and safety of our citizens, especially the young children & young families who have finally returned to this great city.

Yours sincerely,

N.L.L. Tai  
34 Highland Avenue, Newton, MA 02460

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TO: Clerk of the Board  
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*30 Highland Ave.*

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