

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL ACTIONS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020

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

Present: David Koses, Traffic Council Chair; Captain Anastasia, Newton Police Department; Isaac Prizant, Traffic Engineer; Councilor Downs and Alicia Wilson, Resident Member

Also Present: Councilor Norton

AP1-20 VIVIAN SHATZ, requesting an accessible parking space in front of 62 Fellsmere Road. (Ward 7) [01/09/19 @ 12:07 PM]

The Commission on Disability will meet on February 10, 2020.

The Commission on Disability voted to Approve 11-0 on February 10, 2020.

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 546. TPR 546 adds an accessible parking space in front of 62 Fellsmere Road.

This item may be appealed through the close of business March 18, 2020.

TC7-20 JASON SOBEL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, requesting to modify the parking regulations on Austin Street between Walnut Street and Lowell Avenue to account for the relocated parking meters. (Ward 2) [01/22/20 @ 4:37 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 547. TPR 547 updates the parking regulations for Austin Street between Walnut Street and Lowell Avenue.

This item may be appealed through the close of business March 18, 2020.

TC8-20 JASON SOBEL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, requesting to update Sec. TPR-194, Time limits in municipal off-street parking areas, to reflect the distribution of time limits among the parking spaces, as well as enforcement hours, in the Austin Street Parking Lot. (Ward 2) [01/22/20 @ 4:37 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 548. TPR 548 sets the number of parking spaces within the Austin Street Lot at the following: 69 three-hour spaces, 50 twelve-hour spaces and 6 accessible or "other" spaces. TPR 548 also requires payment in the Austin Street lot on Saturdays (pending a revision to Section 19-196 by City Council).

This item may be appealed through the close of business March 18, 2020.

- TC11-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to add stop signs into the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) on Philip Bram Way as it intersects with Austin Street and with Highland Avenue. (Ward 2) [02/07/20 @ 3:12 PM]
- ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 549. TPR 549 adds a stop sign at the intersection of Philip Bram Way & Austin Street and at the intersection of Philip Bram Way & Highland Avenue.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business March 18, 2020.
- TC6-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to change the parking regulations on the section of Highland Avenue between Lowell Avenue and Bram Way to allow for permit parking by residents of the street and seniors with senior parking permits. (Ward 2) [01/22/20 @ 4:37 PM]
- ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 550. TPR 550 adds Highland Avenue (between Lowell Avenue and Bram Way) into the Newtonville Neighborhood Parking District, and requires permits to park along this street segment Monday-Saturday (except Holidays) between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., except by resident permit or senior parking sticker.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business March 18, 2020.
- TC2-20 COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, AUCHINCLOSS, AND NORTON, requesting installation of a RRFB pedestrian crossing signal on Linwood Avenue, crossing Walnut Street, to improve pedestrian safety. (Ward 2) [01/16/20 @ 11:51 AM]
- ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 551. TPR 551 adds a RRFB pedestrian crossing signal on Linwood Avenue crossing Walnut Street.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business March 18, 2020.
- TC9-20 COUNCILOR NORTON, requesting to review and possibly change the parking regulations along the section of Washington Park between Walnut Street and Park Place. (Ward 2) [01/24/20 @ 4:35 PM]
- ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 552. TPR 552 changes the 2-hour parking zone to a 1-hour parking zone and adds approximately 27 feet of “no parking” along the southern section of Washington Park between Walnut Street and Park Place.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business March 18, 2020.
- TC4-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to allow parking along the north side of Homer street, across from the library parking lot, in the area between the two pedestrian crossing signals. (Ward 2) [01/22/20 @ 11:12 AM]
- ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 553. TPR 553 allows parking on Homer Street in the area which abuts City Hall between the two RRFB signals and crosswalks, but retains a “no parking” area within one car length prior to the bumpout, closest to the City Hall Staff Parking Lot entrance.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business March 18, 2020.

TC5-20 CAPTAIN ANASTASIA AND SERGEANT LEE, on behalf of the Oak Hill Middle School Principal, requesting the addition of “No U-turn” signs on Wheeler Road in the vicinity of Oak Hill Middle School. (Ward 8) [01/22/20 @ 11:23 AM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 554. TPR 554 adds a “No U-Turn” restriction on Wheeler Road between the traffic circle and Voss Terrace.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business March 18, 2020.

TC13-18 COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT AND NORTON, requesting temporary changes to the parking regulations on the section of Highland Avenue between Walnut Street and Lowell Avenue to help accommodate the parking needs of seniors attending programming at the Newton Senior Center during the reconstruction of the Austin Street Parking Lot. This may involve temporarily adding this section of Highland Avenue into the Newtonville Neighborhood Parking District. (Ward 2) [02/20/18 @ 5:12 PM]

HELD 4-0 on 03/22/18. The Council voted to hold this item as an extended trial, to allow vehicles with senior parking stickers to park for up to three hours, between 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, on the south side of Highland Avenue between Lowell Avenue and Walnut Street, within the zone signed “ONE HOUR LIMIT, 7AM-4PM, Mon-Sat, except Holidays”. This trial may continue through the duration of the reconstruction of the Austin Street Parking Lot.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0.**

TC128-17 TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN PAUL ANASTASIA, DPW COMMISSIONER JAMES MCGONAGLE AND PLANNING DIRECTOR BARNEY HEATH, requesting to allow flexibility in terms of the location, duration, and pricing of public parking spaces as well as potential changes to traffic circulation within and proximate to the Austin Street parking lot, in order to provide for the reconstruction of the Austin Street parking lot. (Ward 2) [11/30/17 @ 10:42 AM] HELD 5-0 on 12/13/17. Hold this item for an extended flexible trial, with temporary changes to circulation and the location, duration and price of public parking spaces within the Austin Street Lot, on Bram Way, on Austin Street (between Walnut and Lowell), and within any portion of the Star Market Lot under City control to be approved by the Commissioner of Public Works in consultation with the Traffic Bureau Captain and Planning Department Director, throughout the duration of the Austin Street reconstruction project.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Transportation Coordinator
Traffic Council Chair