

CITY OF NEWTON

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TRAFFIC COUNCIL ACTIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018

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; Sgt. John Babcock, Newton Police Department; Stephen Simoglou, Traffic Engineer and Alicia Wilson, Resident Member

Also Present: Jini Fairley, ADA Coordinator and Jayne Colino, Director, Senior Center

TC1-18 COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT, on behalf of Congregation Beth El-Atareth, requesting to end the Saturday parking restriction on Ward Street east of Morseland Avenue, and to *add an accessible parking space on Ward Street near Morseland Avenue.* (Ward 2) [01/04/18 @ 1:57 PM]

ACTION: *The Newton Commission on Disability voted to APPROVE 7-0, on 02/12/18 APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 396. TPR 396 slightly modifies the limits of the existing parking regulation in order to an accessible parking space on the north side of Ward Street, near the end of the ramp leading into the synagogue.*

This item may be appealed through the close of business April 11, 2018.

AP2-17 JINI FAIRLEY, ADA COORDINATOR, requesting on behalf of Newton residents an accessible parking space in front of the Waban Square Post Office, located at 83 Wyman Street in Waban. (Ward 5) [09/21/17 @ 11:47 AM]

ACTION: *The Newton Commission on Disability voted to APPROVE 6-0, on 10/16/17 HELD 4-0. The Council supported the relocation of the accessible parking space from in front of Starbucks to in front of the Waban Square Post Office. This item was held in order to draft the TPR language, to be voted on at a future Traffic Council meeting.*

AP3-17 COUNCILOR LENNON, on behalf of Marilyn & William Ferguson requesting an accessible parking space in front of 233 Linwood Avenue. (Ward 1) [12/28/17 @ 11:47 AM]

ACTION: *The Newton Commission on Disability voted to APPROVE 7-0, on 02/12/18 APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 397. TPR 397 adds an accessible parking space in front of 233 Linwood Avenue.*

This item may be appealed through the close of business April 11, 2018.

- AP4-17 COUNCILOR LENNON, on behalf of Patricia Rockwood requesting an accessible parking space in front of 52 Hawthorn Street. (Ward 1) [12/28/17 @ 11:47 AM]
ACTION: **The Newton Commission on Disability voted to APPROVE 7-0, on 02/12/18 APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 398. TPR 398 adds an accessible parking space in front of 52 Hawthorn Street. This item may be appealed through the close of business April 11, 2018.**
- 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]
ACTION: **HELD 4-0. 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.**
- TC11-18 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting to modify the distribution of the time limits of the spaces in the Lexington Street Lot to prepare for the installation of a parking kiosk. The distribution would change from the current mix of 2-hour spaces (43% of the lot); no time limit spaces (49%); and accessible spaces (9%) to the following mix: 2-hour spaces (43% of the lot); no time limit spaces (51%); and accessible spaces (6%). (Ward 4) [02/12/18 @ 2:54 PM]
ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 399. TPR 399 removes one accessible parking space and adds one long-term parking space in the Lexington Street Lot. This item may be appealed through the close of business April 11, 2018.**
- TC15-18 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting to modify the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) **Sec. TPR-145. Traffic-control signal locations**, part (b), Pedestrian hybrid beacons shall be placed at the following locations: Parker Street between Roosevelt Road and Truman Road. Note that this item simply updates the TPR so that it includes this existing signal. (Ward 8) [03/09/18 @ 1:42 PM]
ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 400. TPR 400 adds a Hawk signal into the TPR. This item may be appealed through the close of business April 11, 2018.**

TC14-18 JASON SOBEL, INTERIM DIRECTOR TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, requesting to modify the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) **Sec. TPR-145. Traffic-control signal locations**, part (a) Traffic control signals shall be placed at the following locations, and part (b) Pedestrian hybrid beacons shall be placed at the following locations, so as to replace the damaged traffic signal on Lexington Street at the Burr School, which is currently listed in part (a) of TPR-145, with a pedestrian hybrid beacon at the same location. (Ward 4) [03/09/18 @ 1:42 PM]
ACTION: HELD 4-0

TC11-17 COUNCILORS FULLER, BAKER AND LAREDO, requesting an analysis of speeding on Grant Avenue (between Commonwealth Avenue and Ward Street) and potential traffic calming procedures. (Ward 7) [02/15/17 @ 3:47 PM]
ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY 4-0

TC37-14 ALD. KALIS, requesting a discussion to change Blue Zone signage to make parking more available to parents who need to enter the school to pick up children. (Wards 1-8) [05/14/14 @ 11:00 AM]
HELD 5-0 on 06/26/14
ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Transportation Coordinator
Traffic Council Chair