

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2016

Present: David Koses, Traffic Council Chair; Sgt. Jay Babcock, Newton Police Department; Alicia Wilson, Resident member, Nicole Freedman, Director of Transportation and Councilor Ciccone
Also Present: Councilor Harney

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

TC28-16 COUNCILOR HESS-MAHAN, requesting a change to the parking restriction in front of 25 Chestnut Street from 15-minute parking zone to a two-hour parking restriction, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays only. (Ward 3) [07/22/16 @ 11:10 AM]
HELD (5-0) on 10/20/16. Held pending draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) language to approve the following: Three spaces to be signed with a 15-minute limit 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Remaining two spaces to be signed with a 2-hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ACTION: APPROVED 3-0 (Babcock, Ciccone not voting). Approved language of TPR Number 266.
This item may be appealed through the close of business December 7, 2016.

NOTE: Mr. Koses briefly reviewed with Council members the location map, site photos, recommendations and actions taken on October 20, 2016 for Chestnut Street.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion to members of the public who were present. There was no public comment.

Council members were provided with a draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) for consideration, attached to this report. Without discussion, Ms. Freedman made a motion to approve the draft TPR. Council members agreed 3-0, Sgt. Babcock and Councilor Ciccone not voting. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the closes of business December 7, 2016.

TC12-16 COUNCILORS, SANGIOLO, HARNEY AND GENTILE, requesting parking restrictions on Albert Road to alleviate parking issues from neighboring development. (Ward 4) [05/02/16 @ 11:41 AM]
HELD 5-0 on 06/23/16. Additionally, the following administrative action will be taken: No parking No Standing signs to be installed at the end of cul-de-sac (southerly end), so to clarify that there is no parking allowed within or on top of the fire lane/sidewalk area.

ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY 3-0-1 (Babcock abstaining, Ciccone not voting).

NOTE: Mr. Koses briefly reviewed with Council members the location map, site photos, characteristics and actions taken on June 23, 2016 for Albert Road. He said that the signs have been posted at the end of cul-de-sac (southerly end), so to clarify that there is no parking allowed within or on top of the fire lane/sidewalk area.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion to members of the public who were present. One resident spoke in favor and said that the signs have worked well and he supports the administrative actions taken in June.

Councilor Harney said that he has not heard of any complaints and supports actions taken in June.

Without further discussion, Ms. Freedman made a motion for no action necessary. Council members agreed 3-0-1, Sgt. Babcock abstained as he missed the discussion, Councilor Ciccone not voting.

TC11-16 COUNCILORS SANGIOLO AND HARNEY, requesting a review and possible changes to the parking regulations on Charles Street, between the underpass and the dead end, *as well as on Riverside Road*. (Ward 4) [04/27/16 @ 1:38 PM] [REVISED 06/08/16]

HELD for Trial (5-0) on 06/23/16. Held for trial of the following: 1) Remove all existing parking regulations along Charles Street between the tunnel under I-90 and the cul-de-sac; 2) Remove all existing parking regulations along Riverside Street; 3) Add the following parking regulations: parking prohibited any time, Charles Street, within the tunnel under I-90, both sides; parking prohibited any time, Charles Street, east and north side, from the I-90 tunnel to the cul-de-sac; parking prohibited any time, Riverside Road north side, entire length.

ACTION: APPROVED 4-0 (Ciccone not voting). Approved language of TPR Number 270. This item may be appealed through the close of business December 7, 2016.

NOTE: Mr. Koses briefly reviewed with Council members the location map, site photos, Charles Street and Riverside Road street characteristics and the actions taken on June 23, 2016. He said that the signs indicating a trial were posted after June 23, 2016. He recommends making the signs permanent.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion to members of the public who were present. Residents spoke in support of making the trial permanent as it is working. Some drivers still ignore posted signs. A sign is damaged and needs to be replaced. A resident suggested posting additional no parking signs in the tunnel and at the opposite end of the tunnel to deter drivers from parking in these areas.

Mr. Koses asked the resident to report the damaged sign to the City's WebQA/311 app. He said that he would make a request for the Traffic Superintendent to review the suggestion of posting additional signs in the tunnel and at the opposite end of the tunnel.

Councilor Harney asked whether parking conditions are better at the boathouse. A resident responded yes, that most drivers now park legally. One resident described her parking observations and said that she has observed 46 legal parked vehicles out of 57 vehicles. She then said that she supports making the trial permanent. Councilor Harney then said that he has spoken with Councilor Sangiolo and they agree that the trial is working well, and they support making the trial permanent.

Council members were provided with a draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR), attached to this report. Without further discussion, Ms. Freedman made a motion to approve the draft TPR. Council members agreed 4-0, Councilor Ciccone not voting, with the understanding that Mr. Koses will request that the Traffic Superintendent examine the feasibility of posting additional signs in the tunnel and at the opposite end of the tunnel. Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed through the close of

business December 7, 2016.

TC35-16 COUNCILORS SANGIOLO, HARNEY AND GENTILE, requesting parking restrictions on a) Maple Street from Woodland Road to Auburn Street; b) Central Street from Commonwealth Avenue to Grove Street; c) Auburn Street from Commonwealth Avenue to Grove Street to alleviate increased parking due to construction at Lasell College and discontinued use of the Lasell parking lots as temporary modular classrooms have been located on the parking lots. (Ward 4) [08/22/16 @ 2:47 PM]

ACTIONS:

TC35-16(1)

HELD (3-2, Babcock and Ciccone opposed) Held pending draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) language to approve the following: Central Street between Grove Street and Maple Street to be added into the Auburndale Village Parking District with the following regulations: (a) No parking, any time, south side; (b) Auburndale Permit Only, north side, all days, all times (Permits are only to be available to residents living within the Auburndale Village Parking District).

TC35-16(2)

HELD (5-0) Held pending draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) language to approve the following: Central Street between Maple Street and Commonwealth Avenue to be added into the Auburndale Village Parking District with the following regulations: (a) No parking, any time, south side; (b) 1 Hour Limit, north side, M-F 9AM-5PM Except by Auburndale Permit (Permits are only to be available to residents living within the Auburndale Village Parking District).

TC35-16(3)

HELD (3-2, Babcock and Ciccone opposed) Held pending draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) language to approve the following: Maple Street between Auburn Street and Central Street to be added into the Auburndale Village Parking District with the following regulations: (a) No parking, any time, west side; (b) 1 Hour Limit, M-F 9AM-5PM Except by Auburndale Permit (Permits are only to be available to residents living within the Auburndale Village Parking District).

TC35-16(4)

HELD (4-0-1, Freedman abstained) Held pending draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) language to approve the following: Maple Street between Central Street and Berkeley Place will NOT be added into the Auburndale Village Parking District. The following parking regulations will apply to this block of Maple Street: (a) No parking, any time, west side; (b) No parking, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., east side.

TC35-16(5)

HELD (5-0) Held pending draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) language to approve the following: Maple Street between Berkeley Place and Woodland Road will NOT be added into the Auburndale Village Parking District. The following parking regulations apply to this section of Maple Street: (a) No parking, any time, west

side. Note: there will be no parking restrictions on the west side of this section of Maple Street. Parking within up to 50 feet of the intersections of Woodland Road, Groveland Street and/or Berkeley Place may be restricted, based on the judgment of the Traffic Engineer.

NOTE: Councilor Harney stated that the Ward 4 Councilors docketed this item hoping to alleviate increased parking due to construction at Lasell College and the discontinued use of two Lasell College parking lots.

Council members were provided with location maps, site photos, street characteristics, parking observations and the current posted parking regulations.

Mr. Koses stated that Maple Street, Central Street and Auburn Street abut the Auburndale Village Parking District but that these streets are not currently included in the Parking District.

Mr. Koses provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the following:

Auburndale Village Parking District

The parking plan was developed and implemented hoping to address commuter parking on residential streets, balance the parking needs of residents and employees, provide additional consistency, ease of enforcement and to allow residents to park longer than the posted regulations allow.

The parking plan continues to expand from residents requesting that their street be added into the parking district. The parking district covers all or part of sixteen streets in Auburndale on the west side of Grove Street. There is currently no parking permit available to college students or commuters in Newton.

Auburndale Village Parking Permit Process

Mr. Koses explained the process for obtaining parking permits. He stated that the resident would visit the Traffic Bureau, pay the annual registration fee of \$25 per vehicle, and provide proof of residency. They may obtain one permit per vehicle and two free visitor passes per household.

Maple Street from Woodland Road to Auburn Street

Maple Street width varies between 21-24 feet wide. Sidewalks are on both sides. Utility poles and hydrants are located on the south side. Mr. Koses stated that he made parking observations on six different days noting between 20-30 vehicles parked. Most recently, the Police Department implemented emergency parking restrictions as currently posted.

Central Street from Commonwealth Avenue to Grove Street

Central Street width varies between 18-23 feet wide. Sidewalks are on both sides. A 24 foot road is a Newton typical street width. Utility poles and hydrants are located on the south side. Mr. Koses stated that he made parking observations on six different days noting that on Central Street between Grove to Maple Streets zero vehicles parked. On Central Street from Maple Street to Commonwealth Avenue, he noted between 3-11 vehicles parked.

Auburn Street from Commonwealth Avenue to Grove Street

Auburn Street width varies between 21-33 feet wide. Utility poles and hydrants are located on the

south side. Mr. Koses stated that he made parking observations on six different days noting between 0-2 vehicles parked.

Mr. Koses stated that several emails were received in support, on file. He then opened the discussion to members of the public who were present. Maple Street and Central Street residents expressed their concerns, questions and suggestions.

Concerns: Some residents stated that they are opposed to complete parking restrictions. It is important to allow parking in front of homes for residents, contractors and guests. A resident stated that it is important for residents to be neighborly during the Lasell College construction project. Prior to construction, the streets were used by employees, staff and students of Lasell College. One resident expressed disappointment that that Lasell College has not provided adequate parking. Commuters should be encouraged to use commuter parking lots, and not to rely on public streets. One resident stated that the one-hour and two-hour parking restrictions are not working. Drivers are ignoring the posted time limits. A resident stated that parking on both sides is difficult; it is difficult for trash pickups. Vehicles have the tendency to block driveways, only enough room for one vehicle to pass and it is difficult to exit driveways. Central Street is too narrow to allow parking on both sides.

Questions: A resident asked Lasell College Police Chief Kennedy how many parking spaces are on campus.

Suggestions: A resident suggested partial restrictions, perhaps only implementing a two-hour restriction, allowing residents and guests to park for a short time. They stated that it is important to restrict parking in order to allow for trash pickup or emergency vehicle access without difficulties. Residents suggested restricting parking at the corners of Maple and Woodland Road. Some residents stated that they support implementing parking permits on Central Street and sections of Maple Street.

Chief Kennedy answered that the campus has provided adequate parking, especially at night and on weekends. During construction, Lasell College is renting three parking areas and is providing two shuttle bus services to/from Lasell College, hoping to alleviate neighborhood parking issues and concerns. Lasell College charges their students \$240.00 per year to park on campus.

Mr. Koses stated that the City Traffic Engineer could restrict parking administratively up to 50 feet of the intersections based on engineering judgment. He then said that it appears that commuters taking the express bus, employees and residents are also parking along neighborhood streets, not only Lasell College students and staff. Sgt. Babcock agreed.

Council members asked Lasell College Police Chief Kennedy when he anticipates the completion of construction. Chief Kennedy answered that they are hopeful that construction will be complete at the end of 2017.

Councilor Harney provided Council members with photos. He supports some streets being added into the Auburndale Village Parking District, including no parking restrictions or short-term parking restrictions. He stated that residents cannot enter/exit their driveways, vehicles are driving over curbs, and the streets are so narrow that vehicles are having 'face-offs'. Although, Lasell College is providing shuttle services to campus, not all students are parking where they have been directed.

Sgt. Babcock stated that he made six site visits. Because it is a public safety concern, it is necessary to restrict parking to allow for emergency vehicle access without difficulties. He stated that he would support parking restrictions on sections of Central Street and Maple Street.

Council members discussed in detail options for consideration for Central Street, Maple Street and Auburn Street. They agree sections of Central Street and Maple Street are too narrow to allow parking on both sides.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Koses proposed dividing Central Street, Maple Street and Auburn Street into sections (block-by-block) and then proposed recommendations of each street for Council member consideration. Council members discussed Mr. Koses' recommendation, and agreed to make the above motions with the understanding that, if necessary, any regulation can be adjusted in the future.

Without further discussion, motions were made to hold this item, pending draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) to approve the language detailed above.

TC37-16 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, on behalf of local residents, requesting new stop signs at the following intersections: 1) Chaske Avenue eastbound, at the intersection of Melrose Street. 2) Melrose Street southbound, at the Commonwealth Avenue Carriageway. (Ward 4) [09/14/16 @ 11:41 AM]

ACTION: **APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0. Approved amended language of TPR Number 267. The following stop sign was approved: Stop sign at Chaske Avenue at the intersection of Melrose Street, eastbound.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business December 7, 2016.
Note: Traffic Council did not approve the addition of a stop sign at the intersection of Melrose Street at the Commonwealth Avenue carriageway, southbound.
However, a “do not block intersection” box, to be located within the intersection of Melrose Street at the Commonwealth Avenue carriageway, will be added to the inventory of line painting requests. Line painting will resume during the spring of 2017.

NOTE: Council members were provided with a location map, site photos and recommendations.

Mr. Koses stated that he supports adding a stop sign at the T intersection at Chaske Avenue at the intersection with Melrose Street, eastbound. He then stated that he does not support a stop sign at the intersection of Melrose Street at the Commonwealth Avenue carriageway, southbound as it would lead to motorist confusion between the stop sign and the green traffic light. He does support maintaining and improving a “do not block intersection” box, painted at this location.

Council members were provided with a draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR), attached to this report. Without further discussion, Mr. Koses made the above motions. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed through the close of business December 7, 2016.

TC42-16 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting new parking regulations along Concord Street, near the intersection of Hagar Street. (Ward 4) [10/19/16 @ 1:07 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved language of TPR Number 271.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business December 7, 2016.

NOTE: Council members were provided with a location map, site photos and recommendations.

Mr. Koses said that this item was docketed hoping to deter drivers from parking near the traffic island. He then explained that the draft Traffic and Parking Regulation restricts parking from Hagar Street, westerly 140 feet, both sides.

Council members were provided with a draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR), attached to this report. Without discussion, Mr. Koses made the motion to approve the draft TPR. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed through the close of business December 7, 2016.

TC39-16 COUNCILOR RICE, requesting to designate overnight resident parking sticker program at the angle parking spaces at the end of Chestnut Street past Oak Street. (Ward 5) [09/22/16 @ 10:52 AM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved language of TPR Number 265.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business December 7, 2016.

NOTE: Councilor Rice was unable to attend tonight's discussion.

Council members were provided with a location map, site photos and recommendations.

Mr. Koses noted that there are six park and pedal unmetered parking spaces at this location, which, unfortunately, are currently being used by non-cyclists.

Mr. Koses explained that City Council recently approved **Sec. 19-175 Angle Parking** in the City Ordinance allowing Traffic Council to designate on-street angle parking areas for a sticker/permit program, which would be administered in the same manner as the municipal lot sticker/permit program in **Sec. 19-200. Resident sticker and visitor permit; municipal lot parking program.**

Mr. Koses recommends designating an overnight resident parking sticker program on Chestnut Street between Oak and Linden streets, up to twenty-five parking spaces.

Mr. Koses said that two emails were received, on file supporting this request because of the lack of municipal parking lots in the area.

Mr. Koses briefly explained the permit process. He said that the Police Department Traffic Bureau Division would issue up to twenty-five overnight resident parking stickers at no cost to the resident. The sticker does not exempt drivers from parking in this area during a declared snow emergency.

Council members were provided with a draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR), attached to this report. Without further discussion, Mr. Koses made the motion to approve the draft TPR. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed through the close of business December 7, 2016.

TC41-16 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, on behalf of neighborhood residents, requesting the addition of a stop sign at the end of Montclair Road at the intersection with Short Street/Beacon Street. (Ward 5) [10/18/16 @ 1:34 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved language of TPR Number 269.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business December 7, 2016.

NOTE: Council members were provided with a location map, site photos and recommendation.

Mr. Koses stated that he recommends adding a stop sign at the T intersection at Montclair Road at the intersection with Short Street and Beacon Street as it would be a necessary safety improvement.

Council members were provided with a draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR), attached to this report. Without discussion, Mr. Koses made the motion to approve the draft TPR. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed through the close of business December 7, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Transportation Coordinator
Traffic Council Chair

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 266

November 17, 2016

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on November 17, 2016:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Ordinance Z-16, dated December 3, 2007, as amended, be further amended as follows:

By DELETING from the provisions of Sec. **TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.**, the following:

Chestnut Street

(1) Prohibited, all days:

f) West side from the southern curblineline of Washington Street southerly 60 feet.

(5) Fifteen (15) minute limit, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., west side, from Davis Street northerly 130 feet.

and INSERTING in place thereof the following text:

Chestnut Street

(1) Prohibited, all days:

f) West side from the southern curblineline of Washington Street southerly 120 feet.

(5) Fifteen (15) minute limit, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., west side, from a point 120 feet south of Washington Street, 60 feet southerly.

By ADDING to the provisions of Sec. **TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.**, the following:

(6) Two-hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., west side, from a point 180 feet south of Washington Street, 40 feet southerly.

And renumbering (6) and (7)

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) DONNALYN B. LYNCH KAHN
City Solicitor

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 270

November 17, 2016

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on November 17, 2016:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Ordinance Z-16, dated December 3, 2007, as amended, be further amended as follows:

By DELETING from the provisions of Sec. **TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets**, the following:

Riverside Road

- (1) Two-hour limit, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., south side.

and INSERTING in place thereof the following text:

Riverside Road

- (1) Prohibited, all days, north side, entire length.

By DELETING from the provisions of Sec. **TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets**, the following:

Charles Street (Auburndale)

- (1) Prohibited, all days:
 - a) East side from Riverside Road to circle at the end of Charles Street.
 - b) Charles Street Circle, both sides.
 - c) West side from Auburn Street to hydrant at the corner of Riverside Road.

- (2) Two-hour limit, east side from Riverside Road to the circle at the end of Charles Street.

(3) Two-hour limit, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., east side from Riverside Road to Riverside Road.

4) Two-hour limit, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, except holidays, east side, Auburn Street to the I-90 Underpass, except by Auburndale Resident parking permit.

and INSERTING in place thereof the following text:

Charles Street (Auburndale)

(1) Prohibited, all days:

- a) West side from Auburn Street to Riverside Road.
- b) East side, from northerly edge of I-90 Underpass to Riverside Road.
- c) North side, from Riverside Road to end.

(2) Two-hour limit, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, except holidays, east side, Auburn Street to the I-90 Underpass, except by Auburndale Resident parking permit.

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) DONNALYN B. LYNCH KAHN
City Solicitor

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 267

November 17, 2016

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on November 17, 2016:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Ordinance Z-16, dated December 3, 2007, as amended, be further amended as follows:

By ADDING to the provisions of **Sec. TPR-147. Obedience to isolated stop signs.**, the following:

Chaske Avenue at the intersection of Melrose Street, eastbound.

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) DONNALYN B. LYNCH KAHN
City Solicitor

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 271

November 17, 2016

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on November 17, 2016:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Ordinance Z-16, dated December 3, 2007, as amended, be further amended as follows:

By DELETING from the provisions of **TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets**, the following:

Concord Street

- (1) Prohibited, all days, east side from Washington Street to a point 40 feet northerly.

and INSERTING to the provisions of Sec. **TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets**, the following:

Concord Street

- (1) Prohibited, all days:
 - a) east side, from Washington Street to a point 40 feet northerly.
 - b) both sides, Hager Street to a point 140 feet westerly.

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) DONNALYN B. LYNCH KAHN
City Solicitor

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 265

November 17, 2016

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on November 17, 2016:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Ordinance Z-16, dated December 3, 2007, as amended, be further amended as follows:

By **CREATING Sec. TPR-201. Overnight on-street angle parking areas.**

The following on-street angle parking areas are hereby designated for resident permit overnight parking as described in Sec. 19-175 (c) of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2012.

By **ADDING** to the provisions of **Sec. TPR-201. Overnight on-street angle parking areas.**

Chestnut Street: between Oak Street and Linden Street, up to 25 spaces.

And renumbering **Sec. TPR-196-TPR-201. Reserved.**

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) DONNALYN B. LYNCH KAHN
City Solicitor

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 269

November 17, 2016

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on November 17, 2016:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Ordinance Z-16, dated December 3, 2007, as amended, be further amended as follows:

By ADDING to the provisions of **Sec. TPR-147. Obedience to isolated stop signs.**, the following:

Montclair Road at the intersection with Short Street and Beacon Street.

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) DONNALYN B. LYNCH KAHN

City Solicitor

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON

City Clerk

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November 17, 2016

Agenda (portion)

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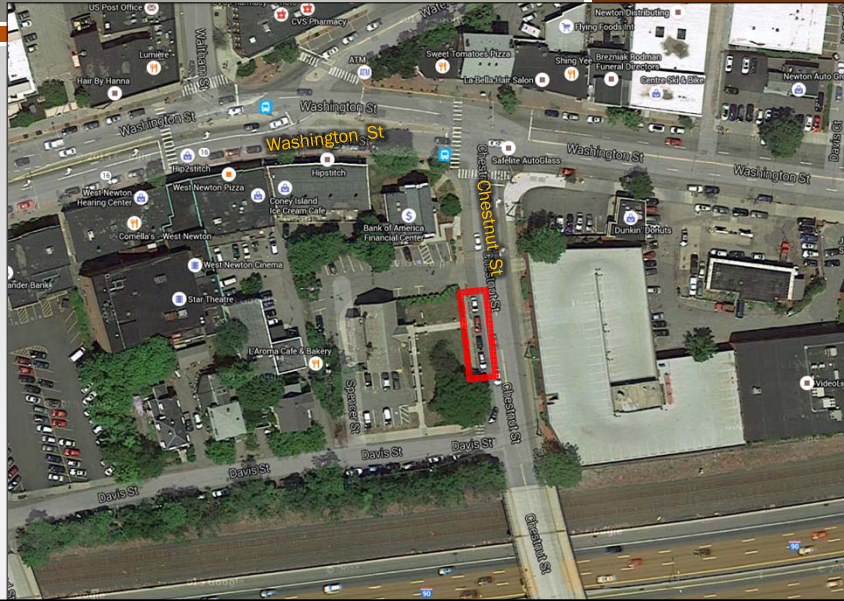
Change to the parking restriction in front of 25 Chestnut Street

11.17.16

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Location Map — 25 Chestnut Street


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Chestnut Street photos

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<h2>Action Taken 10.20.16</h2>	<h2>TC28-16</h2>
	<p>❖ HELD (5-0)</p> <p>Held pending draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) language to approve the following:</p> <p>Three spaces to be signed with a 15 minute limit 8AM to 5PM, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.</p> <p>Remaining two spaces to be signed with 2 hour limit, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, except Saturday, Sunday and Holiday.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Traffic Council</p>

<h2>Recommendation</h2>	<h2>TC28-16</h2>
<p><u>Approve the following changes to the TPR language for Chestnut Street</u></p> <p><u>Remove the following from TPR-176:</u> (1) Prohibited, all days: f) West side from the southern curbline of Washington Street southerly 60 feet.</p> <p><u>Add the following to TPR-176:</u> (1) Prohibited, all days: f) West side from the southern curbline of Washington Street southerly 120 feet.</p> <p><u>Remove the following from TPR-176:</u> (5) Fifteen (15) minute limit, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., west side, from Davis Street northerly 130 feet.</p> <p><u>Add the following to TPR-176:</u> (5) Fifteen (15) minute limit, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, west side, from a point 120 feet south of Washington Street, 60 feet southerly. (6) Two hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., west side, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidayts, from a point 180 feet south of Washington Street, 40 feet southerly.</p> <p>And renumber remainder</p> <p>11.17.16 8 Traffic Council</p>	

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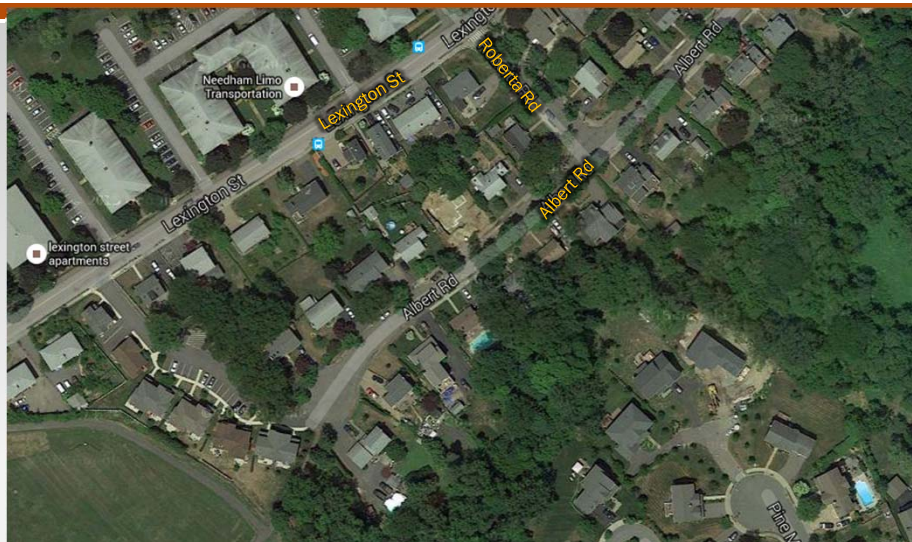
Request for parking restrictions on Albert Road to alleviate parking issues from neighboring development

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Location Map

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Albert Rd — Looking toward cul-de-sac

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View from the cul-de-sac

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Albert Road - Characteristics

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- Public Way
 - 1,019 feet long
 - 28' wide (wider at cul-de-sacs)
- Parking Observations (cul-de-sac portion)
 - 0 (10:45 AM 6/8/16)
 - 0 (2:00 PM 6/9/16)
 - 1 (7:00 PM 6/17/16)
 - 1 (1:30 PM 6/20/16)
- Current Parking Restrictions
 - No restriction, either side
- Location of Utility Poles and Hydrants
 - Both on the north side

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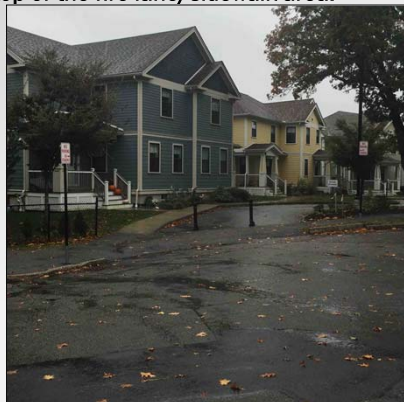
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Additionally, the following administrative action were taken: No parking signs installed at the end of cul-de-sac (southerly end), to clarify that there is no parking allowed within or on top of the fire lane/sidewalk area.



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Request for a review and possible changes to the parking regulations on Charles Street and on Riverside Road, between the underpass and the dead ends

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Section to be discussed as part of this docketed item >>>>

<<<< Section recently discussed at Traffic Council

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Site Photo — Looking north toward underpass

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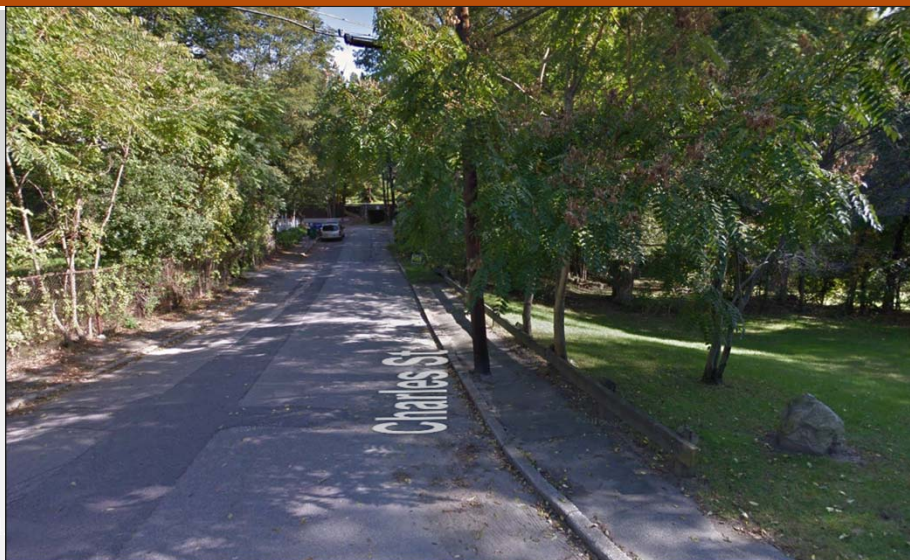
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Looking east toward cul-de-sac

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Charles St & Riverside Rd Characteristics	TC11-16																
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public street with these unique characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 foot portion under the Massachusetts Turnpike, owned and maintained by the City • Mix of residential, commercial and recreational uses • Abuts the Charles River • Length and Width 																	
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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Current Official Parking Regulations</h2>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">TC11-16</h2>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Charles Street</p> <p>(1) Prohibited, all days:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) East side from Riverside Road to circle at the end of Charles Street.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b) Charles Street Circle, both sides.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c) West side from Auburn Street to hydrant at the corner of Riverside Road.</p> <p>(2) Two-hour limit, east side from Riverside Road to the circle at the end of Charles Street.</p> <p>(3) Two-hour limit, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., east side from Riverside Road to Riverside Road.</p> <p>(4) Two-hour limit, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, except holidays, east side, Auburn Street to the I-90 Underpass, except by Auburndale Resident parking permit.</p> </div> <p>Riverside Street</p> <p>(1) Two-hour limit, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., south side</p>		
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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Current Official Parking Regulations and Signage Location</h2>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">TC11-16</h2>
<p>Note: The following restriction is also on the books for Charles Street, but can not be determined or shown on the map: "two hour limit, 8-8, east side, from Riverside Road to Riverside Road."</p> <p>The following regulation is on the books for Riverside STREET</p> <p>(1) Two-hour limit, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., south side.</p>	
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<h2>Action Taken 6.23.16</h2>	<h2>TC11-16</h2>
<p>HELD for Trial (5-0). Held for trial of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Remove all existing parking regulations along Charles Street between the tunnel under I-90 and the cul-de-sac; 2) Remove all existing parking regulations along Riverside Street; 3) Add the following parking regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parking prohibited any time, Charles Street, within the tunnel under I-90, both sides • parking prohibited any time, Charles Street, east and north side, from the I-90 tunnel to the cul-de-sac • parking prohibited any time, Riverside Road north side, entire length 	
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<h2>Signage Posted After 6.23.16</h2>	<h2>TC11-16</h2>
	
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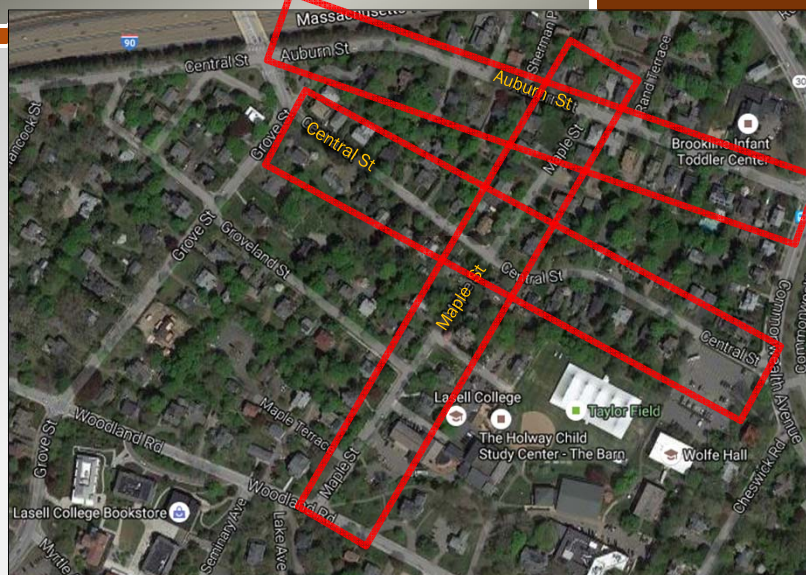
Requesting parking restrictions on a) Maple St from Woodland Rd to Auburn St; b) Central St from Commonwealth Ave to Grove St; c) Auburn St from Commonwealth Ave to Grove St

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Location Map

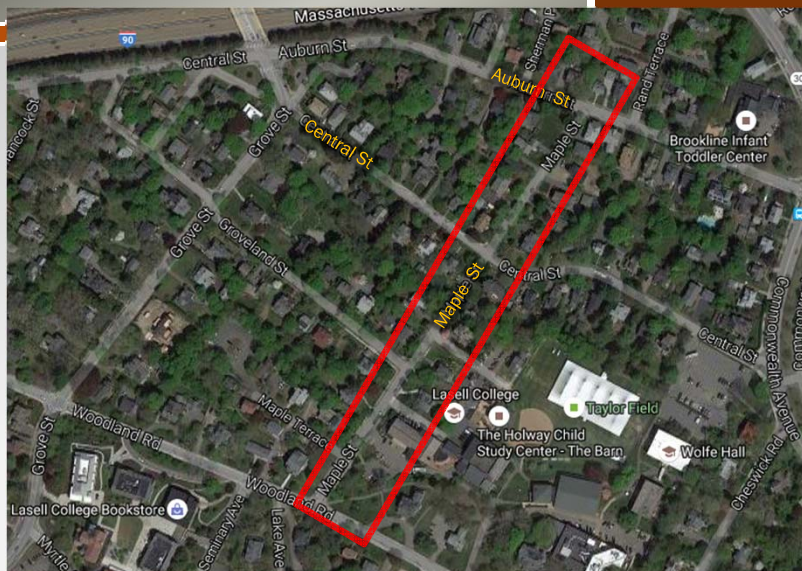
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Location Map: Maple Street

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Site Photo — Maple Street

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<h2>Maple Street - Characteristics</h2>	<h2>TC35-16</h2>														
<p><u>General Characteristics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Way, 1308 feet long • Width varies 21-24 feet wide • Sidewalks on both sides • Utility poles on the south side; Hydrants on the south side <p><u>Parking Observations:</u></p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Date / Time</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Maple Street</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>We 11/2 3:30 PM</td> <td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Th 11/3 2:30 PM</td> <td>23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fr 11/4 1:30 PM</td> <td>23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mo 11/7 10:00 AM</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tu 11/8 9:00 AM</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>We 11/9 11:00 AM</td> <td>30 + 1 motorcycle</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Date / Time	Maple Street	We 11/2 3:30 PM	26	Th 11/3 2:30 PM	23	Fr 11/4 1:30 PM	23	Mo 11/7 10:00 AM	20	Tu 11/8 9:00 AM	25	We 11/9 11:00 AM	30 + 1 motorcycle
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<h2>Maple St: street width And currently posted parking regulations</h2>	<h2>TC35-16</h2>

Auburndale Village Parking Plan

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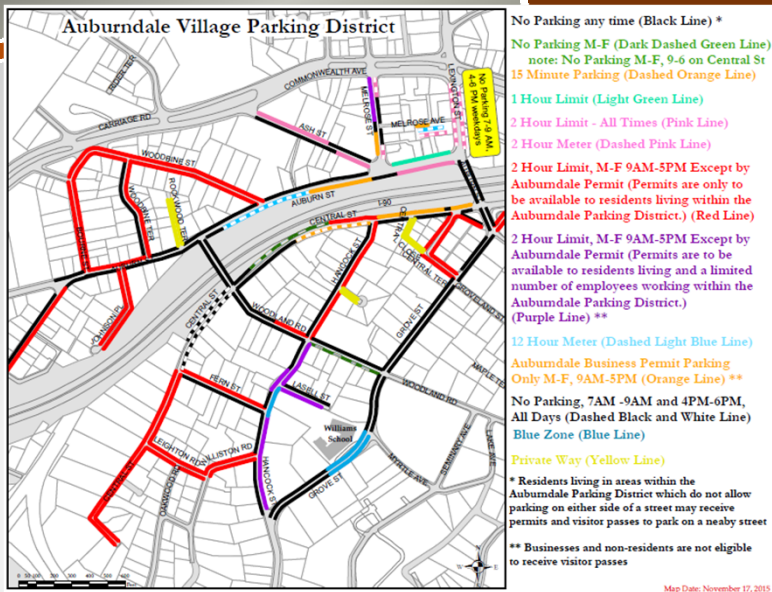
- Covers all or part of 16 streets in Auburndale - on the other side of Grove Street
- Developed for the following reasons
 - Address commuter parking in residential neighborhood
 - Balance parking needs of residents, employees
 - Provide for more consistency and ease of enforcement
 - Allow residents to park longer than posted regulations
 - Through permit system at cost of \$25/year + 2 free visitor placards
- Plan took about a year to develop and role out
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- Continues to expand with new streets becoming part of the plan
- No parking permit program currently available to college students or commuters - anywhere in Newton

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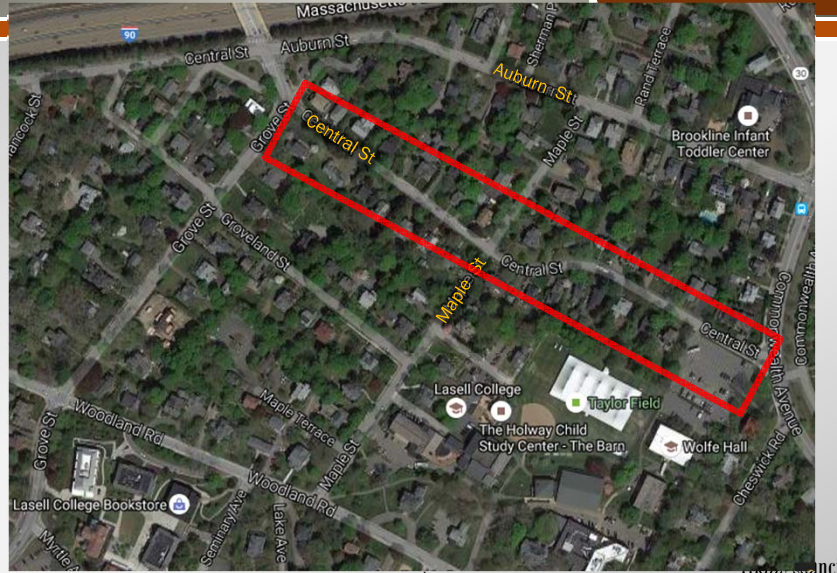
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Location Map: Central Street

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Site Photo — Central Street

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Looking West at curve b/t Comm & Maple



Looking West From Maple St

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Central Street - Characteristics

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General Characteristics

- Public Way, 650' feet long (Grove to Maple); 850' long (Maple to Commonwealth)
- 18-23' wide
- Sidewalks on both sides
- Utility poles on the south side; Hydrants on the south side

Parking Observations:

Date / Time	Central St Grove to Maple	Central St Maple to Comm
We 11/2 3:30 PM	0	11
Th 11/3 2:30 PM	0	3
Fr 11/4 1:30 PM	0	0
Mo 11/7 10:00 AM	0	3
Tu 11/8 9:00 AM	0	6
We 11/9 11:00 AM	0	7

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Central St: street width And currently posted parking regulations

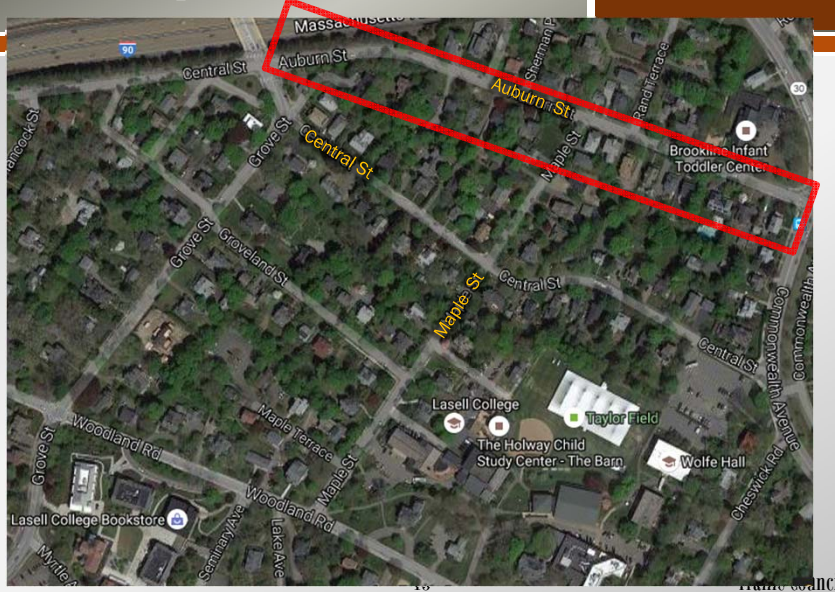
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LEGEND

- No Restrictions
- No Parking 9-5, except Sat, Sun, Holiday
- No Parking 7-6, except Sat, Sun, Holiday
- 2-hr limit 9-5, except Sat, Sun, Holiday
- 2-hr limit 7-6, except Sat, Sun, Holiday
- No Parking Any Time

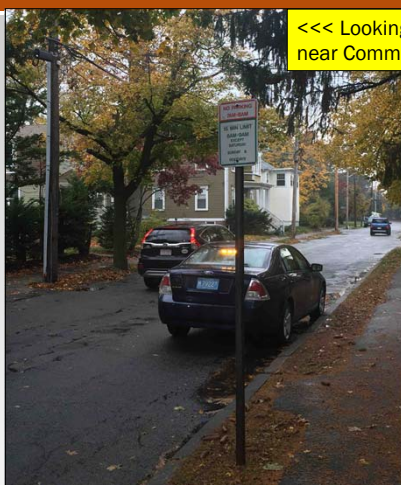
Location Map: Auburn Street

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Site Photo — Auburn Street

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<<< Looking west, near Comm. Ave.

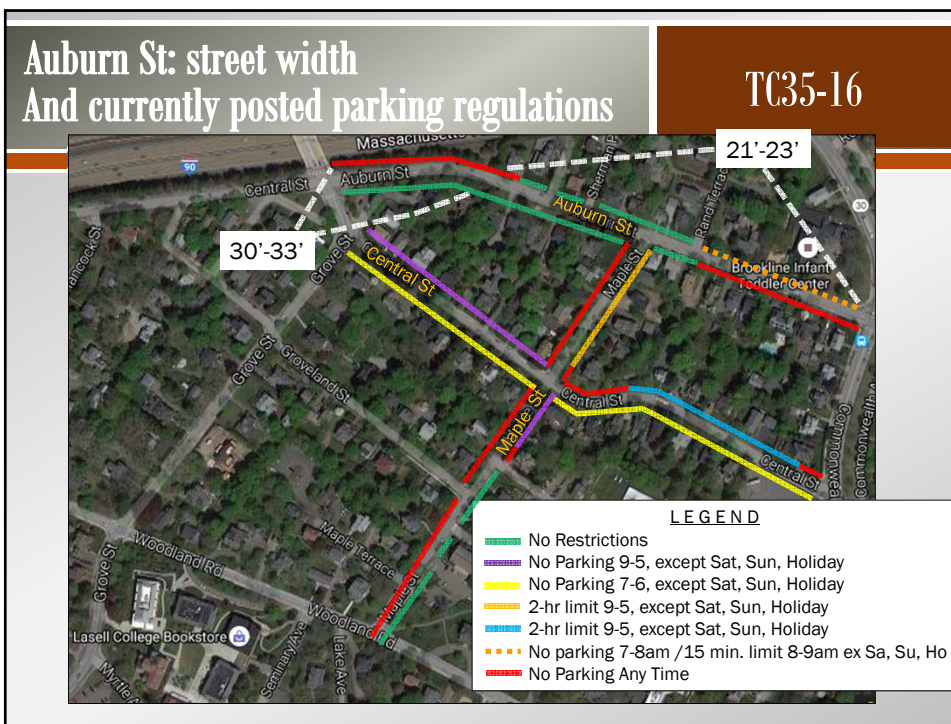


Looking west, near curve >>>

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Auburn Street - Characteristics

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General Characteristics

- 21' - 33' feet wide along this section.
- Utility poles on the south side. Hydrants on the south side

Parking Observations:

Date / Time	Auburn Street
We 11/2 3:30 PM	1
Th 11/3 2:30 PM	2
Fr 11/4 1:30 PM	0
Mo 11/7 10:00 AM	0
Tu 11/8 9:00 AM	0
We 11/9 11:00 AM	0

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New stop signs at the following intersections:
1) Chaske Avenue at Melrose St 2) Melrose St at the Carriageway

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Location Map: Melrose & Chaske/Comm Ave **TC37-16**



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Photo: Chaske Avenue at Melrose St

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Recommendations

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- Add a stop sign at the T intersection (Chaske Avenue Eastbound at the intersection of Melrose St)



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Photo: Melrose Avenue at Carriageway

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Recommendations

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- Do not add stop sign. Add gore striping instead.



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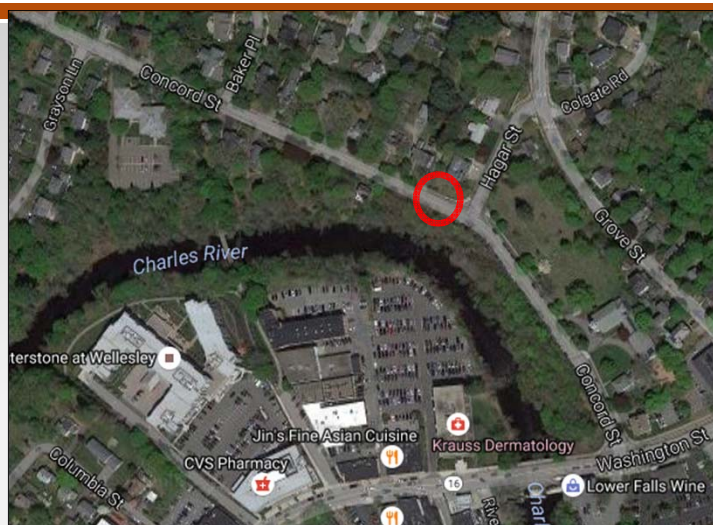
Parking regulations along Concord Street near the intersection of Hagar Street

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Location Map: Concord St at Hagar St

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Photos: Island on Concord St at Hagar St

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Photo: Concord St West of Hagar

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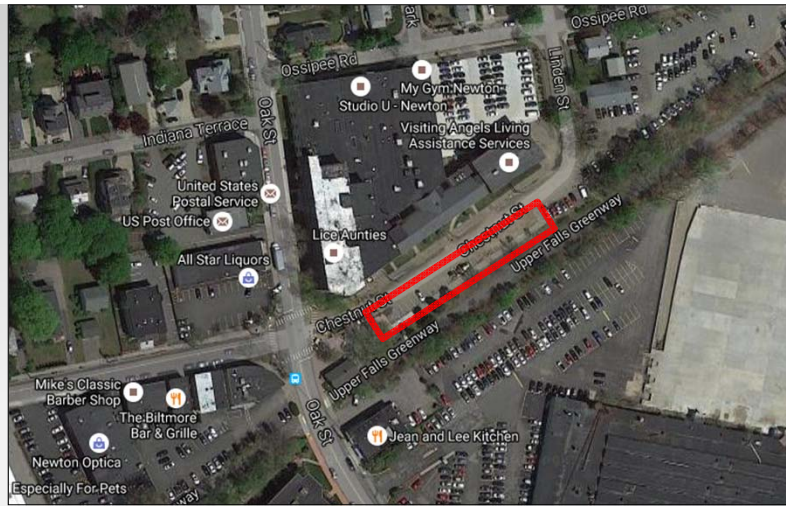
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Recommendation	TC42-16
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve parking restrictions• Draft TPR restricts parking from Hagar, westerly 140 feet, on both sides.	
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<h1 data-bbox="701 1444 922 1528">TC39-16</h1> <p data-bbox="734 1570 889 1612">28</p> <p data-bbox="354 1612 1269 1675">Overnight resident parking sticker program at the angle parking spaces at the end of Chestnut Street past Oak Street.</p>	
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Location Map: Chestnut St Metered Spaces

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Photo: Chestnut St from corner Linden St


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Photo: Chestnut St Metered Pull-in Spots			TC39-16
<u>3-hr meters</u>	<u>12-hr meters</u>	<u>h/c spaces</u>	<u>Meters + h/c spaces</u>
9	16	2	27
			
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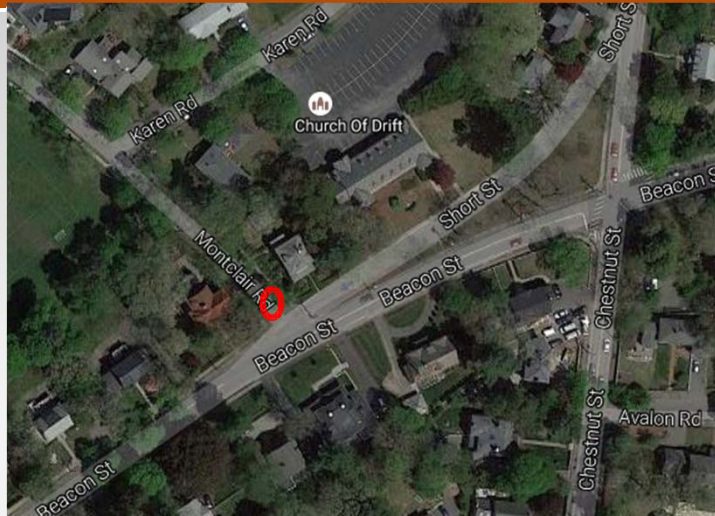
Overnight Parking in Municipal Lots			TC39-16
<p>Sec. 19-200. Resident sticker and visitor permit; municipal lot parking program. There shall be a resident sticker parking and visitor permit parking program in the City of Newton to govern overnight parking of residents' and visitors' motor vehicles in designated municipal parking lots</p> <p>New language in 19-175 now enables the TC to designate <u>on-street angle parking</u> areas for a sticker/permit program which would administered in the same manner as the municipal lot sticker/permit program (Sec. 19-200).</p> <p>NEW LANGUAGE APPROVED by PS&T October 5, 2016; by City Council October 17, 2016 Sec. 19-175 <i>Angle parking.</i> (c) The traffic council may designate one or more on-street angle parking areas or portions thereof for an overnight resident sticker and visitor permit on-street angle parking program. For the purposes of this program, angle parking areas shall include on-street areas in which parking is perpendicular to the curb. Such program shall be governed and administered in accordance with the provisions of the resident sticker and visitor permit municipal lot parking program set forth in Sec. 19-200. The traffic council shall maintain the list of areas so designated in its traffic and parking regulations.</p>			
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Recommendation	TC39-16
<p><u>Create new section in TPR and add spaces on Chestnut Street</u></p> <p>TPR 201. Overnight on-street angle parking areas. The following on-street angle parking areas are hereby designated for resident permit overnight parking as described in Sec. 19-175(c) of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2012.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chestnut Street between Oak and Linden, up to 25 spaces. <p>11.17.16 33 Traffic Council</p>	

TC41-16 ∞ 34 ∞ Addition of a stop sign at the end of Montclair Road at Short St/Beacon St 11.17.16 Traffic Council	

Location Map: Montclair Rd at Short/Beacon

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Photo: Short St at Montclair Rd/Beacon St

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Photo: Montclair Rd at Short St/Beacon St

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Recommendations

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- Add a stop sign at the T intersection (Montclair Rd at the intersection of Short St/Beacon St)



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