

CITY OF NEWTON
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

Present: Bill Paille, Director, Transportation Division, Acting Traffic Council Chair; Alicia Wilson, Resident Member; Sgt. Jay Babcock, Newton Police Department and Ald. Jay Ciccone
Also Present: Ald. Albright and Johnson

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

TC57-14 WILLIAM PAILLE, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, requesting to reduce the length of existing bus lane along Eldredge Street in front of the Underwood Elementary School and extend existing parking restriction. (Ward 1)
[08/29/14 @ 10:13 AM]

ACTION: APPROVED 4-0. Extend the current restriction from Elmwood Street to the new bus lane location with a new time restriction from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.
This item may be appealed through the close of business October 8, 2014.

NOTE: Mr. Paille provided Council members with a location map and site photos of the area. He stated that the current bus lane is 140 feet long in front of the Underwood Elementary School. One bus and a van enter and exit the school daily. Mr. Paille has met on-site with Principal Smith, Regina Moody, Newton Public Schools Transportation Director, Sgt. Babcock and Zach Bosch, Transportation Engineer who support and agree to shorten the distance of the bus lane by 50 feet. This will provide an additional five parking spaces.

Mr. Paille recommends extending the current restriction from Elmwood Street to the new bus lane location with a new time restriction from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. This will also discourage commuters and would allow for additional staff parking.

Sgt. Babcock said by approving this request, it would allow for additional resident and staff parking. He stated that Principal Smith and Ms. Moody support this request, as only one bus lane is necessary.

Mr. Paille opened the discussion for public comment. Ms. Ross, a teacher from the Underwood Elementary School spoke on behalf of Principal Smith. Ms. Ross related that Principal Smith fully supports reducing the length of the existing bus lane. She stated that two buses and one van arrive daily at different times. The school has 83 staff members and 10 after school staff members but there are only 19 legal parking spaces in their parking lot. If this request is approved, Principal Smith requests that these additional parking spaces be designated for staff.

Ald. Ciccone made the motion to approve this request as recommended to extend the current restriction from Elmwood Street to the new bus lane location with a new time restriction from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Council members agreed 4-0. This item may be appealed through the close of business October 8, 2014.

TC56-14 WILLIAM PAILLE, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, requesting to revise the existing 2-hour parking restriction along Linwood Avenue from Crafts Street to Broadway Street to include specific hours. (Wards 1 & 2) [08/29/14 @ 10:13 AM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0. Two-hour restriction, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, School Days**
This item may be appealed through the close of business October 8, 2014.

NOTE: Mr. Paille stated that in May 2014, Traffic Council approved a two-hour limit, school days, both sides, on Linwood Avenue from Crafts Street to Melville Avenue.

Mr. Paille provided Council members with a location map, existing and proposed parking restrictions. He stated that the existing two-hour parking restriction sign only reflects a restriction on school days. He is proposing to keep the two-hour restriction, but that it include a time restriction of 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, school days.

Sgt. Babcock stated that sign consistency is necessary. He does not want parents parking long term on Linwood Avenue. It is not fair to Linwood Avenue and Broadway residents. He would prefer staff and parents park on Nevada Street in the 'authorized parking' section. Principal Smith informed the Transportation Division how many staff parking spaces were necessary. This will be an improvement and adjustments will be made if necessary.

Mr. Paille opened the discussion to the public. A resident asked if there was a two-hour restriction on Broadway and if there was adequate parking on Nevada Street to accommodate staff. They said that it is difficult for trash-pickup, the area is congested and it is difficult to enter and exit driveways. A resident said that staff permits would be expiring in a few days.

Ald. Ciccone answered that administratively the Department of Public Works may restrict parking on Broadway, from the corner up to 50 feet, at their discretion. This would allow entering and exiting driveways easier. Mr. Paille said he would review this suggestion.

Sgt. Babcock informed the residents that staff were issued temporary permits allowing them to park on Nevada Street in the 'authorized section'. Tickets are issued when drivers block a driveway, handicap curb cut, fire hydrant or a crosswalk. Staff may obtain permanent permits beginning in October through the Police Department, pay the annual registration fee of \$25.00, provide proof of license, registration and school identification. If this item is approved, with a time restriction, the Police Department will begin issuing violations at \$25.00 each.

Ald. Ciccone made the motion to approve this request as recommended to a two-hour parking restriction, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, school days. Council members agreed 4-0. This item may be appealed through the close of business October 8, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

William Paille, Director, Transportation Division
Acting Traffic Council Chair

Traffic Council

City of Newton

September 18, 2014

Agenda

- ❖ TC57-14 WILLIAM PAILLE, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, requesting to reduce the length of existing bus lane along Eldredge Street in front of the Underwood Elementary School and extend existing parking restriction. (Ward 1)

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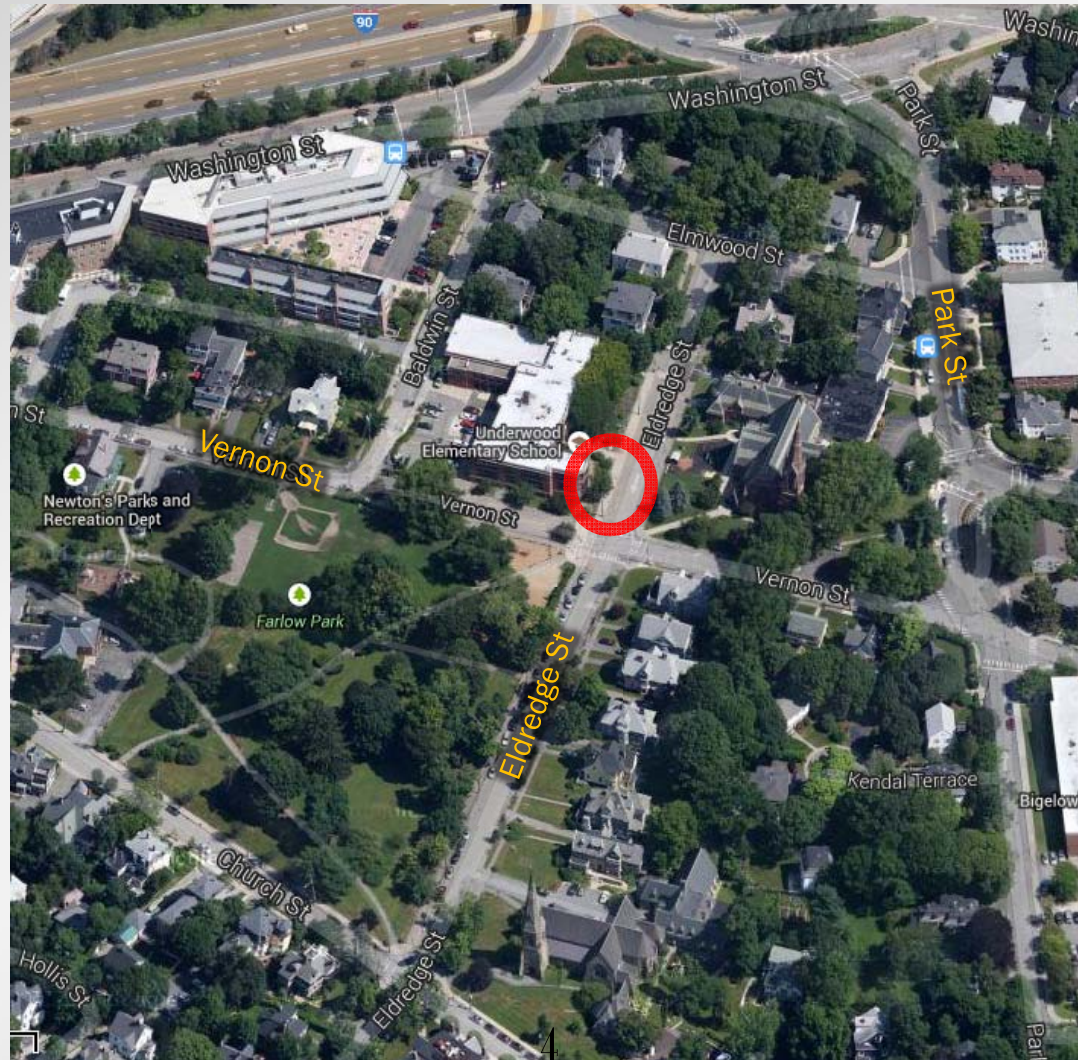
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Location Map

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- ❖ Three-hour limit, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., west side, from a point 50 feet south of Elmwood Street, southerly 210 feet. Prohibited, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Prohibited, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 - West side, from Vernon Street to Church Street.
 - East side from Vernon Street northerly 185 feet.
 - East side from a point 245 feet north of Vernon Street northerly to a point 50 feet south of Elmwood Street.

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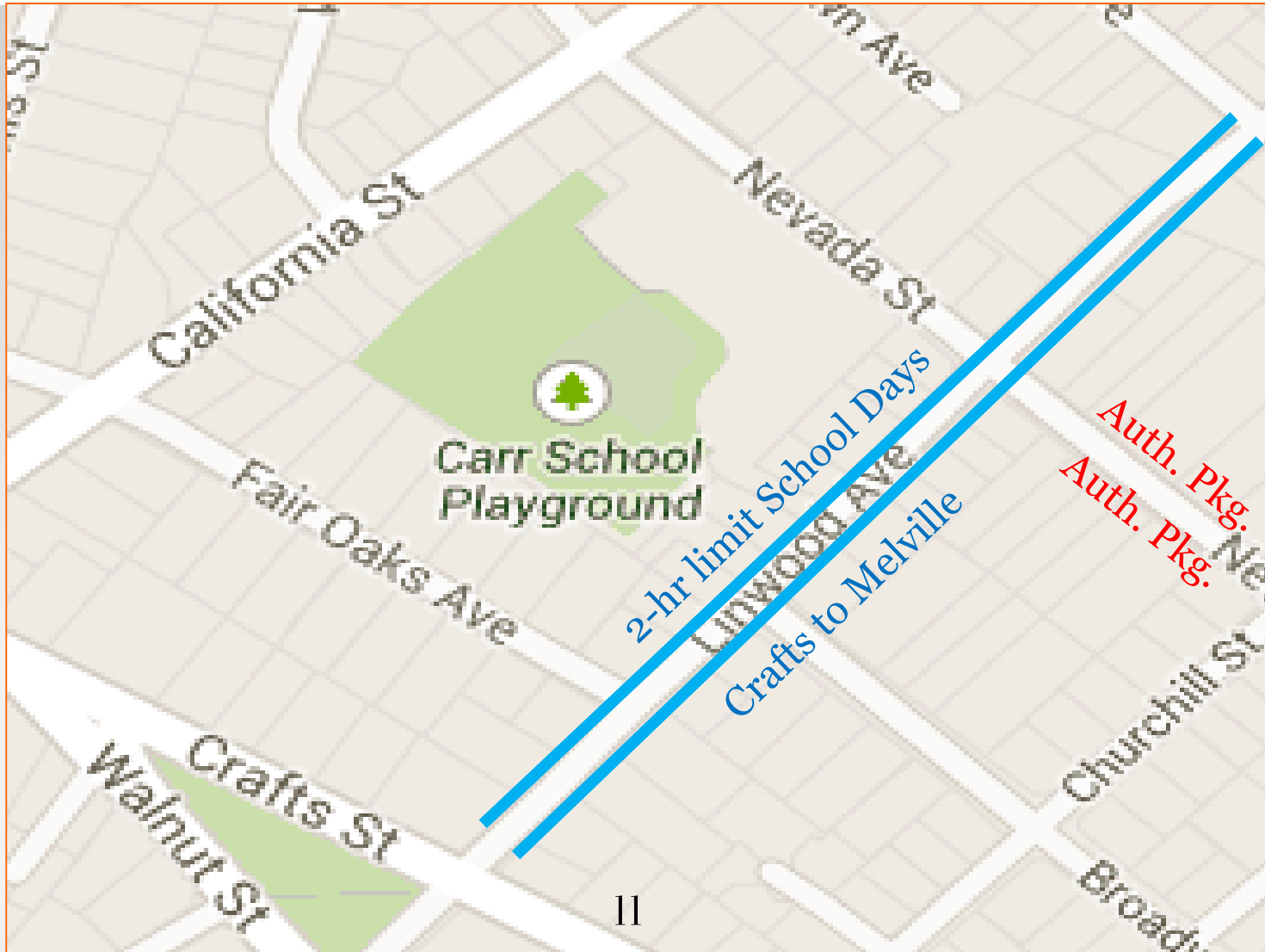


Request to revise the existing 2-hour parking restriction along Linwood Avenue from Crafts Street to Broadway Street to include specific hours

- ❖ TC28-14 PLANNING DEPARTMENT, requesting to change section six (6) of TPR-176 for Linwood Avenue from: two-hour limit, school days, both sides, from Crafts Street to Broadway to the following: two-hour limit, school days, both sides, from Crafts Street to Melville Avenue.

Carr School Traffic and Parking Plan Overview Map

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Existing

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