

CITY OF NEWTON  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013

Present: Sgt. Jay Babcock, Newton Police Department; Patrick Baxter, Transportation Engineer;  
Ald. Ciccone and David Koses, Transportation Planner

TC4-13      DAVID KOSES, requesting that Traffic Council amend the Traffic and Parking Regulations to remove Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.

(b) The Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to establish parking prohibitions on parts of streets located within fifty feet of an intersecting way based on one or more of the following objectives: to provide adequate sight lines for traffic safety or adequate area for bus maneuvers, or to facilitate emergency vehicle access, snow removal or trash pick-up. The Commissioner shall create a written record of each such prohibition, setting out the location and dimensions of the prohibited area. Such records shall be kept on file in the office of the City Clerk. [02/01/13 @ 4:24 PM]

**ACTION:    APPROVE 4-0. This item may be appealed through the close of business May 15, 2013.**

**NOTE:**      Items TC4-13, TC3-13 and TC2-13 were discussed together. Please refer to TC2-13 summary below.

TC3-13      DAVID KOSES, requesting that Traffic Council amend the Traffic and Parking Regulations to remove: Parking shall be prohibited at locations designated by the Commissioner of Public Works in accordance with this subsection.

(c) On the following streets and parts of streets parking of vehicles is restricted as stated below: [02/01/13 @ 4:24 PM]

**ACTION:    APPROVE 4-0. This item may be appealed through the close of business May 15, 2013.**

**NOTE:**      Items TC4-13, TC3-13 and TC2-13 were discussed together. Please refer to TC2-13 summary below.

TC2-13      DAVID KOSES, requesting that Traffic Council amend the Traffic and Parking Regulations to include: Parking shall be prohibited at locations designated by the Commissioner of Public Works in accordance with this subsection.

(b) On the following streets and parts of streets parking of vehicles is restricted as stated below: [02/01/13 @ 4:24 PM]

**ACTION:    APPROVE 4-0. This item may be appealed through the close of business May 15, 2013.**

**NOTE:** Mr. Koses said that Public Safety & Transportation Committee approved as amended these items on January 9, 2013 requesting that Traffic Council amend the Traffic and Parking Regulations to remove Sec. TPR-176 (**Restricting On-Street Parking Near Crosswalks to Improve Safety**) and replace with following proposed language (*in italics*):

Sec. 19-166 (p) within fifty feet of an intersecting way *and within twenty-five feet of a midblock crosswalk* where the commissioner of public works has established parking prohibitions based on one or more of the following objectives: to provide adequate sight lines for *pedestrian and* traffic safety or adequate area for bus maneuvers, or to facilitate emergency vehicle access, snow removal or trash pick-up. *The commissioner of public works will determine the extent of parking to be removed at any given location based on input from the police department and an engineering study, using commonly accepted standards for gauging the length of unobstructed sight lines necessary to protect public safety, and shall consider such factors as street geometry, automobile speeds and volume, and visual distractions. The commissioner of public works will distribute a written notice to the board of aldermen and to the traffic council at least 30 days before removing such parking spaces.* The commissioner shall create a written record of each such prohibition, *setting out the location and dimensions of the prohibited area.* Such records shall be kept on file in the office of the city clerk and shall be included in the traffic and parking regulations.

Without discussion, Council members voted to approve these items 4-0. Mr. Koses said that these items may be appealed through the close of business May 15, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Traffic Council Chair