

CITY OF NEWTON  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2012

Present: Sgt. Jay Babcock (Police Department), Ald. Ciccone, Jim Danila (Transportation Engineer), Jerome Grafe (Resident member) and David Koses (Transportation Planner)  
Also present: Ald. Albright, Johnson and Linsky  
City Staff: Jennifer Price, Newton North High School Principal

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

TC66-11      JEROME GRAFE, requesting parking restrictions as necessary and the installation of a bicycle lane on Walnut Street between Elm Road and Commonwealth Avenue in both northbound and southbound directions. (Ward 2) [11/28/11 @ 3:16 PM]

**ACTION:**      **HELD (3-2, Grafe, Koses opposed)**

**NOTE:**      Items TC66-11 and TC17-10 were discussed together. See TC17-10 summary below.

TC17-10      TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, JIM DANILA, on behalf of School Department, requesting parking restrictions on Walnut Street between Hull Street and Otis Street. (Ward 2) [05/12/10 @ 4:30 PM]

**A) APPROVED (4-0-1, Harney abstaining) on 06/24/10. No parking anytime, both sides, for the 3-lane section between Otis Street and a point where the northbound left-turn lane to Elm Road begins.**

**B) HELD (5-0) on 06/24/10 for 60-Day Trial, No standing, both sides, School Days 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m, between a point where the northbound left-turn lane to Elm Road begins at Hull Street.**

**B) HELD (4-1, Grafe opposed) on 09/30/10 to extend existing 60-day trial.**

**ACTION:**      **B) HELD (4-1, Grafe opposed)**

**NOTE:**      Items TC66-11 and TC17-10 were discussed together.

Mr. Danila reviewed with Council members the history, parking restrictions and the reasons why bicycle lanes should be considered.

Mr. Koses summarized the two e-mails received, on file. He then opened the discussion for public comment. Approximately fourteen residents were present for this discussion. The discussion stressed their concerns, questions, advantages and suggestions.

**Concerns**

Residents said that they are concerned with the limited site ability on Walnut Street due to the curves, hills, speeding vehicles and traffic volumes and feel that Walnut Street is not an

appropriate street for bike lanes to be considered. They stated that safety and parking solutions are necessary and students will continue to drive even if bike lanes are implemented. The proposal eliminates parking in front of homes, making it difficult for contractors and visitors. Some residents said that they only observe a limited number of bicyclists on Walnut Street.

#### Questions

Residents asked how the City could accommodate parking and bike lanes on major routes.

#### Advantages

Some residents agreed north/south bike corridors are necessary because bike lanes promote safety, have the tendency to reduce the number of accidents because they define road space. Bike lanes promote health and independence, and allow the road to be shared with all users. Other residents said that parking is plentiful as all homes have driveways or side street parking.

#### Suggestions

Residents requested to see data on crashes and speed. A suggestion was made to relocate the traffic signal closer to Tiger Drive. Some residents suggested the installation of bike lanes on Lowell Avenue, a straight street without curves and hills. Others residents disagreed. A resident suggested making Lowell Avenue and Walnut Street opposite one-way roads, which would accommodate bike lanes. They feel that bike education is necessary.

Ald. Johnson said that she supports the installation of bike lanes on Lowell Avenue connecting to Homer Street to Walnut Street. She is concerned with bike lanes leading to Newtonville Square because it is a congested area. She asked that alternative solutions be considered because residents disagree with implementing bike lanes in this area. She requested that Walnut Street not be considered at this time. She requested that the Newton Bike Plan be presented to members of the Board of Aldermen. Ald. Johnson then requested that these items be held for speed and crash data before continuing the discussion. Ald. Albright agreed.

Ald. Albright said that she supports bike lanes. She is concerned that residents should be allowed the opportunity to have parking in front of their homes. She asked if consideration was made to accommodate a parking lane, a bike lane and travel lane on Walnut Street. She also supports the suggestion of making Lowell Avenue and Walnut Street one-way streets to accommodate bike lanes.

Ald. Linsky said that safety is necessary. It is important for students who walk, bike and drive to school to be safe. He agreed that bike education is necessary. He supports the suggestion of implementing a bike lane on Lowell Avenue.

Mr. Koses informed the residents that the Public Safety & Transportation Committee would be discussing the comprehensive traffic and parking plan on June 20, 2012. He described locations in the City where bike lanes have been approved in the past two years. He said that he supports bike lanes because they provide alternatives to driving, a goal of the Comprehensive Plan. He also noted that the vast majority of literature says that bike lanes improve safety. Bike lanes encourage more cyclists, more cyclists on the street improves safety for everybody. It is important to have bike infrastructure and that bike lanes are safety enhancements.

Mr. Danila said that Traffic Council does not approve bike lanes: they are installed at the discretion of the Department of Public Works. Traffic Council approves the elimination of

parking to implement bike lanes. He said that he would never advocate for bike lanes on Walnut Street if he felt as if it were unsafe. Statistics prove that bike lanes clearly define road space and reduce speed. Mr. Danila stated that Walnut Street is no different from other City streets that have been approved to install bike lanes.

Ald. Ciccone said that he opposes these docket items. Implementing bike lanes cause unfairness and negative impacts to homeowners. Homeowners, contractors, and guests should be allowed to park in front of their residence. He said that by approving these items, it only takes away the liberties from homeowners and other solutions are necessary. He agreed the location of the traffic signal should be relocated closer to Tiger Drive.

Mr. Grafe said that he supports these docket items because the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) has implemented Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendations. He said that it is necessary to have north/south travel corridors because it links east/west corridors by creating a network. The City's administration has endorsed Newton's Bike Plan. He said that bike lanes increase riders and promote safety. He realizes homeowners concerns and parking issues. He does not feel Lowell Avenue is an appropriate alternative because it does not allow for the same degree of connectivity.

Sgt. Babcock said that safety and enforcement are necessary. He understands and agrees with Ald. Ciccone's concerns and opposes bike lanes in this area due to speeding cars, and aggressive drivers. This is a dangerous location to consider bike lanes. He said that he observed Mill Street and Elm Road for five days. During this time, fifty tickets were issued for speeding raising \$2,000 revenue. Thirty tickets were issued for crosswalk violations raising \$3,000 revenue. He also observed two accidents. He agrees these items should be held for additional data.

Mr. Grafe made the motion as amended to approve the removal of parking on Walnut Street between Commonwealth Avenue and Hull Street. This motion failed in a straw vote.

Sgt. Babcock made the motion to hold TC66-11. Council members agreed 3-2, Grafe and Koses opposed.

Mr. Koses made the motion to hold item TC17-10 Council members agreed 4-1, Grafe opposed.

TC65-11 SARAH KANG, 49 Gay Street, requesting a one-hour parking restriction on school days between 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Gay Street. (Ward 2) [11/14/11 @ 12:06 PM]

**HELD 5-0 on 03/15/12. Trial of no parking, East Side of Gay Street**  
**ACTION: APPROVE AS AMENDED (5-0), no parking, Gay Street, east side.**  
**This item may be appealed through the close of business July 5, 2012.**

**NOTE:** Items TC65-11, TC68-11 and TC12-12 were discussed together. See TC12-12 summary below.

TC68-11 ANN BASSI, 84 Atwood Avenue, requesting a one-hour parking restriction on school days between 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Atwood Avenue. (Ward 2) [12/05/11 @ 12:13 PM]

**HELD 5-0 on 03/15/12**

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

**This item may be appealed through the close of business July 5, 2012.**

**NOTE:** Items TC65-11, TC68-11 and TC12-12 were discussed together. See TC12-12 summary below.

TC12-12 ALD. ALBRIGHT, JOHNSON & LINSKY, requesting changes to the parking restrictions on Frederick and Bonwood Streets. (Ward 2) [04/26/12 @ 10:01 AM]

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

**This item may be appealed through the close of business July 5, 2012.**

**NOTE:** Items TC65-11, TC68-11 and TC12-12 were discussed together.

Mr. Danila reviewed with Council members parking restrictions and prior parking situations on Gay Street and Atwood Avenue. Prior to the trial, an average of twenty-eight cars parked along both sides of Gay Street, thereby narrowing the intersection causing turning problems for larger vehicles. An average of seven cars parked at the west end of Atwood Avenue. Mr. Danila said that Frederick and Bonwood Streets are 24' wide.

Mr. Koses said that he has not received complaints regarding the trial on Gay Street. He opened the discussion for public comment. Approximately ten residents were present for this discussion. The discussion stressed their concerns, advantages and suggestions.

#### Concerns

Residents said that they are concerned with congestion, safety, difficulty for emergency vehicle access. They said that it is difficult to travel on the streets, students block the driveways and trash pick-up is difficult. They said that they are concerned with implementing additional parking restrictions because students will park further into the neighborhood. Parking restrictions cause unfairness and negative impacts to homeowners. They feel that a one or two hour parking restriction does not solve the problem. Some residents said that students also have rights to park on these streets and the burden should be shared among all neighboring streets.

#### Advantages

A resident said that the trial on Gay Street has made the situation better. It is easier to enter and exit driveways and emergency vehicles now have access.

#### Suggestions

Residents feel that the Lowell Avenue parking lot is underutilized. Some residents suggested the elimination of parking on one side of the street to allow emergency vehicles easy access. Some residents agreed on implementing a "Resident Only Parking Program". They requested that decisions be consistent in the neighborhood by implementing parking restrictions or removing current restrictions to be fair to all neighbors.

Mr. Koses said that in October 2011, Traffic Council approved 150 Tiger Permits, to be distributed among approximately 20 streets surrounding the high school. The Board of Aldermen overturned this approval in December 2011 and suggested that students who drive to

school and do not obtain a permit can still park on Washington Street. Mr. Koses reminded residents that the Public Safety & Transportation Committee would be discussing the comprehensive traffic and parking plan on June 20, 2012. The plan would allow implementing a one-hour parking restriction in locations nearest the high school and a two-hour parking restriction further out. He is hopeful that the plan will be implemented in the fall. The plan would allow the school to approve Tiger Zones including parking lots on site, perimeter of the school, Austin Street parking lot or sections of Lowell Avenue. This does not meet the demand of students who want to drive.

Ald. Linsky asked if these streets could accommodate parking on both sides. He supports the idea of neighborhood parking uniformity and a "Resident Only Parking Program".

Ms. Price said that the school obtained the Lowell Street parking lot in November 2011, the same time the Board of Aldermen overturned the approval of 150 Tiger Permits. This year the Lowell Street parking lot has not been utilized to capacity. Ald. Linsky asked how many students would be permitted to park next year in the Lowell Street parking lot. Ms. Price answered she did not know but would not meet the demands of all students who wish to drive -- there is a waiting list. She said that the 150 permits identify parking locations.

Ald. Albright requested that these items be held until the comprehensive parking plan is discussed. She said that Washington Street is proposed in the plan, but students will feel it is "too far" to walk. She agrees the Lowell Street parking lot appears half-full.

Mr. Koses mentioned his concern related to continuing to hold items. By holding items, the Traffic Council backlog continues to grow, requiring other residents to continue to wait until their items can be heard. He prefers to vote on items, if possible. Sgt. Babcock said that he is concerned with safety and emergency vehicle access because Frederick and Bonwood Streets are narrow. He supports no parking on one side of these streets allowing emergency vehicles easy access. Mr. Grafe agreed.

Mr. Grafe said that if these streets were restricted on one side, many streets would be affected. A City policy is necessary to determine parking accommodations. Sgt. Babcock said that the focus should be on public safety and emergency vehicle access, not a policy.

### **TC12-12**

Mr. Koses asked residents of Frederick and Bonwood Streets which side of the street they would prefer a parking restriction. Residents asked that no parking restrictions be implemented. The issues occur during school hours. They are concerned with safety, but prefer parking on both sides. They request that this item be held until the Board of Aldermen discusses the comprehensive plan.

Ald. Linsky and Albright do not support additional parking restrictions and request this item be held until the comprehensive plan is reviewed. Mr. Danila agreed.

Ald. Ciccone suggested implementing a trial in the fall. Sgt. Babcock asked if this item could be held to a date certain. Mr. Danila said that if safety is a concern the Police Department could implement a parking restriction at any time.

Mr. Koses made the motion to approve TC65-11 as amended. Council members agreed 5-0.

Mr. Koses made the motion no action necessary on TC68-11. Council members agreed 5-0.

Ald. Ciccone made the motion no action necessary on TC12-12. Council members agreed 5-0.

TC16-12      DAVID KOSES, on behalf of the Newton North High School administration, requesting consideration of the location(s) of pick-up space for athletic buses, including consideration of the establishment of an afternoon-only bus zone on Hull Street between Walnut Street and the staircase, and the shifting of the live parking zone westerly. (Ward 2) [05/16/12 @ 4:20 PM]

**ACTION:**      **HELD FOR TRIAL (5-0). TIGER Permit Parking, 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM, School Days and School Bus Zone, 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM, School Days, Last 200 feet of Hull Street (between Beaumont Avenue and Lowell Avenue), North Side.**  
**Trial to begin on August 1, 2012.**

**NOTE:**      Mr. Koses said that this item was docketed due to concerns unsafe traffic and bus volumes on Tiger Drive.

Mr. Danila provided Council members with area parking restrictions. He said that the school has requested the creation of visitor parking zone from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm and a school bus zone from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm. He suggested the length of the current Live Parking Zone (approximately 10 parking spaces) be reduced and located west on Hull Street towards Lowell Avenue because athletic buses are not needed in the morning and smaller loading zones are necessary in the evening. He then said that a visitor parking zone could be implemented to have a one or two-hour parking restriction.

Mr. Koses said that it is his understanding that two handicap parking spaces are necessary and will discuss this requirement with the Law Department.

Ms. Price said that the biggest issue is safety on Tiger Drive. Special education buses and buses drop-off at the theatre entrance making the evening challenging. It is necessary for the special education buses to park on Tiger Drive because of safety reasons. She suggested moving the athletic buses to Hull Street. Ald. Johnson asked if the buses could be relocated to the Lowell Street parking lot. Ms. Price answered that it would be challenging because cars parked in the lot could be trapped by buses. In the evening, parents queue-up on Hull Street and Tiger Drive to pick-up students.

Ald. Johnson said that the neighborhood continues to be impacted with student parking and feels student convenience should not be considered.

Sgt. Babcock asked if there is room to build a 'cut-in' on Lowell Avenue or Hull Street to allow the buses space to pull over. Mr. Danila answered no.

Mr. Koses summarized the two emails received and one photograph, both on file. He then opened the discussion for public comment. Approximately five residents were present for this discussion. The discussion stressed their concerns and suggestions.

#### Concerns

Residents said that they are concerned with congestion, exhaust fumes, parents parking on Dexter Road, cars and buses idling for long periods. Crossing Hull Street is unsafe, people park in residents' driveways, parents use Hull Street and Dexter Road as drop-off locations and parents park on Tiger Drive prohibiting bus access. Residents also have difficulty entering and exiting their driveways.

#### Suggestions

Residents said that a handicap ramp is necessary and suggested re-locating buses and student pick-up further west on Hull Street towards Lowell Avenue. They said that parents would need to be educated.

Ald. Albright asked how long buses have to wait to pick-up students. Ms. Price answered approximately 20-30 minutes. Ald. Albright then suggested that the buses park at the Lowell Street parking lot. Ms. Price answered it would be unfair for staff to be blocked in and to have to wait for the buses to move. Ald. Johnson suggested as a short-term solution until parking issues are resolved that buses wait on the Carriage Lane near City Hall until they are called. Ald. Albright agreed.

Ald. Linsky agreed that a solution is necessary, even if only short-term. He said that in the fall and spring there may be fewer athletic buses when the fields are complete. He feels that Hull Street will be heavily parked on when parents attend these events.

Mr. Koses said that if this item were held, safety issues would continue on Tiger Drive in the fall. He suggested that a trial begin in August 2012. Mr. Danila suggested re-locating the bus stop west on Hull Street towards Lowell Avenue. Ms. Price agreed and requested to keep the Tiger Permit Program until 1:00 pm.

Mr. Danila made the motion to hold this item for a trial. Council members agreed 5-0. The trial will begin on August 1, 2012.

Ald. Johnson requested that homeowners be notified of the trial. A letter dated June 27, 2012, notifying Hull Street residents of this trial was mailed on June 28, 2012, attached to this report.

TC17-12      COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS, requesting that the Traffic Council amend the Traffic and Parking Regulations to include a portion of Elm Road between Blithedale Street and Walnut Street, which was recently accepted by the Board of Aldermen as a public way. (Ward 2) [05/31/12 @ 2:30 PM]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVE (5-0). Approve parking restrictions as presently posted, TIGER Permit Parking, 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM, School Days, with the following exception: Portion of Elm Road presently posted as “Visitor Parking” will be converted to TIGER Permit Parking, 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM, School Days. This item may be appealed through the close of business July 5, 2012.**

**NOTE:**      Mr. Danila provided Council members with area parking restrictions. He said that the school has requested that all parking spaces on Elm Road be designated as Tiger Permit Parking. The only exception is the five existing visitor spaces in front of the bus lane/theatre entrance.

Ms. Price asked if Elm Road parking spaces would be striped. She then said that it is difficult to create a Tiger Permit parking plan if it is not known the number of parking spaces that will be available. Mr. Danila answered that Elm Road would be striped and new angle spaces would be created this summer to allow Tiger Permit parking. Mr. Danila said that the parking control officers would enforce Elm Road because it is now a public way.

Ms. Price requested that the visitor parking spaces be relocated to the Lowell Street parking lot because the school cannot control them and requested the signs be relocated. She then suggested that Elm Road be converted to Tiger Permit parking, allowing students and faculty to park without impacting the neighborhood. Ms. Price said that her goal is to implement a plan to remove as many students and faculty as possible from parking on the streets.

Sgt. Babcock asked why the Austin Street parking lot meters are bagged year round. Mr. Danila said that typically they are removed in the summer.

Mr. Danila made the motion to approve this item. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed through the close of business July 5, 2012.

TC3-12      ALD. LINSKY, requesting the installation of a stop sign on Walker Street at the intersection of Page Road. (Ward 2) [01/13/12 @ 9:45 AM]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVE (5-0).  
This item may be appealed through the close of business July 5, 2012.**

**NOTE:**      Mr. Danila provided Council members with photos of Walker Street and Page Road. He said that there have been zero reported crashes from 2005 to the present. The stop sign on Walker Street would comply with the MUTCD warrant.

One resident said that he supports the stop sign for safety needs because of limited site difficulties. Ald. Johnson agreed.

Without discussion, Mr. Danila made the motion to approve this item.



Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed through the close of business July 5, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Traffic Council

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## Traffic Council

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City Hall  
Room 222  
Thursday, June 14, 2012  
7:00 p.m.

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## Agenda

1. TC66-11: parking restrictions on Walnut St. between Elm Rd. and Commonwealth Ave. to facilitate bicycle lanes. (Ward 2)
  2. TC17-10: parking restrictions on Walnut St. between Hull St. and Otis St. (Ward 2)  
[Held for trial on 6/24/10 & 9/30/10](#)
  3. TC65-11: parking restrictions on Gay St. (Ward 2)  
[Held for trial on 3/15/12](#)
  4. TC68-11: parking restrictions on Atwood Ave. (Ward 2)  
[Held on 3/15/12](#)
  5. TC12-12: parking restrictions on Frederick St. & Bonwood St. (Ward 2)
  6. TC16-12: creation of bus zone on and relocation of pick-up and drop-off zone on Hull St. (Ward 2)
  7. TC17-12: parking restrictions on Elm Rd. (Ward 2)
  8. TC3-12: installation of a Stop sign on Walker St. at Page Rd. (Ward 2)
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## TC66-11

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Requesting parking restrictions and the installation of a bicycle lane on Walnut St. between Elm Rd. and Commonwealth Ave. (Ward 2)

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## TC17-10

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Requesting parking restrictions on Walnut St. between Hull St. and Otis St. (Ward 2)  
[Held for trial on 6/24/2010 & 9/30/2010](#)

## History

- 6/24/10: Approved, No Parking on Walnut St., both sides, from Elm St. to approximately Clyde St.
- 6/24/10: Trial, No Standing on Walnut St., both sides, 7am to 4pm, School Days, from end of No Parking Zone near Clyde Street to Hull Street.
- 9/30/10: Trial extended.

## Parking Restrictions on Side Streets



No Parking | No Standing, 7am-4pm, School Days | 1-Hr Limit, 8am-3pm, School Days  
Resident Only Parking | No Standing

## Parking Restrictions on Side Streets



No Parking | No Standing, 7am-4pm, School Days | 1-Hr Limit, 8am-3pm, School Days  
Resident Only Parking | No Standing | NNHS Permit, 7am-4pm, School Days  
Live Parking, 7am-4pm, School Days

## Parking Restrictions on Side Streets



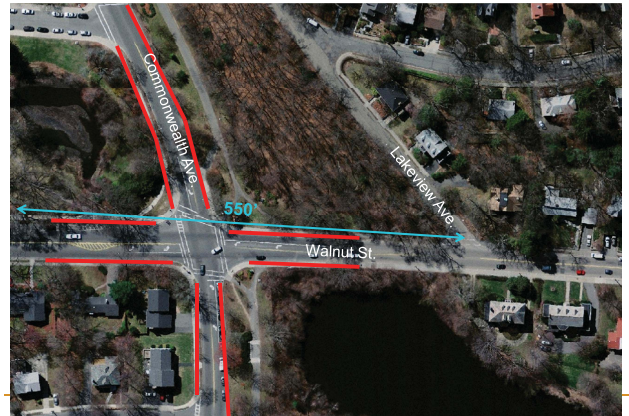
No Parking | Resident Only Parking | 1-Hr Limit, 8am-3pm, School Days  
No Parking, 7am-10pm, School Days

## Parking Restrictions on Side Streets



No Parking, 7am-10pm, School Days

## Parking Restrictions on Side Streets



No Parking

## Why Bicycle Lanes?

- **Bike Lanes:**
  - Support and encourage bicycling as a means of transportation.
  - Reduce the chance that motorists will stray into cyclists' path of travel.
  - Make it less likely that passing motorists swerve toward opposing traffic.
  - Remind motorists to look for cyclists when turning.
  - Help define road space.
  - Promote a more orderly flow of traffic.
  - Reminder that cyclists have a right to the road.
  - Decrease the likelihood of crashes.
  - Decrease the stress level of bicyclists riding in traffic.

## Typical Cross-Section



## TC65-11

Requesting a one-hour parking restriction on school days between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Gay St. (Ward 2)  
[Held for trial on 03/15/2012](#)

## TC68-11

Requesting a one-hour parking restriction on school days between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Atwood Ave. (Ward 2)  
[Held on 03/15/2012](#)

## TC12-12

Requesting changes to the parking restrictions on Frederick St. and Bonwood St. (Ward 2)

### Aerial Photo



Gay Street prior to 3/15/12



Atwood Avenue prior to 3/15/12



Frederick Street



Bonwood Street



## Observations prior to trial

- An average of 28 cars parked on Gay St.
  - Cars parked along both sides.
  - Narrowness at intersections may cause turning problems for larger vehicles.
- An average of 7 cars parked on Atwood Ave.
  - Most cars stacked at west end of street.

Input from neighbors?

## TC16-12

Requesting pick-up space for athletic buses, including consideration of the establishment of an afternoon-only bus zone on Hull St. between Walnut St. and the staircase, and the shifting of the live parking zone.

## Hull Street



No Parking | NNHS Permit, 7am-4pm, School Days | Live Parking, 7am-4pm, School Days  
Resident Permit Parking Only

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## Hull Street



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## Request from NNHS

- Create a zone that is Visitor Parking from 7:30am to 1:00pm., and School Buses from 1:00pm to 9:00pm.
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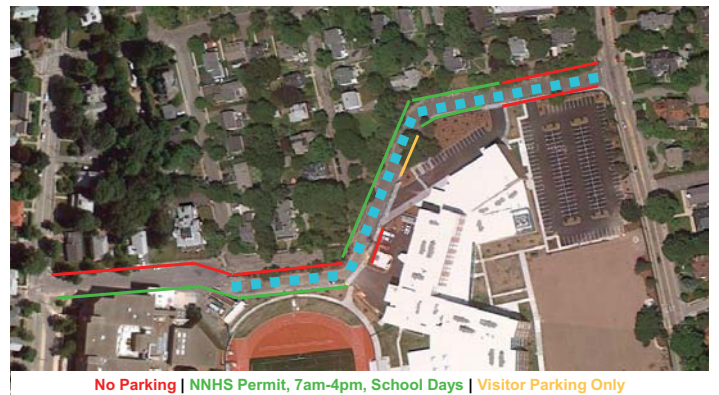
## TC17-12

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Requesting parking restrictions on Elm Rd. between Blithedale St. and Walnut St. (Ward 2)

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## Elm Road





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## Request from NNHS

- All spaces on Elm Rd. be designated NNHS Permit Parking Only.
    - 7am-4pm, School Days: typical application.
  - Only Exception: 5 existing Visitor Spaces in front of Bus Lane/Theatre Entrance.
    - Legally posted with a time limit?
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## TC3-12

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Requesting installation of a Stop sign on Walker St. at Page Rd. (Ward 2)

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## Aerial Photo



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## Walker Street approach



Walker St., at intersection



Page Road approach



Page Rd., at intersection



Background Information

- 0 reported crashes from 2005 to present.
- Addition of Stop control on Walker Street would comply with MUTCD.



TC16-12

City of Newton, Massachusetts  
Traffic Council

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June 27, 2012

Dear Hull Street resident,

This letter is to inform you that the Newton Traffic Council voted at its June 14, 2012 meeting to undertake the following trial:

**TIGER Permit Parking, 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM, School Days and School Bus Zone, 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM, School Days, Last 200 feet of Hull Street (between Beaumont Avenue and Lowell Avenue), North Side. The trial is scheduled to begin on or about August 1, 2012.**

This trial is in response to a request made by the High School Administration to address concerns about unsafe traffic and school bus volumes on Tiger Drive. Detailed minutes and audio from the June 14, 2012 Traffic Council meeting will be posted on the Traffic Council webpage:

<http://newtonma.gov/gov/aldermen/traffic/>

After the trial period ends, additional discussion will occur at an upcoming Traffic Council meeting, including the results of the trial. All Hull Street residents will be notified via US Mail approximately two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

Sincerely,

David G. Koses  
Chair, Traffic Council