

CITY OF NEWTON
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TRAFFIC COUNCIL ACTIONS

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2012

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, Transportation Planner; Sgt. Jay Babcock, Newton Police Department; Ald. Harney; Nina Wang, Acting Transportation Director and Jerome Grafe, Citizen Representative
Also Present: Ald. Linsky and Albright

TC29-12 DAVID KOSES, on behalf of the Planning Department, requesting removal of metered parking spaces adjacent to crosswalks on Walnut Street between Newtonville Avenue and Otis Street, and adjacent intersections, to improve visibility and pedestrian safety. (Ward 2) [06/26/12 @ 12:31 PM]

ACTION: (A) **APPROVE** removal of Meter #266, Walnut Street across from Washington Park (4-1, Harney opposed)
(B) **APPROVE** removal of Meters #253 and #254, Walnut Street across from Madison (5-0)
(C) **APPROVE** removal of Meters #282 and #283, Walnut Street across from Austin Street (5-0). **The Planning and Public Works Departments will look to install an on-street bicycle rack within one of the spaces that was voted to be removed, likely in the space occupied by Meter #254. DPW is to install a new crosswalk across Walnut Street at the intersection of Austin Street. This item may be appealed through the close of business August 15, 2012.**

TC4-12 ALD. LINSKY, ALBRIGHT & JOHNSON, requesting an establishment of a school zone on Walnut Street between Watertown Street and Crafts Street to govern traffic flow around the Education Center (100 Walnut Street) inclusive of a blue zone to facilitate pick-up and drop-off of students. Several populations of Newton Public School students attend classes on the premises, including the Newton Early Childhood Program, the Middle School Stabilization Program (MSP) and the Newton Central High School. Existing traffic signals (crosswalk and pedestrian sign) are frequently ignored by motorist posing a significant safety concern. The Newton Police Department has conducted numerous directed patrols, most recently yielding an average of 3.5 violations per half hour. (Ward 2) [01/25/12 @ 9:01 AM]

ACTION: (A) **APPROVE (5-0), creation of new School Zone on Walnut Street in front of the Education Center property. This item may be appealed through the close of business August 15, 2012**
(B) **HOLD FOR TRIAL (5-0), 15 minute parking zone, Walnut Street, east side (Education Center side), between the Education Center Building driveway entrance and Watertown Street, 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.**

TC10-12 JIM DANILA, on behalf of the Department of Public Works requesting the removal of parking within the vicinity of the crosswalk on Walnut Street, adjacent to the Education Center at 100 Walnut Street. (Ward 2) [04/19/12 @ 10:47 AM]

**ACTION: APPROVE (5-0). No parking within 27 feet of crosswalk, both sides of crosswalk, both sides of Walnut Street. (5-0).
This item may be appealed through the close of business August 15, 2012.**

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Traffic Council