

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

TRAFFIC COUNCIL ACTIONS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011

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: Jim Danila, Transportation Engineer; Jerome Grafe, Citizen Representative; Ald. Ciccone; David Koses, Transportation Planner and Sgt. James Norcross, Newton Police Department

Also Present: Ald. Sangilo and Linsky

#135-10 The WARD 4 ALDERMEN appealing denial of Traffic Council Decision TC42-09 voted on April 29, 2010: ALD, HARNEY, SANGIOLO AND GENTILE requesting **a)** a study for possible traffic calming measures to regulate speed on the following streets: West Pine Street and Melrose Avenue near the Auburndale Cove playground and parking lot and **b)** request turning restrictions from Lexington Street onto Staniford Street during rush hour or any other means to reduce cut-through commuter traffic on the surrounding streets – Staniford, West Pine and Melrose Streets. (Ward 4) (Appeal filed on 04/30/10 @ 11:46 AM)
Public Safety & Transportation Committee HELD 6-0, Approved a 60-day trial on 06/09/10, No Right Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, Lexington Street onto Staniford Street.
Public Safety & Transportation Committee voted the following on 01/05/11
A) NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0, Ald. Yates not voting
B) TRIAL APPROVED 3-2-1, Ald. Fuller and Freedman opposed, Ald. Shapiro abstaining, Ald. Yates not voting
ACTION: Approval of No Right Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, Lexington Street onto Staniford Street (1-0-2, Danila and Norcross abstain, Ciccone and Grafe not present).

TC39-10 JEROME GRAFE requesting discussion of traffic flow and potential parking restrictions on Walnut Street between Beacon and Homer Streets and between Commonwealth Avenue and Elm Road, in support of extending the existing bike lane on Walnut Street, both north and south bound, accordingly. (Wards 2 & 6) [11/24/10 @ 3:13 PM]
ACTION: No Action Necessary (4-0-1, Grafe abstaining)

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Danila, Traffic Council Chair