

CITY OF NEWTON
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TRAFFIC COUNCIL AGENDA
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011

City Hall
Room 222

7:00 pm

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- TC28-10 JAMES DANILA, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, requests a right turn only restriction on westbound Carriage Road at Lowell Avenue to facilitate the relocation of the stop line on Lowell Avenue to help improve pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle safety. (Ward 2) [08/26/10 @ 8:57 AM]
HELD (3-0-1, Grafe, Ciccone not present) on 10/21/10. Traffic Council will await additional input from abutters.
HELD (5-0) on 12/16/10. Traffic Council will take this item up again in March 2011 with additional design and cost information to be provided by the Department of Public Works.
- TC24-10 ALD. DANBERG, BLAZAR AND SHAPIRO requesting discussion on possible methods of improving traffic flow and safety at the intersections of Beacon and Centre Streets and Beacon Street and Langley Road, including but not limited to re-timing of the lights. (Ward 6) [07/02/10 @ 12:22 PM]
- TC40-10 ALD. DANBERG, BLAZAR, SHAPIRO, FULLER AND BAKER requesting discussion of and possible ban of parking during morning rush hour on Beacon Street a) (North side) between Langley Road and Centre Street and b) (South side) between Langley Road and Centre Street.
(Wards 6 and 7) [12/13/10 @ 11:56 AM]
- TC34-10 ALD. LAPPIN requesting an analysis of parking and traffic flow on Florence Street as it relates to pedestrian and bike safety. (Wards 7 and 8) [10/04/10 @ 3:44 PM]

Chairman's Note: TC2-11 is a discussion item only. It is intended to gather input from residents and business owners.

- TC2-11 ALD. SALVUCCI, LENNON, CICCONE AND MERRILL on behalf of the Citizens of Newton Corner requests establishing reasonable regulations and install traffic safety devices as are necessary to protect pedestrians traveling to the south side of the Massachusetts Turnpike. (Ward 1) [01/11/11 @ 9:42 AM]

The location of this meeting is handicap accessible, and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons requiring assistance. If you have a special accommodation need, please contact the Newton ADA Coordinator Kathleen Cahill, 617-796-1125, via email at KCahill@newtonma.gov or via TDD/TTY at (617) 796-1089 at least two days in advance of the meeting date.

TC3-11 ROBERT TENDLER, 19 Lawrence Avenue, requesting removal of the present parking restrictions and the imposition of “Resident Parking Only” on Lawrence Avenue. (Ward 7) [01/28/11 @ 12:14 PM]

ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

TC7-11 ALD. DANBERG AND FULLER, requesting a discussion on re-striping auto and bicycle lanes at the intersection of Beacon Street and Hammond Pond Parkway to improve traffic flow and bike safety. (Wards 6 and 7) [03/01/11 @ 11:47 AM]

TC6-11 CHIEF MATTHEW CUMMINGS, requesting the installation of a pedestrian traffic signal to replace the existing flashing yellow pedestrian light at the intersection of Crafts Street at Linwood Avenue. (Ward 2) [02/09/11 @ 10:59 AM]

TC5-11 ALD. SWISTON, on behalf of Joshua Klevens, 351 Otis Street, requesting speed calming measures on Otis Street between Chestnut and Forest Streets as the posted speed limit and “children” signs are not preventing speeding motorists. (Ward 3) [01/24/11 @ 9:25 AM]

TC4-11 CATE BURRELL, on behalf of the Hills & Falls Nursery School, 258 Concord Street, requesting a) extend time signs to run the length of the east side of Concord to Hager Streets, b) extend time on signs to include 11:30am - 12:15pm c) requesting to reserve eight parking spaces for staff on the west side of Concord Street and d) requesting painted designations where vehicles should park. (Ward 4) [02/07/11 12:02 PM]

HP3-10 DAVID KOSES on behalf of the Jackson Homestead, requesting a handicap parking space on Jackson Road in the vicinity of the Jackson Homestead. (Ward 1) [09/27/10 @ 11:15 AM]
(No position taken by the Mayor’s Committee for Persons with Disabilities (MCPD) 7-0-0 on 11/08/10, MCPD voted to recommend that the request for handicap parking be revisited when the renovations to improve accessibility planned for Jackson Homestead/Newton History Museum have been completed).

TC38-10 ALD. JOHNSON AND LINSKY requesting a lowering of the speed limit on Cabot Street. (Wards 1 and 2) [11/01/10 @ 9:12 AM]

TC37-10 NEWTON HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD, Newton recommending the implementation of a pedestrian-activated blinking warning sign on a mast-arm above Walnut Street (at either Hyde or Duncklee Streets), similar to those recently implemented at other locations in Newton, and any other necessary measures to allow for a safe pedestrian crossing area in this corridor of Walnut Street (currently lacking). (Ward 6) [10/13/10 @ 11:44 AM]

- TC33-10 DAVID KOSES on behalf of the Jackson Homestead, requesting changes to reduce commuter parking on the south side of Washington Street, in the proximity of the Jackson Homestead. (Ward 1) [09/27/10 @ 11:15 AM]
- TC32-10 GABE SMALLMAN, c/o Mark Schwarcz, 600 California Street, requesting Goddard Street be considered a one-way street to address speeding and to reduce cut through traffic. (Ward 8) [09/07/10 @ 3:28 PM]
- TC30-10 NANCY BRAUDIS, 57 Theodore Road, requesting a pedestrian warning beacon with a crosswalk at Theodore Road and Parker Street. (Ward 8) [08/30/10 @ 11:45 AM]
HELD (4-1, Grafe) on 12/16/10 until additional counts can be taken during warmer weather.
- TC29-10 ALDERMEN BAKER, FULLER AND SCHNIPPER requesting installation of pedestrian activated warning light at a crosswalk location to be determined on Beacon Street between Hammond Street and Reservoir Avenue, together with suitable illumination, or other enhancements, to facilitate Safe pedestrian crossing while maintaining through traffic flow. (Ward 7) [08/26/10 @ 8:53 AM]
- TC23-10 ALD. DANBERG, BLAZAR AND SHAPIRO, on behalf of Kay Alexander and Steve Hamilton requesting a discussion on traffic mitigation possibilities on Sumner, Marshall, Everett and Gibbs Streets in Newton Centre to address speeding and cut-through traffic. (Ward 6) [06/21/10 @ 10:02 PM]
- TC17-10 TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, 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]
B) HELD (5-0) on 06/24/10 for 60-Day Trial, No standing, both sides, School Days 7:00am to 4:00pm, between a point where the northbound left-turn lane to Elm Road begins at Hull Street.
B) HELD (4-1, Grafe) on 09/30/10 to extend existing 60-day trial.
- TC14-10 WILLIAM FRANKLIN, 29 Trowbridge Avenue, requesting a) no parking either side of Trowbridge Avenue 24 hrs/day except by permit, b) each household should be issued two mobile permits and c) the street should be posted on either end as residents only. (Ward 2) [05/04/10 @ 6:20 PM]
HELD (5-0) on 09/30/10 for new 60-Day Trial, No Standing, all days, north side of public way section of Trowbridge Avenue; No Parking, south side of Trowbridge Avenue, from Walnut Street to a point 50 feet east of Walnut Street; One-Hour Limit, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., all days, south side of Trowbridge Avenue, from a point 50 feet east of Walnut Street to the end of the public way.

TC55-09 ALD. CICCONE, LENNON AND MERRILL requesting a safety analysis and improvements at the intersection of Lewis Terrace, Lewis Street and Newtonville Avenue. (Ward 1) [01/12/10 @ 10:44 AM]
HELD (5-0) on 09/30/10. DPW will add Speed Limit signage and alter street lighting, if appropriate, perform a speed study on Newtonville Avenue and conduct tree trimming.

TC29-09 ALD. SANGIOLO, GENTILE AND HARNEY requesting installation of a pedestrian-activated warning signal on Commonwealth Avenue in front of the Marriott Hotel in Auburndale. (Ward 4) [08/04/09 @ 9:59 AM]
HELD (5-0) on 12/17/09. Item will be rescheduled at a time to be requested by Ward 4 Aldermen.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Traffic Council Chair