

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

TRAFFIC COUNCIL ACTIONS

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 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: Jerome Grafe (Resident member), David Koses (Transportation Planner), Sgt. James Norcross (Police Department), Clint Schuckel (Associate City Engineer) and Danielle Delaney (Committee Clerk)

Also Present: Ald. Albright, Blazer, Danberg, Fuller, Johnson and Linsky

TC21-11      PLANNING DEPARTMENT, on behalf of the NEWTON SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE, requesting establishment of a Blue Zone on Cypress Street, adjacent to the Bowen School. (Ward 6) [05/02/11 @ 4:45PM]

**ACTION:      APPROVE (4-0) Blue Zone on Cypress Street; Approve a sign to be posted near the school "driveway" that would indicate the following: Do Not Enter 7:45-9:00AM, 12:15-3:15PM, School Days - Authorized Vehicles Only. This item may be appealed through June 15.**

TC20-11      PLANNING DEPARTMENT, on behalf of the NEWTON SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE, requesting a raised crosswalk on Cypress Street, in the vicinity of 280 Cypress Street, in association with modification to the school entrance, to be paid for through MassDOT's Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Program. (Ward 6) [05/02/11 @ 4:45 PM]

**ACTION:      NO ACTION NECESSARY (4-0) Traffic Council supports installing a raised crosswalk on Cypress Street in the vicinity of 280 Cypress Street. Traffic Council recommends that a Ward 6 Alderman docket this item for discussion at the Public Facilities Committee and approval by the Board.**

TC22-11      PLANNING DEPARTMENT, requesting a raised device on Cypress Street near Bow Road. (Ward 6) [05/02/11 @ 4:49 PM]

**ACTION:      NO ACTION NECESSARY (4-0) Traffic Council supports installing a raised device on Cypress Street just south of Bow Road. Traffic Council recommends that a Ward 6 Alderman docket this item for discussion at the Public Facilities Committee and approval by the Board.**

- 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]  
**HELD 5-0 on 04/28/11**  
**ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY (4-0)**
- TC14-11      PLANNING DEPARTMENT, requesting traffic and pedestrian improvements to Crafts Street between Linwood Avenue and Walnut Street, which may include a traffic signal at the intersection of Crafts and Walnut Streets. (Wards 1 & 2) [04/15/11 @ 3:29 PM]  
**HELD 5-0 on 04/28/11**  
**ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY (4-0) Traffic Council recommends that over the summer, the Commissioner of Public Works upgrade the existing flashing beacon to a rapid flash beacon, remove the push buttons and install passive detection (this recommendation was approved by a vote of 4-0). Traffic Council also recommends that a Ward 2 Aldermen docket an item for discussion at the Public Safety and Transportation Committee that would include discussion related to how crossing guard posts are determined, and the collection of pedestrian crossing counts at nearby crossing guard posts (this recommendation was approved by a vote of 2-1-1, with Norcross opposed and Grafe abstaining).**
- TC19-11      PLANNING DEPARTMENT, requesting a discussion related to changes to the TIGER Permit Parking Program and the private way section of Elm Road. (Ward 2) [04/28/11 @ 4:26 PM]  
**ACTION: HELD (4-0)**
- TC7-11      ALD. DANBERG AND FULLER, requesting a discussion on re-stripping 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]  
**ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY (4-0)**
- 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]  
**ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY (4-0)**

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Traffic Council Chair