

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT
SPECIAL DAYTIME MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2007

Present: David Koses (Chairman) Clint Schuckel (Traffic Engineer) Sgt. Norcross (Police Dept.) Ald. Samuelson

Also: Candace Havens (former member)

1. Pending agenda items for 2008

The Council discussed pending agenda items and prioritized items that were ready for a January hearing and other items not ready due to pending developments or need for additional information before further progress can be made. A motion to carry all agenda items forward to the 2008-2009 Board was approved 4-0.

2. Traffic/Parking Legislative Process Changes- BOA December 2007

The Council reviewed the Board Order text prepared by the Law Department for the December 3 Board meeting and discussed various proposals regarding changes to the Traffic Council membership. The contents of a memo stating the Traffic Council's preference to maintain the status quo re: membership were discussed. A motion to draft and submit a memo to the Board of Aldermen stating same was approved 4-0.

3. Handicapped Parking Legislative Process Changes- 2008

The Council reviewed the existing handicapped parking ordinance and discussed possible changes that will come before the Public Safety & Transportation Committee in 2008 to improve the process.

4. City of Newton 2008 Road Resurfacing Plan

The Traffic Engineer provided the current list of streets planned for reconstruction or resurfacing by DPW in the 2008 construction season. Various streets were discussed in more detail, including those already considered for traffic calming improvements and other potential new candidate streets. The Council agreed to review this list and discuss any pertinent improvements in early 2008. Other Newton projects with traffic

impacts that are planned or underway by the Mass Turnpike (Church Street bridge), Town of Wellesley (Wales Street bridge), MBTA (Langley Road bridge), and MWRA (WASM 3 to WASM 4 watermain connection) were also discussed.

5. Pending Special Permits, PMBD (e.g., Hess, CHS, Northland)

The Council discussed the interaction between land use proposals and traffic/parking impacts, its role in advising the Board on such matters, as well as mechanisms for requiring, identifying, and implementing developer-funded mitigation. David Koses agreed to provide a brief update at each future Traffic Council meeting regarding pending land use proposals that might interest or necessitate participation by the Traffic Council.

6. Other Business/Updates

The Council thanked Alderman Christine Samuelson for her many years of service to the City of Newton and the Traffic Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Clint Schuckel, Traffic Engineer