

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL AGENDA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021

Traffic Council will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89097098114> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 890 9709 8114.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- AP4-20 JINI FAIRLEY, ADA COORDINATOR, requesting an accessible parking space at 897 Washington Street in front of the Newtonville Post Office to enhance safety. (Ward 2) [11/25/20 @ 9:03 AM]
- AP5-20 COUNCILOR LEARY requesting to remove the accessible parking space in front of 69 Clinton Street which is no longer used. (Ward 1) [12/28/20 @ 8:51 AM]
- TC154-20 AMY MCPHERSON, 56 Newtonville Avenue, requesting one stop sign onto Mt. Ida Street at the “T” intersection with Newtonville Avenue to address safety concerns. (Ward 1) [09/26/20 @ 5:36 PM]
- TC160-20 BRENDAN COHN, 115 Jewett Street, Unit 3, requesting a parking prohibition in front of 399 Washington Street to enhance safety. (Ward 1) [10/23/20 @ 10:36 AM]
- TC150-20 AMANDA STAHL, 37 Manchester Road, requesting a stop sign at the “T” intersection of Kingman and Manchester Roads to deter speeders. (Ward 6) [09/09/20 @ 2:49 PM]
- TC155-20 MARIE CARNEGIE, 18 Concord Street, requesting a two-way stop sign at the intersection of Pine Grove Avenue and Concord Street to enhance safety. (Ward 4) [10/06/20 @ 10:31 AM]
- TC134-20 COUNCILOR KRINTZMAN, requesting review and possible installation of a new stop sign on Asheville Road, northwestbound, at the intersection of Crehore Drive. (Ward 4) [07/27/20 @ 12:55 PM]

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TC1-21 COUNCILORS LIPOF, KALIS, AND RYAN and DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, on behalf of the Solomon Schechter School, requesting discussion and possible action to add a Blue Zone on Wells Avenue in the vicinity of the Solomon Schechter School driveway. (Ward 8) [01/04/21 @ 10:55 AM]

TC161-20 COUNCILOR DOWNS, requesting to close the Commonwealth Avenue Carriage Lane between Bristol Road and Chestnut Street to vehicular travel (leaving open for walking and biking). (Ward 3) [10/26/20 @ 9:05 PM]

NOTE: *The Traffic Council Chair does not anticipate a presentation or discussion related to the following item, and expects to entertain a motion to HOLD the item as construction is completed. The TPR will be updated, as needed, to reflect various changes along the corridor at a subsequent Traffic Council meeting.*

TC149-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to update the Traffic and Parking Regulations to reflect all of the changes associated with the reconstruction of Needham Street. (Wards 5 & 8) [09/01/20 @ 2:01 PM]

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

TC2-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to update the TPR to reflect that there is no standing, all days, any time, on Beacon Street between Beethoven Avenue and Amy Circle, on the north and south sides. This item does not make any change to existing signage in the field and clarifies the official parking regulations. (Wards 5 & 6) [01/13/21 @ 9:01 AM]

TC166-20 COUNCILORS LEARY AND GREENBERG, requesting to add EV Charging Stations and/or EV Shared Vehicles into the Pearl Street Parking Lot. (Ward 1) [11/25/20 @ 2:37 PM]

Held 5-0 on 12/17/20. Held for a trial of the following: Up to two parking spaces in the Pearl Street Parking Lot may be removed and replaced by a combination of spaces reserved for shared electric vehicles and spaces reserved for electric vehicle charging.

TC165-20 COUNCILORS LEARY AND GREENBERG, requesting to add EV Charging Stations and/or EV Shared Vehicles into the Adams Street Parking Lot. (Ward 1) [11/25/20 @ 2:37 PM]

Held 5-0 on 12/17/20. Held for a trial of the following: Up to two parking spaces in the Adams Street Parking Lot may be removed and replaced by a combination of spaces reserved for shared electric vehicles and spaces reserved for electric vehicle charging.

TC164-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to review, correct and potentially change the official parking regulations on Beacon Street Extension. Note that the official parking regulations currently included for Beacon Street

Extension (a private way) in the City Traffic and Parking Regulations differs from the signage which is currently posted on the street. (Wards 4 & 5) [11/25/20 @ 1:24 PM]

- TC163-20 ISSAC PRIZANT, CITY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to update the parking regulations on the north side of Beacon Street in front of the Parish of Good Shepherd in Waban to reflect existing signage. This item does not make any change in the field and corrects an omission in the TPR. (Ward 5) [11/05/20 @ 8:14 AM]
- TC159-20 ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to add a No Turn on Red restriction to the Beacon Street Extension eastbound approach to Washington Street. (Wards 4 & 5) [10/22/20 @ 8:36 AM]
- TC145-20 COUNCILORS DOWNS, BOWMAN AND AUCHINCLOSS, requesting temporary removal of parking, both sides, Lowell Avenue to Eddy Street on Washington Street to allow protected one-way bike lanes on both sides for school access during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Wards 2 & 3) [08/20/20 @ 9:02 AM]
- TC133-20 ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to approve a stop sign at the Sylvan Avenue southbound approach to Bigelow Road. (Ward 2) [07/20/20 @ 11:23 AM]
- TC132-20 ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to approve a stop sign at the Alexander Road northbound approach to Walnut Hill Road. (Ward 6) [07/20/20 @ 11:23 AM]
- TC115-20 JASON SOBEL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, requesting the following to respond to safety concerns and changing conditions brought on by the Covid-19 Pandemic: Traffic Council shall be allowed to vote to allow long-term trials on any public street or parking area located within 1,500 feet of a school. These temporary trials may include modifications to the traffic flow, parking, turning restrictions and/or pavement markings, and are to be approved by the Commissioner of Public Works in consultation with the Director of the Planning Department and the Chief of the Newton Police Department. These changes are temporary in nature and would revert to original conditions unless Traffic Council subsequently votes to make these temporary conditions permanent. At any time, the Police Department may end any Traffic Council trial. (Wards 1-8) [06/18/20 @ 9:19 AM]
HELD 5-0 on 06/25/20. Held for a trial.
- TC112-20 COUNCILORS DOWNS, AUCHINCLOSS, BOWMAN, KELLEY, LAREDO, MARKIEWICZ, NORTON, WRIGHT, DANBERG, GREENBERG, KRINTZMAN AND LIPOE, requesting Traffic Council actions allowing legal two-way bicycle travel on the Commonwealth Avenue Carriage Lane, between

Woodbine Street and Mt. Alvernia Road. (Wards 2, 3, 4 & 7) [05/22/20 @ 8:17 AM]

- TC20-20 COUNCILORS KRINTZMAN, MARKIEWICZ AND GENTILE, requesting the establishment of a resident parking program and accompanying map for the village of Lower Falls. The resident parking program should seek to prevent commuters from using the streets of Lower Falls as parking for the Riverside MBTA station. (Ward 4) [03/24/20 @ 12:50 PM]
- TC66-19 ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to prohibit parking at all times on the north side of Oak Street between Needham Street and Abbott Street in order to shift the double yellow center line and extend two approach lanes to Abbott Street beginning at Needham Street. (Ward 5) [10/08/19 @ 10:52 AM]
- TC15-19 JASON SOBEL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, requesting review and potential change to the mix of long-term and short-term metered parking spaces along Washington Street in the vicinity of Harvard Street. (Ward 2) [04/08/19 @ 10:05 AM]
HELD 4-0 on 04/11/19. Held for a trial to allow for the commissioner of DPW to assess and make changes to meter time restrictions in the vicinity of the Washington Street/Harvard Street intersection.
- TC73-18 COUNCILORS NOEL, DANBERG AND SCHWARTZ, requesting to change the distribution of time limits in the Pleasant Street and Pelham Street Public Parking Lots in Newton Centre to install reserved spaces for EV Charging Stations and/or EV Shared Vehicles. (Ward 6) [11/19/18 @ 1:42 PM]
HELD 5-0 on 11/29/18. Hold for a trial of the following: Up to four parking meters in the Pleasant Street Parking Lot may be removed and replaced by a combination of spaces reserved for shared electric vehicles and spaces reserved for electric vehicle charging. The location of these spaces, fees to be charged, and time limits to be posted will be determined by the Director of the Planning Department and Commissioner of Public Works. The method of enforcement will be determined by the Newton Traffic Bureau in conjunction with the Director of Planning and Development and the Commissioner of Public Works.
- TC51-18 TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN PAUL ANASTASIA, DPW COMMISSIONER JAMES MCGONAGLE AND PLANNING DIRECTOR BARNEY HEATH, requesting temporary and permanent changes in terms of the location, duration, and pricing of public parking spaces, location of traffic signals, and changes to traffic circulation within and proximate to the Washington Street corridor in West Newton, to include abutting blocks of intersecting streets, in order to facilitate the reconstruction of the Washington Street corridor. (Wards 3 & 4) [08/01/18 @ 4:07 PM]

HELD 5-0 on 12/13/18. Hold for a trial of the following: Temporary and permanent changes in terms of the location, duration, and pricing of public parking spaces, location of traffic signals, and changes to traffic circulation within and proximate to the Washington Street corridor in West Newton, to include abutting blocks of intersecting streets, in order to facilitate the reconstruction of the Washington Street corridor. Changes during the trial period will be approved by the Commissioner of Public Works in conjunction with the Director of Planning and Development and the Traffic Bureau Chief.

TC50-18 TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN PAUL ANASTASIA, DPW COMMISSIONER JAMES MCGONAGLE AND PLANNING DIRECTOR BARNEY HEATH, requesting temporary and permanent changes in terms of the location, duration, and pricing of public parking spaces, and changes to traffic circulation within and proximate to the Walnut Street corridor in Newtonville, to include abutting blocks of intersecting streets, in order to facilitate the reconstruction of the Walnut Street corridor. (Ward 2) [08/01/18 @ 4:07 PM]

HELD 5-0 on 12/13/18. Hold for a trial of the following: Temporary and permanent changes in terms of the location, duration, and pricing of public parking spaces, and changes to traffic circulation within and proximate to the Walnut Street corridor in Newtonville, to include abutting blocks of intersecting streets, in order to facilitate the reconstruction of the Walnut Street corridor. Changes during the trial period will be approved by the Commissioner of Public Works in conjunction with the Director of Planning and Development and the Traffic Bureau Chief.

TC49-18 TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN PAUL ANASTASIA, DPW COMMISSIONER JAMES MCGONAGLE, PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMISSIONER JOSHUA MORSE AND COUNCILOR NORTON, requesting a long-term and flexible trial to be followed by potential changes to the official Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) for **East Side Parkway**. These changes support the opening of the new Cabot School and include changes to various elements of the TPR such as the implementation of a blue zone and changes to parking regulations. (Ward 2) [08/01/18 @ 4:04 PM]

HELD 5-0 on 01/24/19. Hold for a trial of the following: Long-term and flexible trial of changes to East Side Parkway to support the opening of the new Cabot School and to include changes to various elements of the TPR such as the implementation of a blue zone and changes to parking regulations. Changes during the trial period will be approved by the Commissioner of Public Works in conjunction with the Director of Planning and Development and the Traffic Bureau Chief.

TC48-18 TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN PAUL ANASTASIA, DPW COMMISSIONER JAMES MCGONAGLE, PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMISSIONER JOSHUA MORSE AND COUNCILOR NORTON, requesting a long-term and flexible trial to be followed by potential changes to the official Traffic and Parking Regulations

(TPR) for **Parkview Avenue**. These changes support the opening of the new Cabot School and include changes to various elements of the TPR such as closing the connection to Cabot Street, removal of the old blue zone and stop sign, and changes to parking regulations, access, and circulation.

(Ward 2) [08/01/18 @ 4:04 PM]

HELD 5-0 on 01/24/19. Hold for a trial of the following: Long-term and flexible trial of changes to Parkview Avenue to support the opening of the new Cabot School and to include changes to various elements of the TPR such as closing the connection to Cabot Street, removal of the old blue zone and stop sign, and changes to parking regulations, access and circulation. Changes during the trial period will be approved by the Commissioner of Public Works in conjunction with the Director of Planning and Development and the Traffic Bureau Chief.

TC47-18

TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN PAUL ANASTASIA, DPW COMMISSIONER JAMES MCGONAGLE, PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMISSIONER JOSHUA MORSE AND COUNCILOR NORTON, requesting a long-term and flexible trial to be followed by potential changes to the official Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) for **Bridges Avenue**. These changes support the opening of the new Cabot School and include changes to various elements of the TPR such as parking regulations and direction of travel. (Ward 2) [08/01/18 @ 4:04 PM]

HELD 5-0 on 01/24/19. Hold for a trial of the following: Long-term and flexible trial of changes to Bridges Avenue to support the opening of the new Cabot School and to include changes to various elements of the TPR such as changes to parking regulations, access, circulation and direction of travel. Changes during the trial period will be approved by the Commissioner of Public Works in conjunction with the Director of Planning and Development and the Traffic Bureau Chief.

TC46-18

TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN PAUL ANASTASIA, DPW COMMISSIONER JAMES MCGONAGLE, PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMISSIONER JOSHUA MORSE AND COUNCILOR NORTON, requesting a long-term and flexible trial to be followed by potential changes to the official Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) for **Norwood Avenue**. These changes support the opening of the new Cabot School and include changes to various elements of the TPR such as parking regulations, access, and direction of travel. (Ward 2) [08/01/18 @ 4:04 PM]

HELD 5-0 on 01/24/19. Hold for a trial of the following: Long-term and flexible trial of changes to Norwood Avenue to support the opening of the new Cabot School and to include changes to various elements of the TPR such as parking regulations and access. Changes during the trial period will be approved by the Commissioner of Public Works in conjunction with the Director of Planning and Development and the Traffic Bureau Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Transportation Coordinator

Traffic Council Chair