



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### Transportation Division

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At the June 25, 2020 meeting, the Newton Traffic Council voted to allow trial actions/changes in the vicinity of any school in Newton. These temporary trials may include modifications to the traffic flow, parking regulations, turning restrictions, and/or pavement markings. The purpose and goal for these trial actions is to improve safety, encourage more walking and bicycling to school, and reduce congestion around schools during pick-up and drop-off time periods. These changes are temporary in nature and would revert to the previous conditions unless Traffic Council subsequently votes to make these changes permanent.

At F.A. Day Middle School, the following changes are proposed:

- Establish No Turn on Red restrictions at all approaches of the following signalized intersections within 1,500 feet in either direction of F.A. Day:
  - Watertown Street at Albemarle Road (existing No Turn on Red restrictions to remain)
  - Watertown Street at Page Road/Edinboro Street
  - Watertown Street at Walnut Street (existing No Turn on Red restrictions to remain)
  - Watertown Street at Crafts Street (existing No Turn on Red restrictions to remain)
  - Crafts Street at Linwood Avenue
  - Crafts Street at North Street
- Close northbound section of Albemarle Road between Crafts Street and North Street to restrict vehicular access.
- Install additional bicycle racks on school property and park grounds between Crafts Street and Linwood Avenue.
- Establish 20 MPH Safety Zone Speed Limit on Albemarle Road between Watertown Street and Crafts Street (on both sides of the Cheese Cake Brook).
- Establish school pick-up / drop-off zone along north side of Watertown Street between Edinboro Street and Albemarle Road
- Install additional signage on Edinboro Street at the pedestrian pathway connecting Albemarle fields and Edinboro Street.

The attached map also summarizes the changes and the location of each change.

This information is also available on the City of Newton DPW Transportation web page, at:

<http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/dpw/transportation/default.asp>

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