

City of Newton



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Subject: Newton North High School – Traffic Council response to COVID-19

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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 Newton North High School, the following changes are proposed:

- Restrict traffic on Elm Road to school buses, school staff, residents of Elm Road, and bicyclists.
- Shift Tiger Permit Parking off of Lowell Street between Hull Street and Elm Road, and move this Tiger Permit Parking to Austin Street municipal parking lot.
- Create a northbound pick-up/drop-off zone on Lowell Ave between Hull Street and Bolton Road.
- Shift the Double-Yellow Center Line on Lowell Ave 7 ft to the east, just north of Bolton Road.
- Create a southbound pick-up/drop-off zone on Lowell Ave between Bolton Road and Elm Road

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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