

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021

Voting Members Present: Captain Jeffrey Boudreau, Councilor Downs, Mitchell Fischman (resident), David Koses (DPW), and Isaac Prizant (DPW).

Also Present: Councilor Bowman; Jeremy Freudberg, Alternate Resident Traffic Council Member.

City Staff: Nicole Freedman, Director of Transportation Planning; Barney Heath, Director of Planning and Development; Nathan Giacalone, Committee Clerk

Mr. Koses provided a PowerPoint presentation attached to this report.

TC34-21 COUNCILORS BOWMAN, DANBERG, AND NOEL, requesting to change the parking regulations on a portion of Station Avenue to allow for the installation of an in-street Bluebikes Station. (Ward 6) [04/29/21 @ 12:20 PM]

ACTION: **HELD 5-0. Held for a long-term trial, to allow for the installation of an in-street Bluebikes Station on the east side of Station Avenue, near Walnut Street.**

Notes: Council members were provided with a presentation, site photos, and recommendation.

Mr. Koses introduced the item and gave an overview of the project, saying that this project is located on Station Avenue in Newton Highlands. In the presentation, Mr. Koses used a red rectangle to point out the section of Station Avenue where the blue bike station would be located. The spot is about 42 feet long and six feet wide. He said that the reason for hearing this item right away was that the Bluebike station needed to be installed by May 31 in order to qualify for a state grant. This project will require the removal of some parking. Mr. Koses said the recommendation is to hold this item for a trial so that installation can begin promptly. This can be voted on again at a future meeting to make the changes to the TPR permanent. It will delete some parking restrictions from Station Avenue, and the TPR for Station Avenue needs to be updated. Parking will be prohibited on the east side of Station Avenue from Walnut Street to a point 75 feet northerly.

Ms. Freedman added that there should be an effort to bring bike share to south Newton as soon as possible, the goal being to establish first mile to last mile access to transit which could reduce some car trips between stations. She said that the City is working with a private developer for similar Bluebike stations on Needham Street. This expansion will also see a station on Beacon

Street near the Whole Foods and another at the Newton Free Library on Homer Street. There are also plans to install them farther north by the Crafts Street Chapel on California Street.

No residents wished to speak on the item.

Mr. Fischman asked about the drop-off situation at the Newton Highlands T Station, saying that normally this is done along Station Avenue. He asked for Ms. Freedman's opinion on whether after the trial, the location could be moved at all depending on its effect on drop-off patterns. Ms. Freedman answered that pre-pandemic, she spent time observing drop-off patterns at the station, with most done on Station Ave while shuttles used Walnut Street. Since cars often try to drop off into the crosswalk, this change could make conditions here safer. A long-term goal would be to bump-out into the sidewalk that would hold the station. Additionally, the MBTA is considering a more extensive reconstruction of the station area, which may impact the pick-up and drop-off areas. Mr. Fischman said that he liked the bump out idea as it could improve safety.

Mr. Koses said that there is still plenty of room for drop-offs further down Station Avenue.

Councilor Downs concurred with Ms. Freedman about driver behavior and said that this bluebikes station location will help to keep cars from parking in the sidewalk.

Without further discussion, Councilor Downs motioned to Hold for Trial which carried 5-0.

TC35-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to add the following parking regulations back into the TPR which were not included at the April 29, 2021 Traffic Council meeting in error: Prohibited, all days, South side, from Sheridan Street easterly 175 feet and Prohibited, all days, North side, from Parmenter Street westerly 175 feet. Note that this item will not make any changes in the field and will fix an omission in the TPR. (Wards 3 & 4) [04/30/21 @ 11:18 AM]

ACTION: APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 737. TPR 736, as amended, is the following:

**By DELETING FROM the provisions of Sec. TPR- 176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following for Derby Street:
(entire entry)**

By INSERTING INTO the provisions of Sec. TPR- 176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following for Derby Street:

- (1) Prohibited, all days, Cherry Street to a point 165 feet west of Cherry Street, north side.**
- (2) Accessible Parking only, from a point 410 feet west of Cherry Street, westerly 20 feet, north side.**
- (3) Prohibited, all days, from a point 430 feet west of Cherry Street, westerly 110 feet, north side.**

- (4) Prohibited, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, School Days, from a point 540 feet west of Cherry Street, westerly 155 feet, north side.**
- (5) Prohibited, all days, from Parmenter Road westerly 175 feet, north side.**
- (6) Prohibited, all days, from Sheridan Street easterly 175 feet, south side.**
- (7) Prohibited, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, School Days, from Pershing Road to a point 545 feet easterly, south side.**
- (8) Prohibited, all days, from a point 545 feet east of Pershing Road to Waltham Street, south side.**

This item may be appealed through the close of business June 8, 2021.

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Mr. Koses introduced the item, which was discussed and approved by Traffic Council at its April 29th meeting, where the TPR was updated to match conditions in the field near the Franklin School on Derby Street. He said that the text approved at the previous meeting accidentally omitted existing parking regulations further to the west on Derby Street. This item will fix this error.

During public comment, a resident pointed out that the TPR should identify Parmenter as a Street rather than as a Road. Mr. Koses said that this change would be made.

Without further discussion, Mr. Koses motioned to approve the request as amended which carried 5-0. This item can be appealed through the close of business on June 8, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Transportation Coordinator
Traffic Council Chair

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May 19, 2021

Agenda

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Request to change the parking regulations on a portion of Station Avenue to allow for the installation of an in-street Bluebikes Station

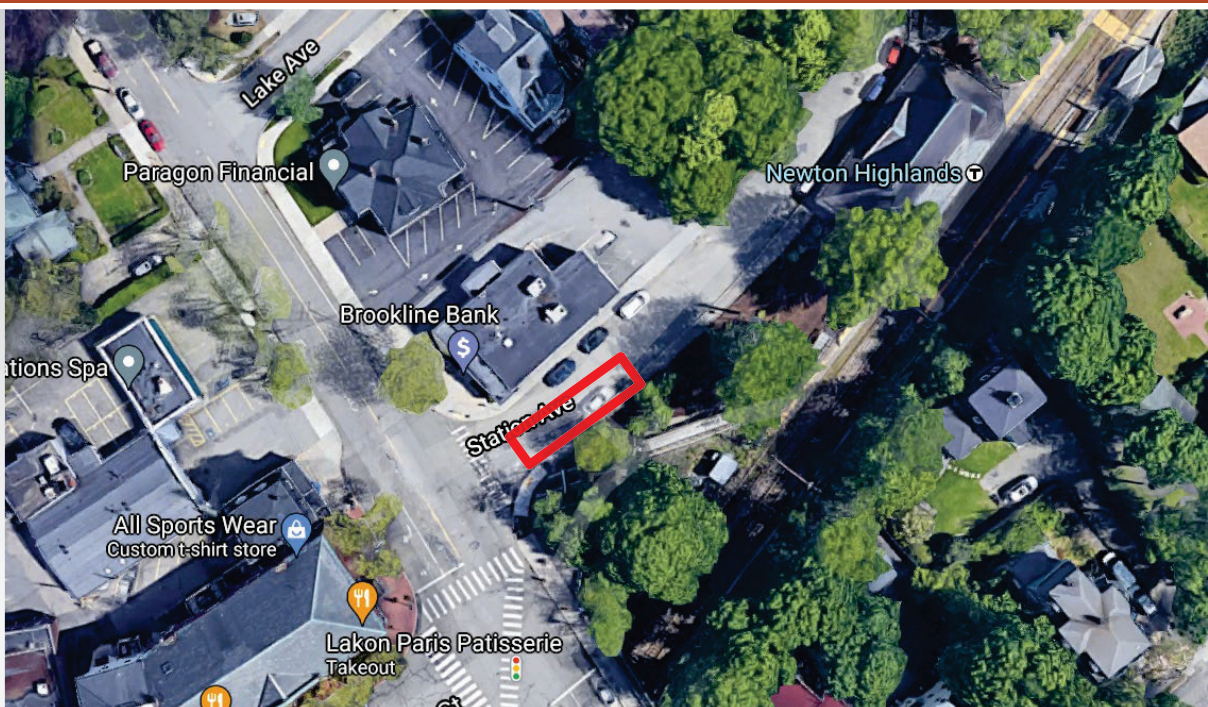
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Location: Station Avenue

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Photo of Station Avenue from Walnut St

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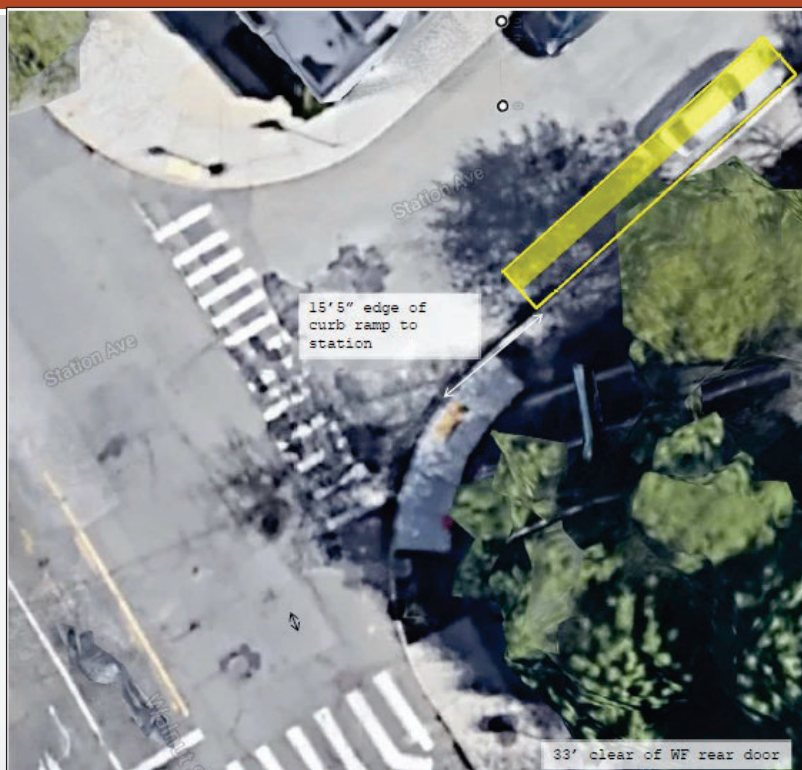
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Schematic of Blue Bike Location

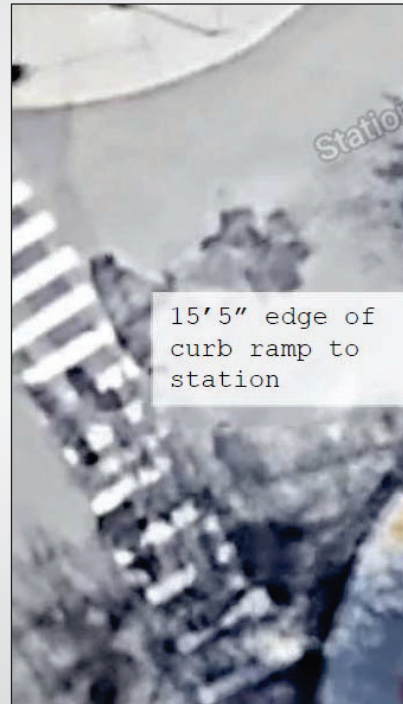
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- Type: On Street
- Location: Station Ave @ Walnut Street
- Dimension: 42 x 6
- Size: 15 docks, kiosk, map frame
- Other: may require moving manhole
 - Abutter (Owner)
MBTA
 - Store Front/Businesses
NA
 - Ward (6)
 - Brenda Noel
 - Alicia Bowman
 - Vicky Danberg



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Considerations

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- Grant funded Blue Bikes station.
 - Must be installed by May 31, 2021
- Removal of public parking
- May be able to be relocate BlueBikes Station in the future

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Recommendation

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- Approve Request

Or

- Hold
 - Allows for installation immediately, without 20 day appeals period
 - Will vote to change the TPR at subsequent Traffic Council meeting

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Optional TPR language and/or Optional Trial

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By **DELETING FROM** the provisions of **Sec. TPR- 176**. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets, the following:

Station Avenue

- (1) One-half hour limit, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., both sides, from Walnut Street easterly 120 feet.
- (2) One-hour limit, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., southwest side from Lake Avenue to the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority station.

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By **INSERTING INTO** the provisions of **Sec. TPR- 176**. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets, the following:

Station Avenue

- (1) Prohibited, all days, east side, from Walnut Street to a point 75 feet northerly
- (2) One-hour limit, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., including Saturdays, east side, from a point 75 feet north of Walnut Street to a point 235 feet northerly
- (3) Prohibited, all days, east side, from a point 310 feet north of Walnut Street to Lake Avenue
- (4) One-hour limit, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., including Saturdays, west side, from Walnut Street to a point 250 feet northerly
- (5) Prohibited, all days, west side, from a point 250 feet north of Walnut Street, 50 feet northerly.
- (6) One-hour limit, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., including Saturdays, west side, from a point 300 feet north of Walnut Street to Lake Avenue.

CAN BE APPEALED
Appeal Deadline is June 8, 2021

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Request to add an existing parking regulation into the TPR on Derby Street

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CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 737

May 19, 2021

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on May 19, 2021:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Chapter 19, Section 27 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended as follows:

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Approved as to legal form and character by:

(SGD) ALISSA OCASIO GIULIANI
City Solicitor

(SGD) NADIA KHAN
Acting City Clerk