

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL AGENDA

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021

**7:00 PM**

Traffic Council will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84702996090> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 847 0299 6090.

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- TC32-21      COUNCILORS GREENBERG, LEARY, AND OLIVER, requesting to review and modify the parking regulations on the public portion and potentially on the private portion of Los Angeles Street. Note that unanimous agreement is required among property owners on the private portion of Los Angeles Street before an official change could be made along that section of Los Angeles Street. (Ward 1) [04/28/21 @ 8:39 AM]
- TC31-21      RALPH VISOCCHI, 17 Chandler Street, requesting no parking and/or other limitations to on-street parking on Chandler Street. (Ward 1) [04/21/21 @ 12:26 PM]
- TC28-21      CHRISTOPHER LAROSSA, 31 Vista Avenue, requesting a change to the TPR on Vista Avenue, which may include joining the Auburndale Village Parking District, with permit parking on one or both sides. (Ward 4) [04/02/21 @ 4:12 PM]
- TC30-21      ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER, requesting to approve a stop sign at each Rowe Street southbound approach to Commonwealth Avenue (main roadway). (Ward 4) [04/16/21 @ 12:00 PM]
- TC29-21      ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER, requesting to approve a stop sign on the Carriage Way westbound approach to Rowe Street. (Ward 4) [04/16/21 @ 12:00 PM]

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- TC33-21 ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER, requesting to add a stop sign at the end of Moreland Avenue as it intersects with Pine Crest Road. (Ward 6) [04/28/21 @ 12:44 PM]
- TC43-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to add a stop sign at the end of Broadway as it intersects with Watertown Street. (Ward 1) [05/20/21 @ 2:35 PM]
- TC41-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to add the following sign into Sec. TPR-96. No Turn on Red signs: Walker Street at Watertown Street, northbound. Note that this item makes no change in the field and fixes an omission in the TPR. (Ward 2) [05/13/21 @ 12:28 PM]
- TC40-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the following from Sec. TPR-220. Parking prohibitions for tow zones: Lowell Avenue (1) Tow-away zone, on school days, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., east side, from Hull Street to Elm Road. (2) Tow-away zone, on school days, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., east side, from Hull Street southerly 900 feet. Note that this item makes no change in the field and fixes an error in the TPR. (Ward 2) [05/13/21 @ 12:28 PM]
- TC38-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to add the following stop sign into TPR-147. Obedience to isolated stop signs: Bow Road at Cypress Street, eastbound. Note that this item makes no change in the field and fixes an omission in the TPR. (Ward 6) [05/13/21 @ 12:28 PM]
- TC36-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the following stop sign from into TPR-147. Obedience to isolated stop signs to match existing conditions: Duncklee Street at Beverly Road, eastbound. Note that this item makes no change in the field and fixes an error in the TPR. (Ward 6) [05/13/21 @ 12:28 PM]
- TC39-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to add the following stop sign into TPR-147. Obedience to isolated stop signs: Maple Street at Nonantum Road, eastbound. Note that this item makes no change in the field and fixes an omission in the TPR. (Ward 1) [05/13/21 @ 12:28 PM]
- TC37-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the following stop sign from TPR-147. Obedience to isolated stop signs: Collins Road at Beacon Street, northbound. Note that this item makes no change in the field and fixes an error in the TPR. (Ward 5) [05/13/21 @ 12:28 PM]

TC42-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the following from the TPR for Braeland Avenue: (3) One-hour limit, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., south side from a point 35 feet east of Herrick Road to within 35 feet of Langley Road. Note that this item makes no change in the field and fixes an error in the TPR. (Ward 6) [05/19/21 @ 3:45 PM]

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

TC46-21 JASON SOBEL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, requesting to approve Safety Zones at the following locations: Walnut Street between Hull Street and Austin Street, Albemarle Road between Watertown Street and Crafts Street, East Side Parkway, Brandeis Road in the vicinity of Newton South High School, and Ellis Street. (Wards 1, 2, 3, 5, and 8) [06/15/21 @ 6:58 PM]

TC45-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the following restriction from Sec. TPR-146. Flashing warning light locations. Dedham Street and Spiers Road: Flashing yellow. Note that this item makes no change in the field and fixes an error in the TPR. (Ward 8) [05/21/21 @ 1:54 PM]

TC44-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to add the following restriction into Sec. TPR-87. Left turns prohibited: Centre Street Southbound onto Rice Street. Note that this item makes no change in the field and fixes an omission in the TPR. (Ward 6) [05/21/21 @ 1:54 PM]

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]  
**Held 5-0 on 05/19/21. 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.**

TC21-21 JASON SOBEL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, requesting that Traffic Council hold this item for a long-term trial of the following to accommodate the reconstruction of the Library Parking Lot: Change the traffic flow on Homer Street between Commonwealth Avenue and Walnut Street to allow for a one-way circulation, change the parking locations and regulations along this section of Homer Street to include the creation of additional parking, and, if needed, allow for the creation of permit parking on nearby residential streets for City Hall and Library employees as well as other related needs. After construction is completed, conditions will revert back unless subsequent items are docketed and approved by Traffic Council for permanent changes. (Wards 2 & 6) [2/26/21 @ 9:13 PM]  
**Held 5-0 on 03/25/21. Held for a long-term trial.**

- TC6-21 COUNCILORS BOWMAN, DANBERG AND NOEL requesting to change the distribution of time limits in the Hartford Street Public Parking Lot in Newton Highlands to install reserved spaces for EV Charging Stations and/or EV Shared Vehicles. (Ward 6) [02/01/21 @ 11:21 AM]  
**Held 4-0 (Councilor Downs not voting) on 02/25/21. Held for a trial to allow for the installation of 2 EV parking spaces in the Hartford Street Public Parking Lot.**
- TC5-21 COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT AND NORTON requesting to change the distribution of time limits in the Austin Street Public Parking Lot in Newtonville to install reserved spaces for EV Charging Stations and/or EV Shared Vehicles. (Ward 2) [02/01/21 @ 11:21 AM]  
**Held 4-0 (Councilor Downs not voting) on 02/25/21. Held for a trial to allow for the installation of 2 EV parking spaces in the Austin Street Public Parking Lot.**
- 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.**
- 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]  
**Held 5-0 on 01/28/21. Held for a trial of the following: No parking any time, Washington Street, north side, from Hovey Street to a point 85 feet easterly. This trial reduces the one-hour parking zone on the north side of Washington Street (7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., excepts Sundays and Holidays) from Thornton Street to a point 85 feet east of Hovey Street, north side.**
- 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]  
**Held 5-0 on 01/28/21. Held for a long-term trial.**

- 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]
- 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