

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL AGENDA

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021

7:00 PM

Traffic Council will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81399890375> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 813 9989 0375.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- TC48-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to modify Sec. TPR-194. Time limits in municipal off-street parking areas, and possibly to modify Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets, in order to move forward with a long-term trial of a parking permit plan for Newton Centre employees. (Ward 6) [06/25/21 @ 2:36 PM]
- TC49-21 COUNCILORS DOWNS AND HUMPHREY, requesting the approval and installation of new stop signs at the following locations: Allen Avenue southbound at Woodward Street; Pine Ridge Road eastbound at Allen Avenue; Plainfield Street eastbound at Allen Avenue; Avalon Road eastbound at Allen Avenue; and Woodhaven Road eastbound at Allen Avenue. (Ward 5) [06/25/21 @ 2:36 PM]
- TC47-21 ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER, requesting to install a 'STOP' sign at the Druid Hill Road approach to Upland Avenue (Ward 8) [06/23/21 @ 8:41 AM]
- 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]

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- TC50-21 JASON SOBEL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, requesting to update the TPR-146 Flashing warning light locations to include the overhead flashing signal at the intersection of St. James Street / Charlesbank Rd / St. James Terrace, which flashes yellow for St. James Street NB and Charlesbank Rd WB, and Flashes RED for St. James Terrace SB. Note that this item makes no change in the field and fixes an omission in the TPR. (Ward 1) [06/25/21 @ 2:36 PM]
- TC51-21 JASON SOBEL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, requesting to update the TPR to add a new stop sign into TPR-147 Obedience to isolated stop signs, at St. James Terrace southbound, since the Section 4L.02 of the MUTCD requires a stop on approaches that have a flashing red indication for intersection control. (Ward 1) [06/25/21 @ 2:36 PM]
- TC52-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to update various parts of the TPR to reflect new public school begin and end times, including the change to the weekly early-release day and later High School start times. (All Wards) [06/25/21 @ 2:36 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]
- TC53-21 ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER, requesting to delete from the TPR, the No Turn On Red sign, on Walker Street at Watertown Street, northbound, and to add No Turn On Red signs into the TPR for all approaches at the intersection of Watertown Street, Walker Street, and Edinboro Street. This item will supersede the previous approval of Traffic Council docket item TC41-21 on June 24, 2021. (Ward 2) [06/25/21 @ 2:36 PM]
- TC54-21 COUNCILORS BOWMAN, DANBERG, KALIS, AND RYAN requesting to review and potentially approve stop signs at the following locations as they intersect with Parker Street: 1. Howe Road, westbound; 2. Marcellus Drive, eastbound; 3. Whitlesey Road, westbound; 4. Melina Road, westbound; 5. Howley Avenue, eastbound; 6. Parker Terrace, westbound; 7. Roosevelt Road, westbound; 8. Parker Road, eastbound; 9. Truman Road, eastbound; 10. Kendall Road, eastbound; 11. Parker Avenue, eastbound; 12. Stearns Street, eastbound; 13. Walter Street, westbound; 14. Browning Road, eastbound; 15. Ridge Avenue, westbound (Wards 6 & 8) [07/01/21 @ 6:48 PM]

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- 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.
- 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]
Held 5-0 on 06/24/21. Held for the following trial: No parking any time, Los Angeles Street, west side, from California Street to Allison Street, No parking any time, Los Angeles Street, east side, from Allison Street to a point 50 feet northerly. Note that this trial does not restrict parking on the east side of Los Angeles Street from a point 50 feet north of Allison Street to California Street.
- 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]
Held 5-0 on 06/24/21. Held for the following trial: No parking any time, Chandler Street, south side, any time. Note that this trial does not restrict parking on the north side of Chandler Street. A parking restriction may be added on the north side of Chandler Street, within up to 20 feet of Bridge Street and/or Adams Street, based on engineering judgment.
- 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 LIPOF, 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,

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