

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL ACTIONS

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021

**Note:** Below is a summary of Traffic Council actions only. A full meeting report summarizing the Council's discussion and public testimony regarding each agenda item will be posted on the City website within two weeks following the above meeting date.

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

**Also Present:** Jeremy Freudberg, Alternate Resident Traffic Council Member.

**City Staff:** Nathan Giacalone, Committee Clerk

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]

**ACTION:**      **HELD 5-0. Hold for a trial to modify the regulations of selected parking meters in Newton Centre, in order to reserve certain parking meters for vehicles that display a Newton Centre Employee Parking Permit. The number and location of reserved parking meters will be approved by the Commissioner of Public Works in conjunction with the Traffic Bureau Chief and may be modified as part of this long-term trial.**

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].

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 750. This item may be appealed through the close of business August 11, 2021.**

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]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 751. This item may be appealed through the close of business August 11, 2021.**

- 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, [Dudley Road] and Ellis Street. (Wards 1, 2, 3, 5, and 8) [06/15/21 @ 6:58 PM] [Revised on 07/19/21 @ 11:47 AM]
- ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 752. This item may be appealed through the close of business August 11, 2021.**
- 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]
- ACTION:** **APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 753, as drafted, with the following addition:**  
**By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-146. Flashing warning light locations., the following:**  
***Charlesbank Road, westbound, at St. James Street: flashing yellow.***  
**This item may be appealed through the close of business August 11, 2021.**
- 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]
- ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 754. This item may be appealed through the close of business August 11, 2021.**
- 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]
- ACTION:** **APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 755, as drafted, with the following correction:**  
**By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-99. Through travel prohibited., the following:**  
***Evelyn Road onto Beethoven Avenue, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, school days, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays, school days, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.***  
**This item may be appealed through the close of business August 11, 2021.**

- 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]
- ACTION:** **APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 756, as drafted, with the following addition:**  
**By DELETING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-146. Flashing warning light locations., the following:**  
***Spiers Road and Dedham Street: Flashing red.***  
**This item may be appealed through the close of business August 11, 2021.**
- 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]
- ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 757. This item may be appealed through the close of business August 11, 2021.**
- 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]
- ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 758. This item may be appealed through the close of business August 11, 2021.**
- 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. Whittlesey 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]
- ACTION:** **APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0. Approved the revised language of TPR 759: By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-147. Obedience to isolated stop signs., the following:**  
***Howe Road at Parker Street, westbound.***  
***Marcellus Drive at Parker Street, eastbound.***  
***Whittlesey Road at Parker Street, westbound.***  
***Melina Road at Parker Street, westbound.***  
***Howley Avenue at Parker Street, eastbound.***  
***Parker Terrace at Parker Street, westbound.***  
***Roosevelt Road at Parker Street, westbound.***

*Parker Road at Parker Street, eastbound.*

*Truman Road at Parker Street, eastbound.*

*Kendall Road at Parker Street, eastbound.*

*Parker Avenue at Parker Street, eastbound.*

*Stearns Street at Parker Street, eastbound.*

*Walter Street at Parker Street, westbound.*

*Browning Road at Parker Street, eastbound.*

*Ridge Avenue at Parker Street, westbound.*

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Respectfully submitted,  
David Koses, Traffic Council Chair