

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL AGENDA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

7:00 PM

Traffic Council will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88313222734> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 883 1322 2734.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- 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.
- AP2-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to add the accessible parking space located on Washington Street at the accessible ramp leading to the Newton-Wellesley Hospital into the TPR. (Wards 4) [08/09/21 @ 2:49 PM]
- AP3-21 JINI FAIRLEY, ADA COORDINATOR, requesting to add a second accessible parking space on Washington Street, between 2000 and 2014 at the accessible ramp leading to the Newton-Wellesley Hospital, into the TPR. This will require the removal of one parking meter. (Ward 4) [08/20/21 @ 1:18 PM]

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- TC61-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to review and potentially modify the parking regulations along the portion of Ward Street between Francis Street and Eastbourne Road. (Ward 7) [09/01/21 @ 12:47 PM]
- TC62-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the parking restrictions from the TPR for the west side of Westbourne Road. Note that this item makes no change in the field and changes the official parking regulations to match existing field conditions. (Ward 7) [09/01/21 @ 12:47 PM]
- TC59-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to change the following entry in Sec. TPR-150. Safety Zones, as approved on July 22, 2021: Dudley Road, and to add the following in its place: Dudley Road between Brookline Street and Boylston Street. Note that this item does not make a change in the field and fixes an error in the TPR. (Ward 8) [08/09/21 @ 2:49 PM]
- TC60-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to add the following traffic signals into the Sec 145 (c) of the TPR: Boylston Street (Route 9) eastbound offramp and Parker Street; Boylston Street (Route 9) westbound offramp at Parker Street and Clark Street extension. These signals are owned, operated, and maintained by MassDOT. Note that this item makes no change in the field and fixes omissions in the TPR. (Wards 6 & 8) [08/09/21 @ 2:49 PM]
- TC63-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to add the following into Sec. TPR-96. No Turn on Red signs: Crafts Street at Linwood Avenue, all approaches. Note that this item makes no change in the field and corrects an omission in the TPR. (Wards 1 & 2) [09/01/21 @ 12:47 PM]
- TC64-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to add the following into Sec. TPR-147. Obedience to isolated stop signs: Rowe Street at Auburndale Avenue, northbound. Note that this item makes no change in the field and corrects an omission in the TPR. (Ward 4) [09/01/21 @ 12:47 PM]
- TC66-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to delete the following in Section TPR-176 for Woodcliff Road: (4) Prohibited, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., both sides from Centre Street to Boylston Street, and to add the following in its place: (4) Prohibited, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, west side, from Centre Street to Boylston Street, and (5) Prohibited, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, east side, from Centre Street to Boylston Street, and renumbering thereafter. Note that this item makes no change in the field and corrects an error in the TPR. (Ward 6) [09/14/21 @ 11:23 AM]

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- TC65-21 ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to approve a stop sign at the westerly Sheffield Road approach to Highland Street, northbound. (Ward 2) [09/14/21 @ 9:28 AM]
- TC57-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to continue an ongoing trial of the closure of Philip Bram Way at the intersection of Austin Street. Note that this item makes no change in the field and allows for a continuation of a trial first approved as part of TC50-18. (Ward 2) [08/09/21 @ 2:49 PM]
- TC56-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to make various changes in the TPR to reflect completed conditions in Newtonville resulting from the reconstruction of the Walnut Street corridor. (Ward X) [08/09/21 @ 2:49 PM]
- TC55-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to rewrite Section 176 of the TPR for Walnut Street to make it more user friendly. Note that this item will not make any changes to the parking regulations or signage in the field and will reorganize this section of the TPR while matching existing signage. (Wards 2, 6, 5, & 8) [08/09/21 @ 2:49 PM]
- 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]
Held 5-0 on 07/22/21. Held 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.
- 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 TRANSPORATION 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.
- 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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Traffic Council Chair