

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL ACTIONS

THURSDAY JANUARY 20, 2022

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, Mitchell Fischman (resident), David Koses (DPW), and Isaac Prizant (DPW).

Absent: Councilor Downs

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

City Staff: Jini Fairley, ADA Coordinator, Nathan Giacalone, Committee Clerk.

AP6-21 ANN CAGGIANO, requesting an accessible parking space in front of 432 Lowell Avenue. (Ward 2) [12/20/21 @ 4:28 PM]

Commission on Disability Voted to Approve 12-0 on January 10, 2022

ACTION: **Traffic Council voted No Action Necessary 4-0.**

TC82-21 ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to add stop signs at the following intersections: Fox Lane at Arnold Road, westbound and Fox Place at Arnold Road, eastbound. (Ward 8) [11/22/21 @ 1:38 pm]

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 788. This item may be appealed through the close of business on February 9, 2022.**

TC83-21 ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to restrict right turns on red at the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue at Centre Street. (Wards 2, 6, & 7) [11/23/21 @ 9:36 AM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 789. This item may be appealed through the close of business on February 9, 2022.**

TC81-21 MAREN CONIGLIONE, 39 School Street, requesting installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Pearl Street, School Street, and Thornton Street. (Ward 1) [11/09/21 @ 3:27 PM]

ACTION: **DENIED 4-0. This item may be appealed through the close of business on February 9, 2022**

TC90-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to split the column “accessible or other” into two or more columns in the charts in Sections 194 and 196 of the TPR in order to correct and clarify the number of accessible parking spaces located within our off-street parking areas. (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6) [11/30/21 @ 8:37 AM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 790. This item may be appealed through the close of on business February 9, 2022**

TC89-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to replace the three instances of the use of the word “handicap” with the word “accessible” in section 200 of the TPR. This item makes no change in the field and updates the language used in the TPR. (Wards 2 & 3) [11/30/21 @ 8:37 AM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 791. This item may be appealed through the close of business on February 9, 2022**

TC1-22 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to add a stop sign on Tyler Terrace at Centre Street, eastbound because Section 4L.02 of the Manual Uniform on Traffic Control Devices requires stop signs at intersections which also have flashing red traffic signals or beacons. (Ward 6) [1/03/22 @ 12:53 PM]

ACTION: **Traffic Council voted No Action Necessary 4-0.**

TC2-22 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting a new stop sign on Circuit Ave at Elliot St, southbound, because Section 4L.02 of the Manual Uniform on Traffic Control Devices requires stop signs to be posted at intersections which also have flashing red beacons or traffic signals. (Ward 5) [1/03/22 @ 12:53 PM]

ACTION: **Traffic Council voted No Action Necessary 4-0.**

TC3-22 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to review and possibly modify the parking regulations at 455, 465, and 475 Beacon Street, where official parking regulations do not match posted signage. (Ward 7) [1/03/22 @ 12:53 PM]

ACTION: **Traffic Council voted No Action Necessary 4-0.**

TC4-22 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to update the official location of the accessible parking space on Centre Green to match existing field conditions. Note that this item makes no change in the field and fixes an error in the TPR. (Ward 6) [1/03/22 @ 12:53 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 792. This item may be appealed through the close of business on February 9, 2022**

TC88-21 JAMES MCGONAGLE, COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BARNEY HEATH, DIRECTOR OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, requesting approval of a trial of the following, to run through 2022: Traffic Council shall grant administrative authority to remove on-street metered and unmetered parking spaces for the purpose of restaurant and other business use, with an associated fee structure to be determined by City Council. The removal of parking spaces through this trial is temporary, and will be approved by the Commissioner of Public Works, Director of the Planning and Development Department, and Police Chief. The trial may end at any point, including a point when City Council approves a permanent parking space reuse program. (All Wards) [11/23/21 @ 3:22 PM]

ACTION: HOLD 4-0. Hold for a long-term trial, as described in the docket item.

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.

ACTION: Traffic Council voted No Action Necessary 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
David Koses, Traffic Council Chair