

CITY OF NEWTON
IN CITY COUNCIL
TRAFFIC COUNCIL ACTIONS
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

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Voting Members Present: David Koses, Traffic Council Chair; Councilor Bowman, Mitchell Fischman, Resident Member; Isaac Prizant, Traffic Engineer; Sergeant Michael B. Wade, Newton Police Department.

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

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

AP1-22 JINI FAIRLEY, ADA COORDINATOR, on behalf of tenants, customers, and clients, requesting an accessible on-street parking space in front of 580 Washington Street. (Wards 1 & 2) [01/28/22 @ 5:15 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0.** Approved the language of TPR 798. TPR 798 adds an accessible parking space on the south side of Washington Street, from a point 380 feet east of Crafts Street, 20 feet easterly. This item may be appealed through the close of business April 6, 2022.

AP2-22 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting to increase by one space the number of accessible parking spaces located in the Pearl Street Parking Lot in Newton Corner. (Ward 1) [02/14/22 @ 2:40 PM]

ACTION: **No Action Necessary 5-0.** (See TC12-22 below.)

TC12-22 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to change the number and time limit distribution of the parking spaces in the Pearl Street Lot, associated with the reconstruction of the lot. (Ward 1) [02/17/22 @ 1:57 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0.** Approved the language of TPR 799. TPR 799 sets the number of parking spaces in the Pearl Street Lot, after reconstruction, to be 35 three-hour spaces; 30 spaces with no time limit; 3 accessible parking spaces; and one space that is "Reserved by Permit or Other" (Zipcar). This item may be appealed through the close of business April 6, 2022.

- TC10-22 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the taxi stand on Washington Street in Newton Corner, and replace it with an Electric Vehicle Parking Zone. (Ward 1) [02/10/22 @ 9:35 AM]
- ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 800. TPR 800 approves Option 3, which was developed at the Traffic Council meeting. Option 3 removes the taxi stand and replaces it with a “Live Parking” zone for the first 55 feet, and additional one-hour metered parking spaces for the remainder of the previous taxi stand. This item may be appealed through the close of business April 6, 2022.**
- TC13-22 COUNCILORS GREENBERG AND OLIVER, requesting to discuss and potentially vote to make changes to the parking regulations on Park Street, Arlington Street, Vernon Street in the vicinity of Bigelow and the Burr Playground, to improve circulation and safety. (Ward 1) [02/17/22 @ 1:57 PM]
- ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 801. TPR 801 makes permanent the changes to parking regulations on Vernon Street, Arlington Street and Park Street, which were implemented in 2020 as part of a COVID-related Traffic Council trial. The following additional changes were also approved: The pick-up/ drop-off zones on Park Street and Vernon Street will be changed to “7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.”. The “No Parking Zone” on the east side of Park Street will be extended from Arlington Street to a point beyond the school parking lot entrance/exit/fire hydrant. This item may be appealed through the close of business April 6, 2022.**
- TC14-22 ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER and DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR requesting to examine and possibly vote to change the parking regulations on both sides of Walnut Street between Crafts Street and Linwood Avenue. Changes under consideration include the removal of parking restrictions, the creation of a Blue Zone, or something else depending on data analysis and public input received. (Ward 2) [02/17/22 @ 1:57 PM]
- ACTION:** **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 802. TPR 802 removes the “One-Hour Limit” on the west side of Walnut Street, between Florence Court and a point 110 feet south of Minot Place, and replaces it with a “Blue Zone” with restricted times reflecting Day Middle School hours. The Blue Zone will be in effect between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m., and between 1:30 and 2:45 p.m. This item may be appealed through the close of business April 6, 2022.**
- TC79-21 ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to trial a parking restriction on the east side of Centre Street, beginning at Allerton Road heading 50 feet southerly, to improve sight lines exiting Allerton Road westbound. (Ward 6) [10/18/2021 @ 10:34 AM]
- ACTION:** **Held for Trial 5-0 on 12/16/21. APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 803. TPR 803 makes the trial permanent. This item may be appealed through the close of business April 6, 2022.**

TC11-22 COUNCILORS BOWMAN, DANBERG, AND NOEL, requesting to change the parking regulations on Braeland Avenue to allow for parking at the six existing parking meters between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm, which is not currently permitted. (Ward 6) [02/10/22 @ 2:22 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 804. TPR 804 allows parking at the metered parking spaces on Braeland Avenue between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. This item may be appealed through the close of business April 6, 2022.**

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]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 805. TPR 805 allows two-way travel for non-motorized vehicles along most of the Carriageway and adds a series of stop signs for eastbound non-motorized travel. This item may be appealed through the close of business April 6, 2022.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Koses, Traffic Council Chair