

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL AGENDA

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022

**7:00 PM**

Traffic Council will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81130263436> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 811 3026 3436

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- TC7-22      COUNCILORS LEARY, OLIVER, [AND GREENBERG], requesting to review and potentially change the parking regulations along all or a portion of Gardner Street, in order to balance resident parking needs with current and future school-related parking needs. (Ward 1) [01/25/22 @ 12:00 PM] [REVISED 01/28/22 @ 2:43 PM]  
**Held 5-0 on 02/17/22. Traffic Council Held for a trial of Option 5, as presented at the Traffic Council meeting. Option 5 removes all existing parking regulations on Gardner Street. Option 5 adds the following parking regulations on Gardner Street:**
- **Parking prohibited, all times, all days, east side;**
  - **Parking prohibited, all times, all days, south side;**
  - **No restrictions, any time, north side (remove all posted signage); and**
  - **15-minute limit, school days.**
- AP4-22      DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting discussion and possible action to relocate the accessible parking space currently located on the south side of Gardner Street, in front of 22 Gardner Street, across the street to the north side of Gardner Street, as a safety improvement. (Ward 1) [05/27/22 @ 2:56 PM]
- TC24-22      ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to add 'STOP' signage to the Silver Lake Avenue eastbound and westbound approaches to Adams Street. (Ward 1) [ 04/25/22 @ 11:08 AM]

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- TC28-22 ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to add a STOP sign to the Grove Hill Avenue southbound approach to Lakeview Avenue. (Ward 2) [05/17/22 @ 3:11 PM]
- TC27-22 ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to add a STOP sign to the Prospect Street westbound approach to Beaumont Avenue. (Wards 2 & 3) [05/17/22 @ 3:11 PM]
- TC29-22 ADRIAN AYALA, CITY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to add a STOP sign to the Adena Road northbound and southbound approaches to Derby Street. (Ward 3) [05/17/22 @ 4:40 PM]
- TC6-22 PHARMACANN, INC., requesting a parking restriction near the site driveway of the proposed cannabis dispensary at 131 Rumford Avenue. In the event said restriction is approved, a new sign will be installed at the petitioner's expense east of the driveway reflecting said restriction; in the event the proposed new restriction is not approved, a new sign will be installed, at the petitioner's expense, west of the site driveway reflecting the existing parking condition. (Ward 4) [1/25/22 @ 10:47 AM]
- 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.**
- 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.**

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.**

TC30-22 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting to update the TPR to add a stop sign at the intersection of Melrose Street at Ash Street, to match existing posted signage. Note that this item makes no change in the field and fixes an omission in the Traffic and Parking Regulations. (Ward 4) [05/24/22 @ 7:52 AM]

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- AP5-22      JINI FAIRLEY, ADA COORDINATOR, requesting an on-street accessible parking space at 827 Beacon Street to access several commercial businesses. (Ward 6) [05/27/22 @ 5:33 PM]
- AP3-22      DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting to increase by one space the number of accessible parking spaces located in the Cypress Street Parking Lot in Newton Centre. (Ward 6) [02/14/22 @ 2:40 PM]
- TC31-22     ISAAC PRIZANT, TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to review and approve parking changes at the Oak Hill & Brown Middle School traffic circle as part of Safe Routes to School project efforts and correct TPR language reflecting 'STOP' controlled approaches to the traffic circle. (Ward 8) [06/01/22 @ 1:57 PM]
- TC26-22     PAUL LEVY, 59 Oxford Road, requesting a review of the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) to determine if the following parking restriction remains necessary, and if so, to provide resident parking passes and or decals for those living on the street, and passes for visitors.  
Oxford Road (2) Two-hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., east side from Paul Street southerly 800 feet to opposite Browning Road. (Ward 6) [05/17/22 @ 2:40 PM]
- TC25-22     JASON SOBEL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS AND NICOLE BANKS, COMMISSIONER OF PARKS AND RECREATION, requesting the following to respond to changing conditions brought on by various municipal redevelopments and parking demands along Albemarle Road: Traffic Council shall be allowed to vote to allow a long-term trial on the northbound section of Albemarle Road between Watertown Street and Crafts Street, which may include changes to the location and regulations of the parking spaces along this stretch. Changes made during the trial period 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 makes permanent changes by voting to change the Traffic and Parking Regulations. At any time, the Police Department may end any Traffic Council trial. (Wards 2 & 3) [05/06/22 @ 1:20 PM]  
**HELD 5-0 on 05/19/22 Held for a long-term trial of the above docketed item.**
- TC22-22     PADDY'S PUBLIC HOUSE, 95 Elm Street, requesting that the temporary 15-minute take-out only parking space as mandated by the emergency order during COVID-19 be made permanent into a 15-minute take out only parking space. (Ward 3) [03/31/22 @ 8:43 AM]

- TC19-22      KELLEY FOLEY, 43 Carlton Road, on behalf of Jesse Corey, 64 Oak Cliff Road, requesting one of the following possible changes at the intersection of Carlton Road, Nehoiden Road, and Alban Road in Waban, to address challenges with sight lines and intersection geometry.
1. 3-way stop sign
  2. 4-way stop sign
  3. 5-way stop sign
  4. Full set of traffic lights
- (Ward 5) [03/19/22 at 12:30 PM]
- TC8-22      COUNCILORS GREENBERG, LEARY AND OLIVER, requesting discussion and potential approval of a street sweeping trial on the following streets in Nonantum: Allison Street, Beech Street, Cook Street, Dalby Street, Faxon Street, Green Street (Cook St to Pearl St), Jasset Street, Kennedy Circle, Los Angeles Street, and Middle Street. The goal of the trial is to sweep streets once per month, on both sides, to provide for cleaner streets. In order to accomplish this goal, a significant number of poles and signs would need to be installed, on all streets within the trial area, to inform the public that parking would be restricted on both sides of all these streets for approximately four hours per month. Due to operational requirements, all parking on all these streets would need to be restricted during the same four hours each month, and all vehicles must be removed during these four hours, to allow for effective street sweeping. (Ward 1) [02/01/22 @ 2:12 PM] [REVISED 03/02/22 @ 8:25 AM]
- HELD 5-0 on 03/24/22. Hold for a trial of the following: Add parking regulations, one day per month, on a day of the week and during a window of time to be determined by the Commissioner of Public Works, to accommodate a street sweeping trial on the following streets in Nonantum: Allison Street, Beech Street, Cook Street, Dalby Street, Faxon Street, Green Street (Cook St to Pearl St), Jasset Street, Kennedy Circle, Los Angeles Street, and Middle Street.**
- 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]
- Held for Trial 4-0 on 01/20/2022. Held for a long-term trial as described in the docket item.**

TC87-21

COUNCILORS GREENBERG, LEARY AND OLIVER, requesting to discuss, review and potentially change all the parking regulations along the entire length of Adams Street in Nonantum, on both sides, to better address current land uses and parking needs along the corridor. (Ward 1) [11/23/2021 @ 3:15 PM]

**Held 5-0 for additional data collection and analysis on 12/16/21.**

**Held for Trial 5-0 on 02/17/22. Traffic Council Held for a trial of Option 3, as presented at the Traffic Council meeting. Option 3 removes all parking regulations on Adams Street except for the tow zone and the accessible parking space.**

*Option 3 adds the following parking regulations to the east side of Adams Street:*

- (1) Prohibited, all times, Washington Street to a point 100 feet northerly, east side.
- (2) Two-hour limit, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., from a point 100 feet north of Washington Street to Wiltshire Road, east side.
- (3) Prohibited, all times, Wiltshire Road to a point 40 feet northerly, east side.
- (4) Prohibited, all times, from a point 75 feet south of Middle Street to a point 50 feet north of Middle Street, east side.
- (5) Two-hour limit, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., from a point 50 feet north of Middle Street to Cottage Court, east side.
- (6) Parking meter zone, 12-hour limit, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., including Saturdays, Cottage Court to a point 45 feet south of Watertown Street, east side.
- (7) Prohibited, all times, from a point 45 feet south of Watertown Street to California Street, east side.

*Option 3 adds the following parking regulations to the west side of Adams Street:*

- (1) Prohibited, all times, from California Street to a point 50 feet southerly, west side.
- (2) Two-hour limit, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, from a point 50 feet south of California Street to Linwood Avenue, west side.
- (3) Prohibited, all times, from Linwood Avenue to Adams Court, west side.
- (4) Two-hour limit, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, from a point 190 feet south of Adams Court to Clinton Street, west side.
- (5) Prohibited, all times, from Clinton Street to a point approximately 40 feet southerly, west side. (*Note: this does not change the location of the “no parking here to corner: sign, currently posted on the utility pole near DePasquale’s).*)
- (6) Prohibited, all times, from a point 85 feet north of Lincoln Road to a point approximately 65 feet south of Lincoln Road, west side. (*Note: this does not change the location of the “no parking here to corner: sign, currently posted on the utility pole near the driveway of 267/269 Adams Street).*)
- (7) Two-hour limit, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., from a point approximately 65 feet south of Lincoln Rd to a point 200 feet north of Washington Street, west side.

**(8) Prohibited, all times, from a point 200 feet north of Washington Street to Washington Street, west side.**

- 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]  
**HELD 5-0 on 10/21/21. Held for a Trial.**
- 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.**
- 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.**
- 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.**
- 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.**
- 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.**

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Transportation Coordinator  
Traffic Council Chair