

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022

Voting Members Present: Captain Boudreau (Police), Councilor Downs, Mitchell Fischman (resident), David Koses (DPW) and Isaac Prizant (DPW)

Also Present: Jeremy Freudberg, Alternate Resident Traffic Council Member

City Staff: Danielle Delaney, Committee Clerk

Mr. Koses and Mr. Prizant provided a PowerPoint presentation, attached.

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.

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 813. This item may be appealed through the close of business July 6, 2022.

NOTE: Council members were provided with a presentation, site photos and a recommendation.

Mr. Koses stated that this item was held for a trial on February 17, 2022. Gardner Street is 28 feet wide near Lincoln-Eliot and narrows to 23 feet after the 90-degree turn. Though the bend is about 30-feet wide, it is difficult to navigate when cars park. Parking observations collected for the February 17 Traffic Council meeting showed that cars were parking on both sides of the street.

Four different options were presented at the February 17, 2022 meeting for Traffic Council consideration. Traffic Council created option 5 during that meeting, and voted to hold the item and move forward with a trial of option 5.

Option 5

Removes all existing parking regulations on Gardner Street and 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.

Since the trial began, parking data was collected in May and June. The 15-minute drop-off/pick-up zone was shown to be heavily used. Between 12-20 cars were observed parking on the north side of Gardner Street between the Lincoln-Eliot School and to Jewett Street. From School Street to Jewett Street, 1-4 cars were observed. Cars continue to park in the “no parking” zone, mainly due to construction activity. It is expected after construction is complete, fewer cars will park in the no parking zone. Mr. Koses recommended to make the trial permanent.

Public Comment:

- A resident expressed support on making the trial permanent after expressing concern in February. The trial has been successful in terms of opening up the street. Parking on one side allows traffic to flow better. Commuters do not seem to be parking on Gardner Street at this point
- The 90-degree turn near the school at #100 Gardner Street remains very dangerous with people parking. Parking should be restricted in this area.

Mr. Koses noted that it is perhaps staff who are parking at the 90-degree turn. Parking is not allowed on the inside of the elbow. He then said that he will ask the school to request staff not park on the corner. If parking is restricted, however, cars will park further down Gardner Street.

Councilor Downs stated that drivers have the tendency to speed and this area should be considered for traffic calming measures due to speed. Mr. Prizant stated that he will add this area of Gardner Street to the list for traffic calming measures.

Captain Boudreau stated that he spoke with the crossing guard who expressed positive feedback since the trial began and that the trial is working well.

Mr. Koses stated that this is a very busy drop-off/pick-up location for many students. He is aware that it is narrow when cars park at the 90-degree turn, but is also concerned that if parking were to be removed, cars may have the tendency to speed. If problems arise, or if commuters begin parking on Gardner Street again, an item could be docketed for additional discussion and possible changes.

Councilor Downs made the motion to approve this item. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on July 6, 2022.

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]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 814. This item may be appealed through the close of business July 6, 2022.**

NOTE: Council members were provided with a presentation, site photos and a recommendation.

The accessible parking space was located on the south side of Gardner Street. Parking was removed on the south side, entire length. Mr. Koses stated that he spoke with residents who said the accessible space remains necessary and that they would support the relocation of the space to the north side.

No one from the public wished to speak.

Mr. Koses made the motion to approve this item. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on July 6, 2022.

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]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 815. This item may be appealed through the close of business July 6, 2022.**

NOTE: Council members were provided with a presentation, site photos and a recommendation.

Mr. Koses stated that there are no stop signs on Silver Lake Avenue at Adams Street, a "T" intersection. This request is to add two stop signs on Silver Lake Avenue, in the eastbound and westbound directions.

Mr. Prizant stated that there are no warrants that apply in the MUTCD guidelines. A "T" intersection is an implied stop. It is not necessary to install a stop sign. A stop sign is allowed and there is no reason not to install a stop sign at a "T" intersection to enhance safety. One crash was reported in the last five years. Adams Street is a through way, is fairly well traveled and exceeds 2,000 vehicles per day. Mr. Prizant recommends installing two stop signs on the eastbound and westbound approach on Silver Lake Avenue approach to Adams Street. If approved, no stop signs will be installed on Adams Street.

Councilor Downs asked whether the crash occurred because a driver was pulling out of Silver Lake Avenue or Adams Street. Mr. Prizant answered that a was driver pulling out of Silver Lake Avenue, and failed to stop appropriately. Captain Boudreau added that the driver stated to the

police they did not stop because there was no stop sign. Stop signs will be a positive improvement.

Mr. Freudberg stated that is concerning that 4-way intersections do not have stop signs. It would make sense to be pro-active in docketing stop signs at 4-way intersections. Mr. Prizant agreed and said that there are not many 4-way intersections remaining that do not have stop signs.

No one from the public wished to speak.

Mr. Koses made the motion to approve this item. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on July 6, 2022.

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]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 816. This item may be appealed through the close of business July 6, 2022.**

NOTE: Council members were provided with a presentation, site photos and a recommendation.

Mr. Koses stated that this request is to add a stop sign to the Grove Hill Avenue southbound approach to Lakeview Avenue. There are no warrants that apply in the MUTCD guidelines. A “T” intersection is an implied stop. It is not necessary to install a stop sign. A stop sign is allowed and there is no reason not to install a stop sign at a “T” intersection to enhance safety.

Public Comment:

- A resident stated they would support a 4-way stop sign at this intersection and to prohibit parking at the proposed stop sign location. Mr. Koses stated that the docket request is for one stop sign and recommends approving the one stop sign.

Councilor Downs stated that the intersection is very wide and suggested implementing parking restrictions if there are safety issues. Captain Boudreau agreed.

Mr. Fischman stated that the blind curve and parked cars make it difficult to exit Grove Hill Avenue and supports prohibiting parking at the proposed stop sign location.

Mr. Koses made the motion to approve this item. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on July 6, 2022.

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]

ACTION: **APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 817. TPR 817 adds a stop sign at the Prospect Avenue westbound approach to**

Beaumont Avenue. This item may be appealed through the close of business July 6, 2022.

NOTE: Council members were provided with a presentation, site photos and a recommendation.

Mr. Koses stated that this request is to add a stop sign to the Prospect Street westbound approach to Beaumont Avenue. There are no warrants that apply in the MUTCD guidelines. A “T” intersection is an implied stop. It is not necessary to install a stop sign. A stop sign is allowed and there is no reason not to install a stop sign at a “T” intersection to enhance safety.

No one from the public wished to speak.

Mr. Koses made the motion to approve this item as amended to remove the words Prospect Street and replace with Prospect Avenue. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on July 6, 2022.

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]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 818. This item may be appealed through the close of business July 6, 2022.**

NOTE: Council members were provided with a presentation, site photos and a recommendation.

Mr. Koses stated that this request is to add a stop sign to the Adena Road northbound and southbound approaches to Derby Street. There are no warrants that apply in the MUTCD guidelines. A “T” intersection is an implied stop. It is not necessary to install a stop sign. A stop sign is allowed and there is no reason not to install a stop sign at a “T” intersection to enhance safety.

No one from the public wished to speak.

Mr. Koses made the motion to approve this item. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on July 6, 2022.

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]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 819. TPR 819 prohibits parking on the south side of Rumford Avenue from a point 280 feet west of**

Lexington Street, 120 feet westerly. This item may be appealed through the close of business July 6, 2022.

NOTE: Council members were provided with a presentation, site photos and a recommendation.

Mr. Koses stated that the dispensary has not opened but staff suggest that a parking restriction be added in advance of the construction and opening of the facility. The item was docketed after receiving a special permit in January 2022, which requested that the petitioner provide data regarding site line and on-street parking immediately east and west of the site driveway to determine whether it is appropriate to petition Traffic Council for changes on-street parking on either side of the site driveway. Although the driveway is existing, the number of vehicles would increase. The applicant is open to removing parking spaces immediately adjoined to the site driveway, if appropriate.

Mr. Prizant stated that the sight line triangle takes a point 15 feet from the edge of travel way of Rumford Avenue and is used as measuring point. The design speed of Rumford Avenue is the 155 foot stopping sight distance based on 25 mph speed and AASHTO guidance on minimum site distance. The 82 feet is at the end of a hydrant zone, making sense to extend it to 86 feet (approximately 4 car spaces). The parking restriction would end 10 feet after the hydrant.

Mr. Koses said that the curve of the driveway makes site lines difficult.

Councilor Downs suggested building a chicane to allow parking which may prevent speeders and enhance safety.

Public Comment:

- A business owner stated the presentation answered his concerns about the four parking spaces, to be removed. He then said that he would be grateful if Traffic Council could save as many parking spaces as possible.

Mr. Koses stated that it may be possible to add one parking space back once the curb-cut is closed as part of the building construction. Mr. Prizant added that the Planning Department records parking data, and if there is overflow parking it may be necessary to discuss again. The parking needs for the dispensary, however, should be met within the lot.

Councilor Downs suggested switching the parking to the north side. Mr. Koses stated that it would be necessary to docket a new item for Traffic Council consideration. Mr. Prizant added that it would take time to create a pavement marking plan that guides people through the transition.

Mr. Koses made the motion to approve this item. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on July 6, 2022.

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.

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 820. TPR 820 adds all the currently posted signage on Bridges Ave to the TPR and makes no additional changes. This item may be appealed through the close of business July 6, 2022.

NOTE: TC47-18, TC49-18, TC48-18 and TC46-18 were discussed together. Please refer to docket item TC46-18 for the report.

Mr. Koses made the motion to approve this item. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on July 6, 2022.

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.

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 821. TPR 821 adds all the currently posted signage on East Side Parkway to the TPR and makes no additional changes. This item may be appealed through the close of business July 6, 2022.

NOTE: TC47-18, TC49-18, TC48-18 and TC46-18 were discussed together. Please refer

to docket item TC46-18 for the report.

Mr. Koses made the motion to approve this item. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on July 6, 2022.

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.

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 822. TPR 822 adds all the currently posted signage on Parkview Avenue and the new Cabot School Bridges-to-Parkview Connector Roadway to the TPR and makes no additional changes. This item may be appealed through the close of business July 6, 2022.

NOTE: TC47-18, TC49-18, TC48-18 and TC46-18 were discussed together. Please refer to docket item TC46-18 for the report.

Mr. Koses made the motion to approve this item. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on July 6, 2022.

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.

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 823. TPR 823 adds all the currently posted signage on Norwood Avenue to the TPR and makes no additional changes. This item may be appealed through the close of business July 6, 2022.

NOTE: Council members were provided with a presentation, site photos, and a recommendation.

Mr. Koses stated that docket items TC47-18, TC49-18, TC48-18 and TC46-18 related to the reconstruction of the Cabot School, such as changes to parking regulations, the closing of Parkview Avenue (Parkview Avenue is now a dead-end road) and to the circulation on Bridges Avenue. All the items have been held for a trial for several years with no additional changes proposed to conditions in the field.

No one from the public wished to speak on docket items TC47-18, TC49-18, TC48-18 or TC46-18.

Councilor Downs stated docket TC47-18, TC49-18, TC48-18 and TC46-18 have proven successful and commend the various staff for these changes, which could serve as a model to be replicated in other school locations. The school area was made safer and more welcoming, particularly for younger students. Creating the access from the school to the park and blue zone on East Side Parkway has been very beneficial.

Mr. Koses made the motion to approve this item. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on July 6, 2022.

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]

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 824. This item may be appealed through the close of business July 6, 2022.

NOTE: Council members were provided with a presentation, site photos, and a recommendation.

Mr. Koses stated that the stop sign was installed many years ago and recently knocked down. When reviewing the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) staff realized that the stop sign was never included in the TPR, so this item was docketed in order to keep the stop sign in the field.

Mr. Prizant added that a recent stop sign order was issued to the Police Department but can now be rescinded since Traffic Council is discussing tonight. Captain Boudreau agreed.

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- ❖ 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.

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- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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.

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Location Map: Gardner Street

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Gardner St looking North from Pearl St
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Gardner St looking East toward Jewett St
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Gardner St looking West from School St
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Gardner St at 11:30 am on Mon 2.7.22
looking west toward Lincoln-Eliot

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Gardner Street Characteristics

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Location and Context

- Lincoln-Eliot School to the immediate west (planned as a swing space school in the future)
- New Lincoln-Eliot School at 150 Jackson to the south
- Newton Corner employment and transportation to the southeast

Width and Length

- Public street; 23-30+' wide; 1,519' long

Current Official Parking Restrictions.

- (See the next slide and the map)

Parking Observations

- 01/31/22 @ 12:30 PM: 6 (4 on the west/north side; 2 on the east/south side)
- 02/01/22 @ 12:00 PM: 14 (10 on the west/north side; 4 on the east/south side)
- 02/07/22 @ 11:30 AM: 18 (15 on the west/north side; 3 on the east/south side)
- 02/09/22 @ 11:45 AM: 21 (15 on the west/north side; 6 on the east/south side)
- 02/10/22 @ 7:45 AM: 13 (11 on the west/north side; 2 on the east/south side)

Location of Utility Poles and Hydrants

- Utility Poles – on the north and west sides
- Fire Hydrants – on the north side

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Gardner St Existing Parking Regulations

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Gardner Street

(1) Prohibited, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.:

- a) East side, from Pearl Street northerly 210 feet.
- b) South side, from a point 715 feet west of Jewett Street to School Street.
- c) West and north sides, from a point 230 feet north of Pearl Street to School Street.

(2) Prohibited, all days, east and south sides, from a point 210 feet north of Pearl Street to a point 715 feet west of Jewett Street.

(3) Fifteen-minute limit, school days, west side from Pearl street northerly 230 feet.

(4) One-hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. school days, west side from Pearl Street northerly 240 feet.

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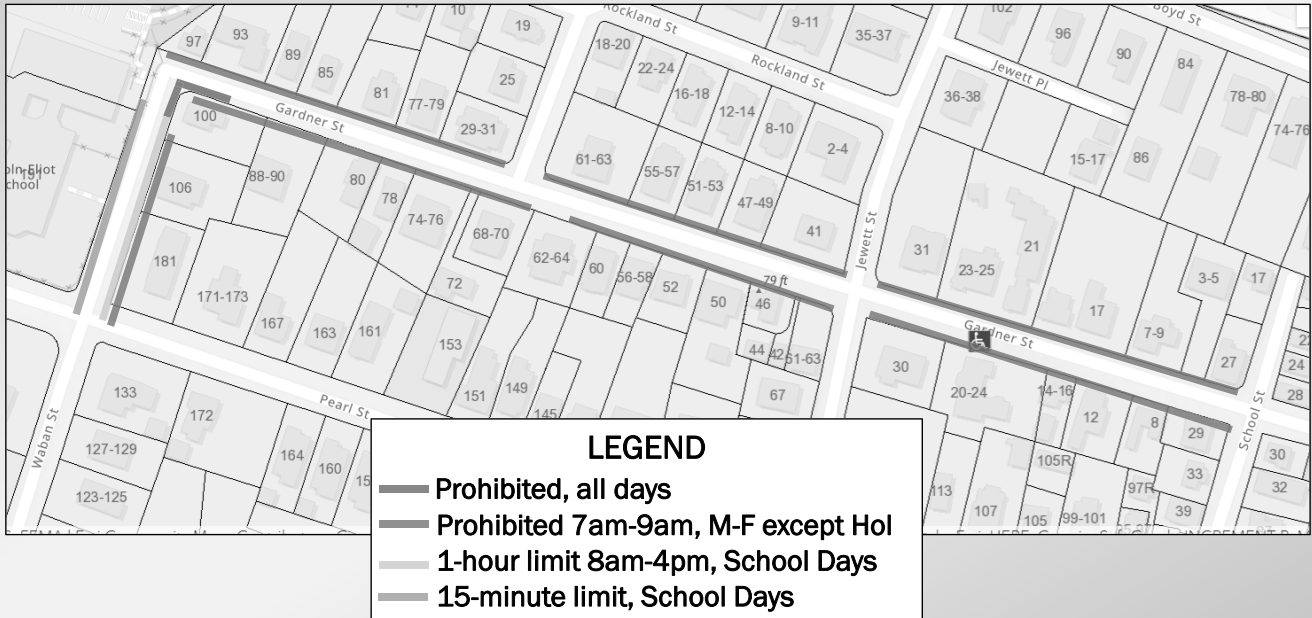
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Gardner St: Official Regulations in the TPR

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Gardner Street: Optional Changes

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- Consider easing the parking restrictions (make less restrictive) to the west of Jewett Street
 - Need to accommodate increasing parking needs of LE + future school staff
 - Want to accommodate parking for residents and visitors
 - No need for permit parking
 - Result likely to be: more on-street parking along this section of Gardner Street
- Consider not changing the parking restrictions on Gardner St to the east of Jewett Street
 - Concern about Commuter/ Newton Corner-related spillover parking
- HOLD FOR A TRIAL (for immediate changes)
 - See next 4 slides for options Traffic Council trials

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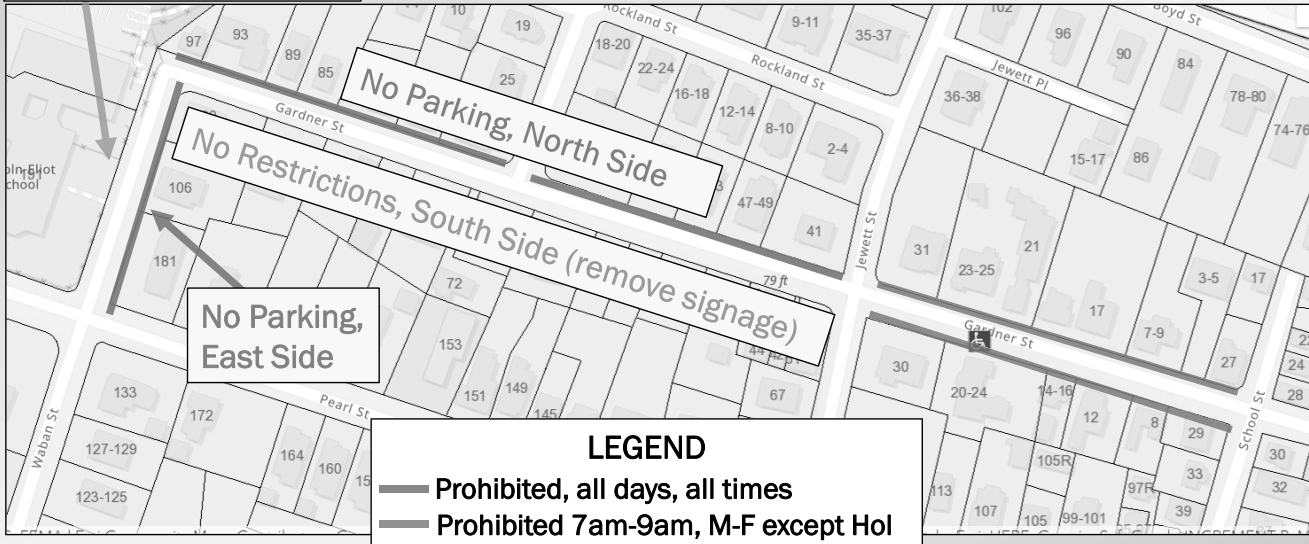
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Gardner Street Parking Trial: Option 1

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* From the 2.17.22 Traffic Council Meeting *

No Restrictions, West Side (remove signage)



Advantage: Can post signs on existing utility poles.
Can remove poles and signs from the south side.

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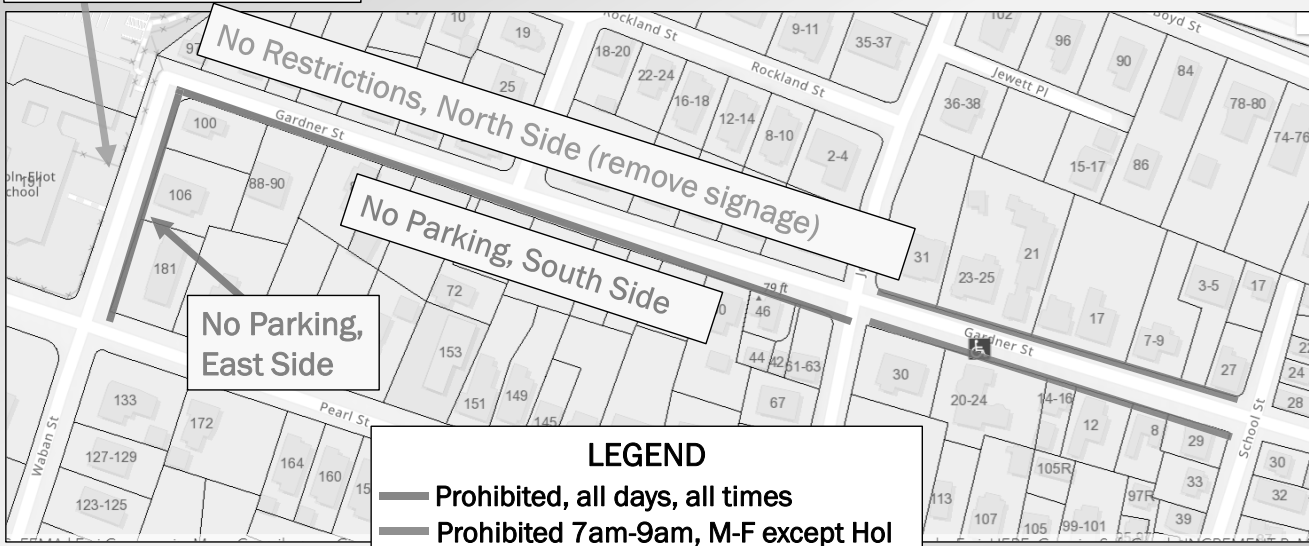
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Gardner Street Parking Trial: Option 2

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No Restrictions, West Side (remove signage)



Advantage: Allows parking on the North side –
where more parking was observed.

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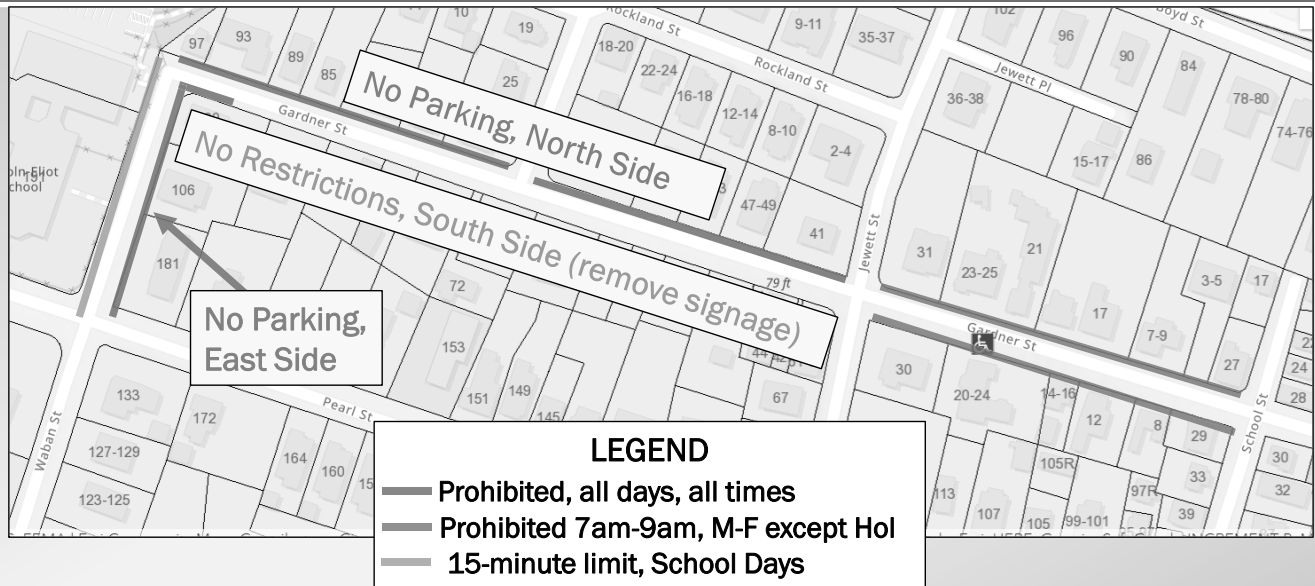
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Gardner Street Parking Trial: Option 3

* From the 2.17.22 Traffic Council Meeting *

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Advantage: Can post signs on existing utility poles.
 Can remove poles and signs from the south side.
 Maintains pick-up/ drop-off zone.

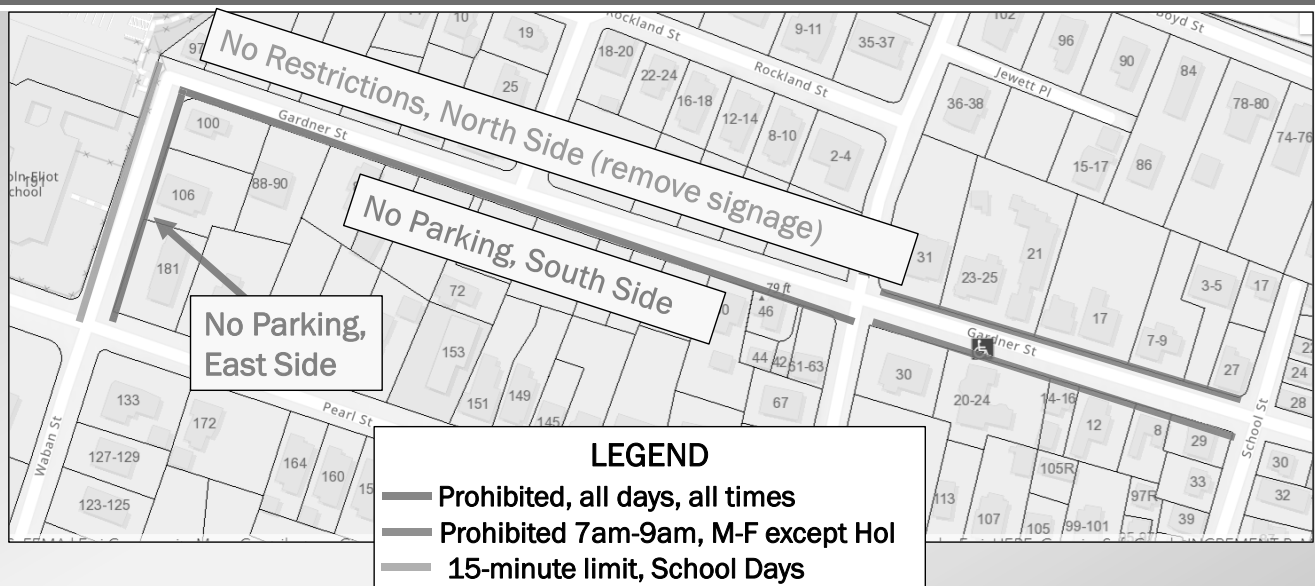
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Gardner Street Parking Trial: Option 4

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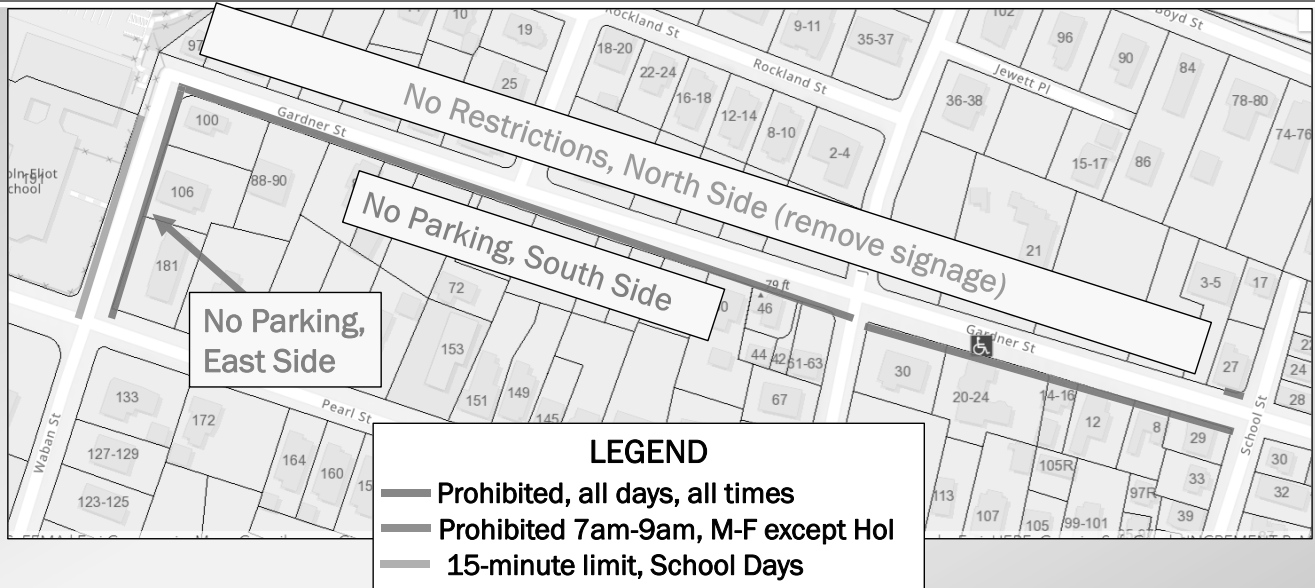
Advantage: Allows parking on the North side –
 where more parking was observed.
 Maintains pick-up/ drop-off zone.

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Gardner Street Parking Trial: Option 5 (Created during the meeting 2.17.22)

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Advantage: Allows parking on the North side – where more parking was observed.
Maintains pick-up/ drop-off zone.

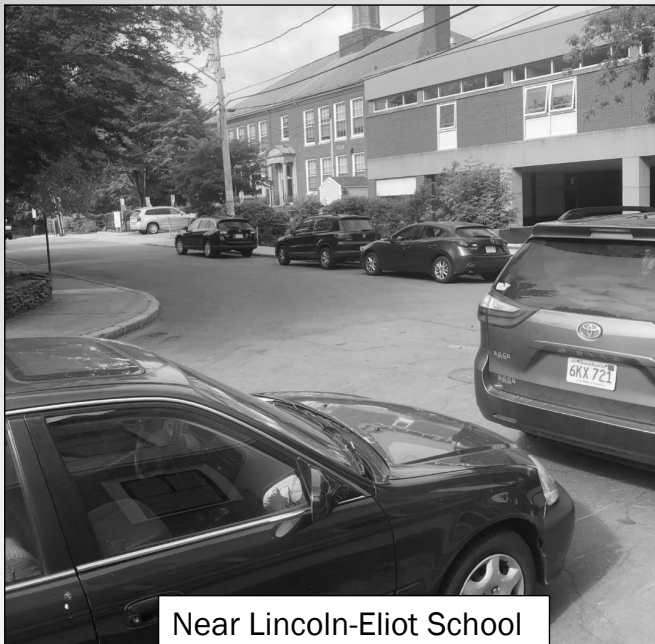
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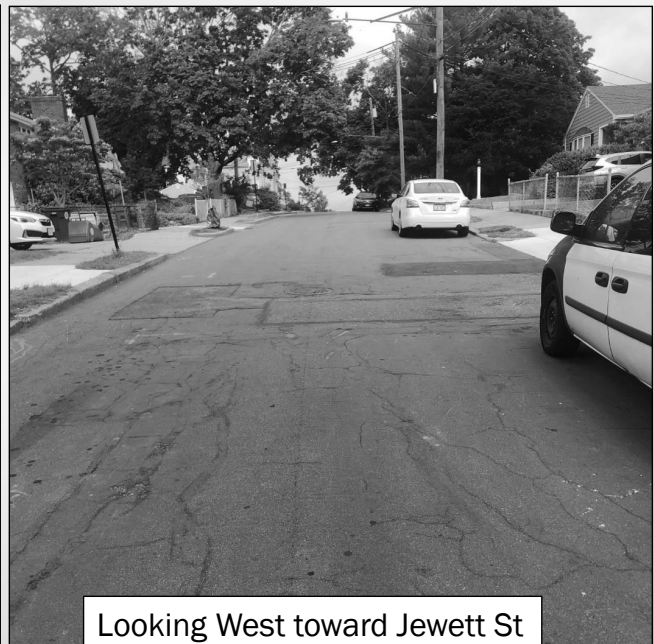
Action Taken at the 2/17/22 TC Meeting and Photos Taken During the Trial

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Hold for a Trial of Option 5



Near Lincoln-Eliot School



Looking West toward Jewett St

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Parking Data Collected

TC7-22

Date and Time	Unrestricted, North side, School to Jewett (Appx 12 spots)	Unrestricted, North side, Jewett & westerly (# Appx 24 spots)	15-minute zone abutting school (Appx 7 spots)	No Parking Zone or Accessible Space (0 legal spaces)
TU May 24 @ 10:30 AM	4	14	1	0
TU May 24 @ 12:30 PM	2	13	1	2 (likely construction)
TU May 24 @ 5:00 PM	1	16	0	0
TH May 26 @ 2:50 PM	4	19	8 (School PU)	3 (likely construction)
FR May 27 @ 8:45 AM	3	19	0	4 (mostly construction)
FR May 27 @ 12:15 PM	1	14	0	3 (likely construction)
TU May 31 @ 2:50 PM	3	18	7 School PU)	4 (mostly construction)
TU May 31 @ 3:00 PM	3	12	1	4 (likely construction)
WE June 1 @ 8:10 AM	4	18	7 School DO)	2 (likely construction)
WE June 1 @ 8:20 AM	3	20	2	2 (likely construction)
WE June 1 @ 3:30 PM	3	12	0	3 (likely construction)
TH June 2 @ 8:10 AM	4	18	8 (School DO)	4 (mostly construction)

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Recommendation and Proposed TPR Language

TC7-22

Make the Trial Permanent. Consider relocation of Accessible Space on South Side.
By REMOVING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

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Gardner Street

- (1) Prohibited, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.:
 - a) East side, from Pearl Street northerly 210 feet.
 - b) South side, from a point 715 feet west of Jewett Street to School Street.
 - c) West and north sides, from a point 230 feet north of Pearl St to School St.
- (2) Prohibited, all days, east and south sides, from a point 210 feet north of Pearl Street to a point 715 feet west of Jewett Street.
- (3) Fifteen-minute limit, school days, west side from Pearl street northerly 230 feet.
- (4) One-hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. school days, west side from Pearl Street northerly 240 feet.

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

Gardner Street

- (1) Prohibited, all days, east and south sides
- (2) Prohibited, all days, north side, from School Street to a point 45 feet westerly.
- (3) Fifteen-minute limit, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., school days, west side from Pearl street to a point 200 feet northerly.

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Traffic Council

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Request to relocate the accessible parking space
From the South Side of Gardner Street to the North Side of Gardner Street

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Location of Current Accessible Parking Space on Gardner Street

AP4-22



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Background

AP4-22

- Accessible parking space was located on the south side of Gardner Street
- Parking was removed on the south side, entire length
- Accessible space is still needed
- Consider relocating the space across the street, on the north side, for safety

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Consider Whether to Relocate Space Across the Street

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Optional New Location, Across the Street

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Option and Optional TPR language

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By REMOVING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-200. Accessible Parking Spaces,. the following:

Gardner Street: in front of #22 (*note: this is located on the south side of the street*)

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-200. Accessible Parking Spaces,. the following:

Gardner Street, north side, from a point 260 feet west of School Street, 20 feet westerly.

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Traffic Council

TC24-22

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Request to add a stop sign on Silver Lake Avenue at Adams Street
eastbound and westbound

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Location of Silver Lake Ave at Adams St

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View of Silver Lake Avenue at Adams Street (Eastbound)

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View of Silver Lake Avenue at Adams Street (Westbound)

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Considerations

TC24-22

- There are no warrants that apply
- “T” intersection = implied stop
- Not necessary to install a stop sign
- A stop sign is allowed ~ No reason not to install a stop sign at a T intersection
- Traffic volumes on Adams Street exceed 2,000 vehicles per day (~2650 ADT – Nov 2021)
- One crash reported in last 5 years [4/24/22, angle crash]

Applicable guidance provided in MUTCD - Section 2B.04 Right of Way at Intersections (Abbreviated)

(03A) YIELD or STOP signs should be used at an intersection of a less important road with a main road where application of the normal right-of-way rule would not be expected to provide reasonable compliance with the law

(04A) YIELD or STOP signs should be considered at the intersection of two minor streets or local roads where the combined vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian volume entering the intersection from all approaches averages more than 2,000 units per day

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Recommendation for Silver Lake Ave at Adams Street (Eastbound)

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Approve new stop sign at Silver Lake Avenue, EB, at Adams Street



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Recommendation for Silver Lake Ave at Adams Street (Westbound)

TC24-22

Approve new stop sign at Silver Lake Avenue, WB, at Adams Street



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By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-147**. Obedience to isolated stop signs,. the following:

Silver Lake Avenue at Adams Street, eastbound.
Silver Lake Avenue at Adams Street, westbound.

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TC28-22



Request to add a stop sign at Grove Hill Avenue southbound at Lakeview Avenue

Location of Grove Hill Avenue at Lakeview Avenue

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View of Grove Hill Avenue at Lakeview Avenue

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Traffic Council

Considerations

TC28-22

- There are no warrants that apply
- “T” intersection = implied stop
- Not necessary to install a stop sign
- A stop sign is allowed ~ No reason not to install a stop sign at a T intersection

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Recommendation

TC28-22

Approve new stop sign at Grove Hill Avenue, SB, at Lakeview Avenue



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Recommendation and Proposed TPR language

TC28-22

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-147**. Obedience to isolated stop signs,. the following:

Grove Hill Avenue at Lakeview Avenue, southbound.

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TC27-22

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Request to add a stop sign at Prospect Street at Beaumont Avenue
in the westbound direction

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Location of Prospect Street at Beaumont Avenue

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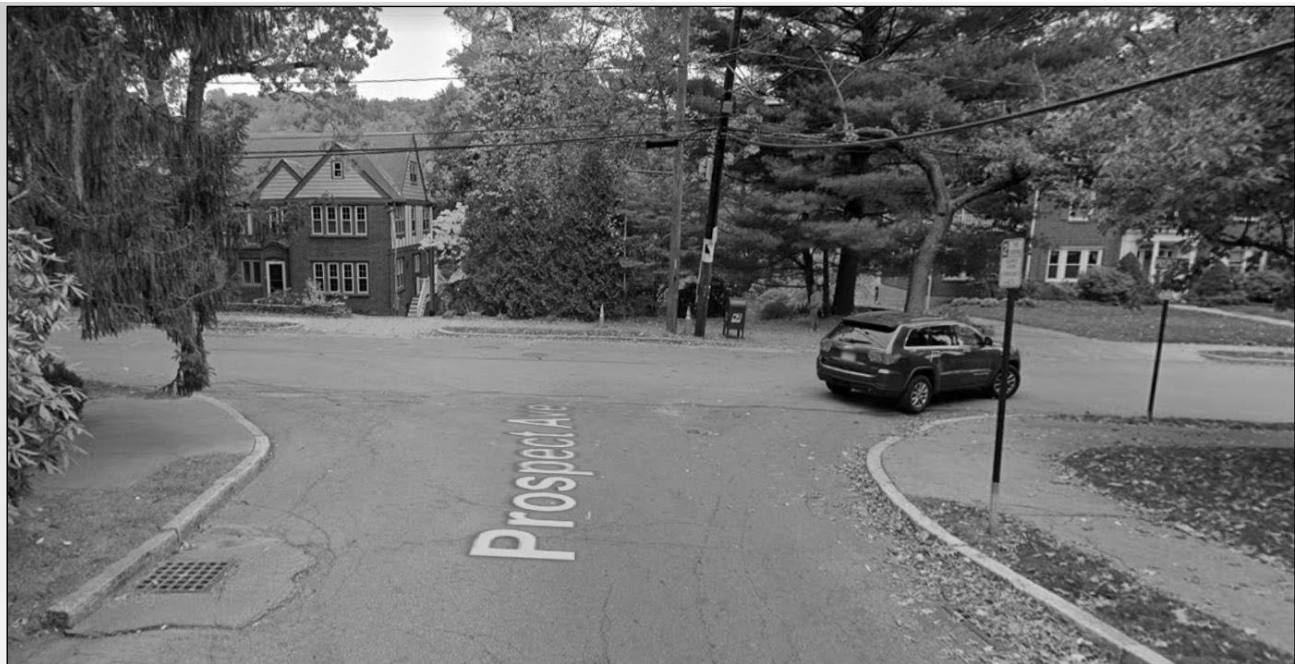
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View of Prospect Street at Beaumont Avenue

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Considerations

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- There are no warrants that apply
- “T” intersection = implied stop
- Not necessary to install a stop sign
- A stop sign is allowed ~ No reason not to install a stop sign at a T intersection

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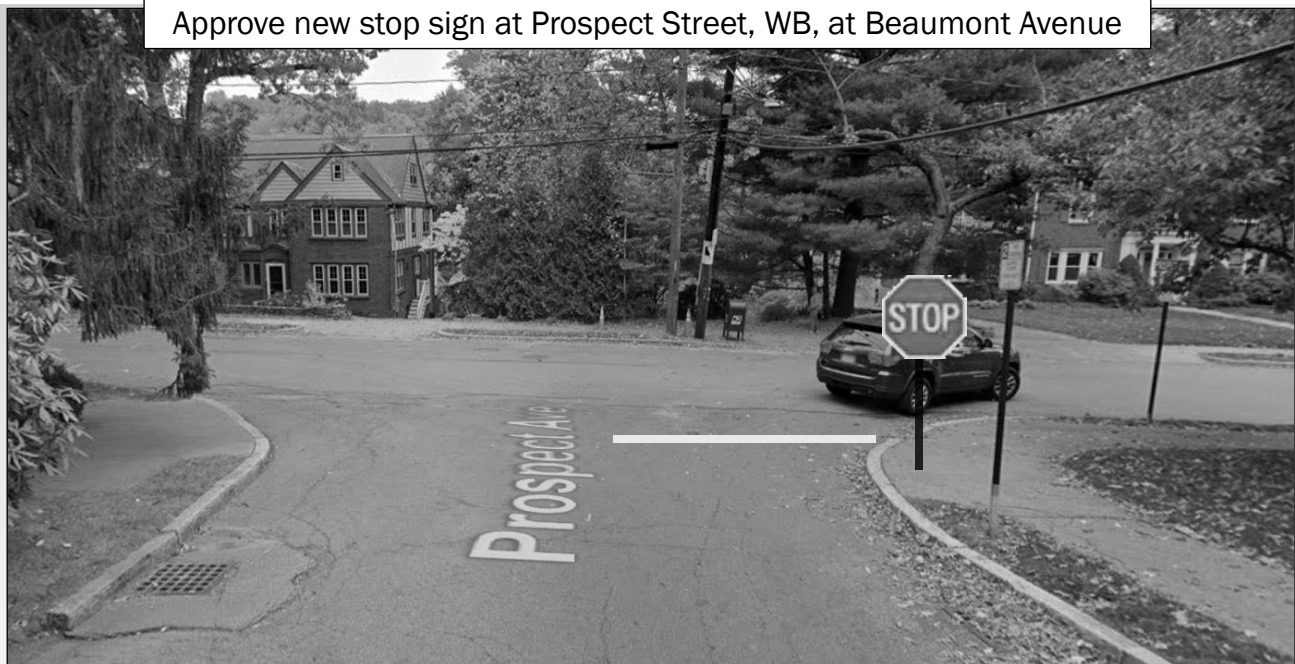
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Recommendation

TC27-22

Approve new stop sign at Prospect Street, WB, at Beaumont Avenue



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Recommendation and Proposed TPR language

TC27-22

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-147**. Obedience to isolated stop signs,. the following:

Prospect AVENUE at Beaumont Avenue, westbound.

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TC29-22

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Request to add stop signs at Adena Road at Derby Street
in the northbound and southbound directions

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Location of Adena Road at Derby Street

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View of Adena Road at Derby Street (looking northbound)

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View of Adena Road at at Derby Street (looking southbound)

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Traffic Council

Considerations

TC29-22

- There are no warrants that apply
- "T" intersection = implied stop
- Not necessary to install a stop sign
- A stop sign is allowed ~ No reason not to install a stop sign at a T intersection

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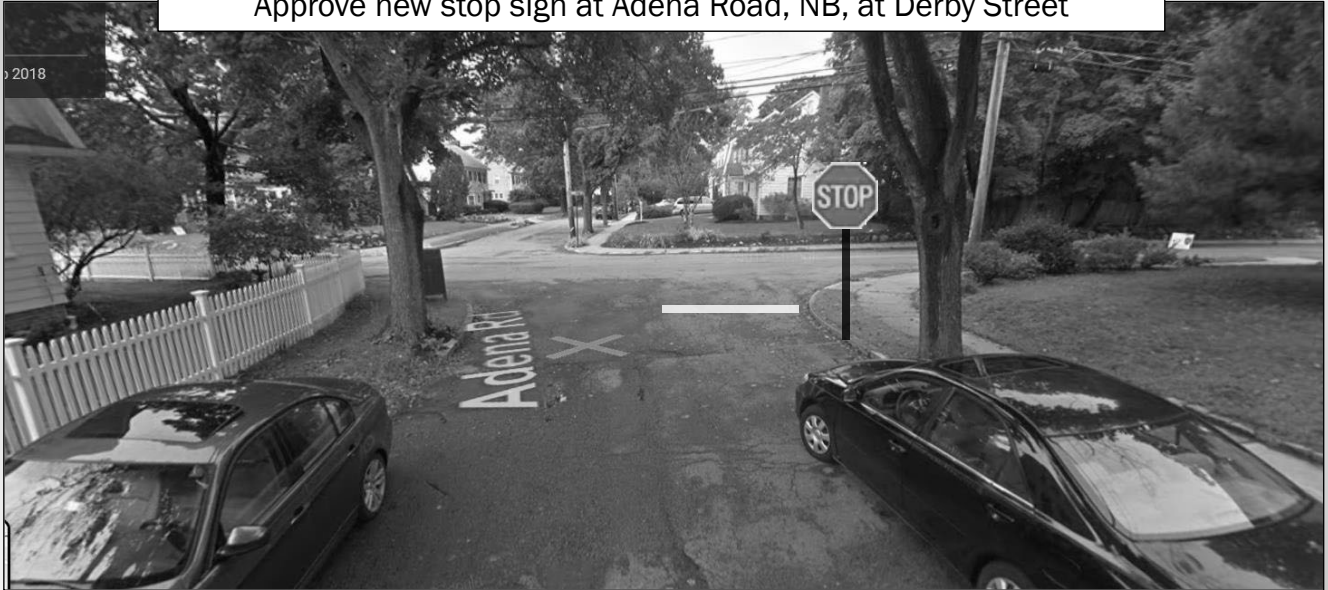
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Recommendation

Adena Road at Derby St (Northbound)

TC29-22

Approve new stop sign at Adena Road, NB, at Derby Street



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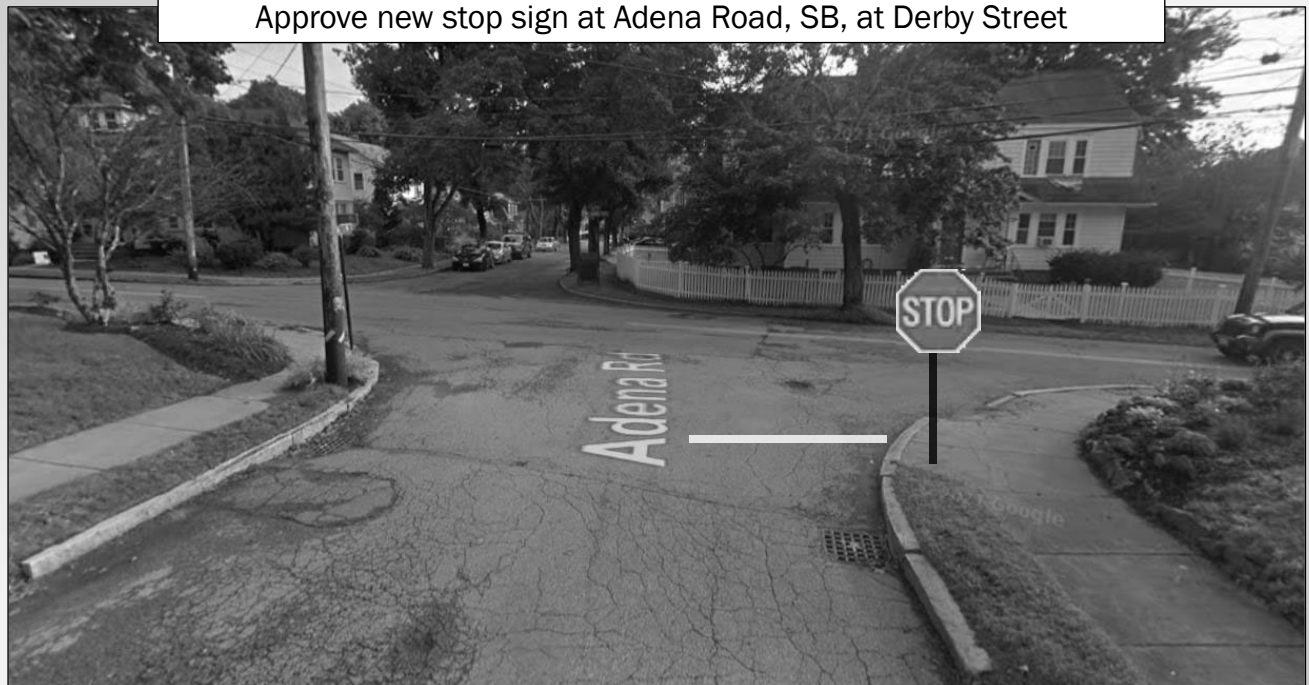
Traffic Council

Recommendation

Adena Road at Derby St (Southbound)

TC29-22

Approve new stop sign at Adena Road, SB, at Derby Street



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Recommendation and Proposed TPR language

TC29-22

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-147**. Obedience to isolated stop signs,. the following:

Adena Road at Derby Street, Northbound.

Adena Road at Derby Street, Southbound.

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TC6-22

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Request for a parking restriction near the site driveway of 131 Rumford Avenue

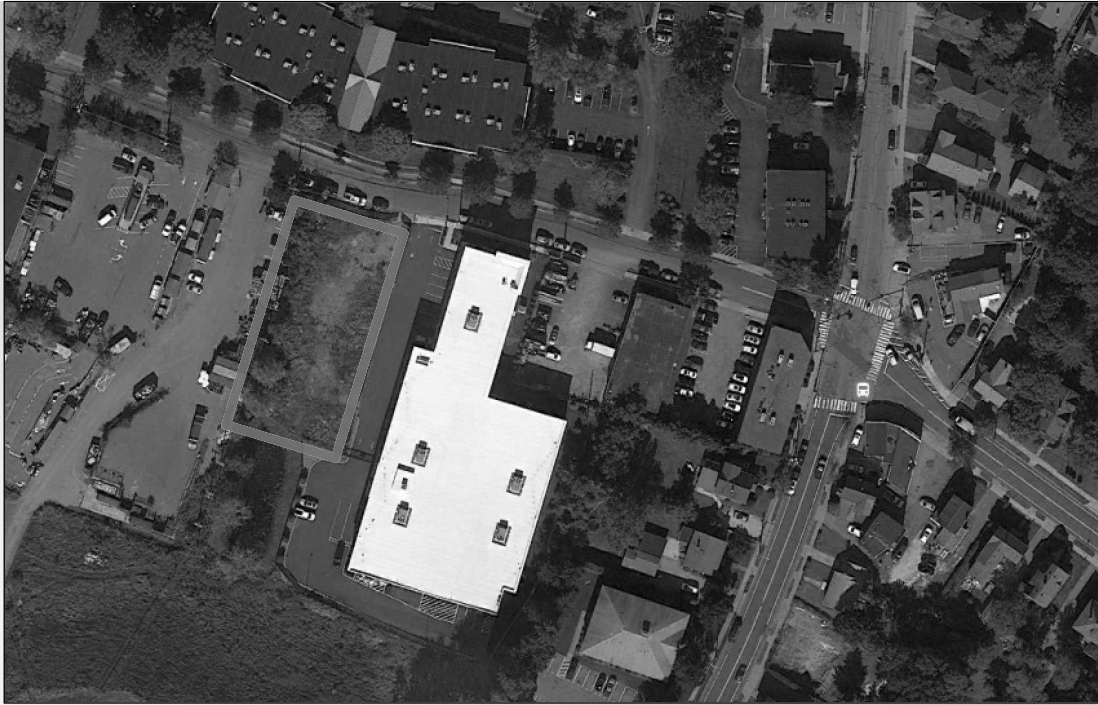
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Location of 131 Rumford Avenue

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View of 131 Rumford Avenue (Driveway of 137 Rumford Shown)

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Existing Parking Regulations

TC6-22

Rumford Avenue

- (1) Prohibited, Saturdays included, both sides from Lexington Street westerly 100 feet.
- (2) Prohibited, south side from a point 475 feet west of Lexington Street to the Waltham line.

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Background

TC6-22

Recorded Council Order from 1.14.22 includes the following Condition:

The Petitioner shall also provide data regarding sight lines and on-street parking immediately east and west of the site driveway to determine whether it is appropriate to petition the Traffic Council for changes to on-street parking on either side of the site driveway.

Although the driveway is existing, the number of vehicles entering and exiting will increase significantly.

The applicant is open to removing parking spaces immediately adjacent to the site driveway if that is the preference of the City.

Facility not yet open, but staff suggest that a parking restriction be added in advance of the construction and opening of the facility.

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Sight to/from East

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Looking east from driveway



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Looking west toward driveway



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Sight Line Triangle

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Recommendation

TC6-22

Add New Parking Prohibition. No parking from driveway to a point 85 feet easterly.



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Proposed TPR Language

TC6-22

By REMOVING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

Rumford Avenue

- (1) Prohibited, Saturdays included, both sides from Lexington Street westerly 100 feet.
- (2) Prohibited, south side from a point 475 feet west of Lexington Street to the Waltham line.

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

Rumford Avenue

- (1) Prohibited, Saturdays included, both sides from Lexington Street westerly 100 feet.
- (2) Prohibited, south side from a point 280 feet west of Lexington Street, 120 feet westerly.
- (3) Prohibited, south side from a point 475 feet west of Lexington Street to the Waltham line.

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TC47-18



Request for a long-term and flexible trial to be followed by potential changes to the official Traffic and Parking Regulations for Bridges Avenue

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Recommendation and Proposed TPR Language

TC47-18

Keep all existing regulations in place and change the TPR to reflect current conditions.

By REMOVING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-85. One-way streets., the following:

Bridges Avenue, from Cabot Street to Norwood Avenue

By REMOVING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-147. Obedience to isolated stop signs., the following:

Bridges Avenue at Norwood Avenue, northbound

By REMOVING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following::

Bridges Avenue

(1) Prohibited, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., east side.

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By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-85. One-way streets., the following:

Bridges Avenue, from Norwood Avenue to Cabot Street.

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-147. Obedience to isolated stop signs., the following:

Bridges Avenue at Cabot Street, southbound.

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following::

Bridges Avenue

(1) Prohibited, all days, all times, west side.

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TC49-18



Request for a long-term and flexible trial to be followed by potential changes to the official Traffic and Parking Regulations for East Side Parkway

Recommendation and Proposed TPR Language

TC49-18

Keep all existing regulations in place and change the TPR to reflect current conditions.

By REMOVING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

East Side Parkway

(1) Prohibited, all days, west side, from Newtonville Avenue to Cabot Street.

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Proposed TPR Language (continued)

TC49-18

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

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East Side Parkway

(1) Prohibited, all days, all times, Newtonville Avenue to a point 150 feet southerly, both sides, both legs.

(2) Prohibited, all days, all times, Newtonville Avenue to a point 70 feet south of Winchester Road, west side.

(3) Prohibited, all days, all times, from a point 210 feet south of Winchester Road, 50 feet southerly, west side.

(4) Prohibited, all days, all times, from a point 40 feet north of Cabot Street to Cabot Street, west side.

(5) Prohibited, all days, all times, from Cabot Street to Winchester Road, east side.

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-179. School drop off ones., the following:

East Side Parkway, west side, from a point 260 feet south of Winchester Road, 180 feet southerly.

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TC48-18



Request for a long-term and flexible trial to be followed by potential changes to the official Traffic and Parking Regulations for Parkview Avenue

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Recommendation and Proposed TPR Language

TC48-18

Keep all existing regulations in place and change the TPR to reflect current conditions.

By REMOVING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-85. One-way streets., the following:

Parkview Avenue, from a point 450 feet north of Cabot Street, to Cabot Street.

By REMOVING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-147. Obedience to isolated stop signs., the following:

Parkview Avenue at Cabot Street, southbound.

By REMOVING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

Parkview Avenue

(1) Prohibited, all days:

a) East side, from Norwood Avenue southerly 80 feet.

b) West side, from Cabot Street northerly 158 feet.

(2) Prohibited, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., west side, from a point 446 feet north of Cabot Street to Norwood Avenue.

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Recommendation and Proposed TPR Language

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By REMOVING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-179. School drop off ones., the following:
Parkview Avenue, west side, from a point 158 north of Cabot Street northerly 288 feet.

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

Parkview Avenue

(1) Prohibited, all days, all times, west side.

(2) Prohibited, all days, all times, from a point 130 feet south of Norwood Avenue, 30 feet southerly, east side.

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Add Regulations of the New Roadway Located to the North of the Cabot School

TC48-18

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-85. One-way streets., the following:

Cabot School Bridges-to-Parkview Connector Roadway, from Bridges Avenue to Parkview Avenue.

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

Cabot School Bridges-to-Parkview Connector Roadway

(1) Staff Parking Only, north side.

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-179. School drop off ones., the following:

Cabot School Bridges-to-Parkview Connector Roadway, south side.

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-199. Fire Lanes., the following:

Cabot School Bridges-to-Parkview Connector Roadway, south side.

CAN BE APPEALED

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TC46-18



Request for a long-term and flexible trial to be followed by potential changes to the official Traffic and Parking Regulations for Norwood Avenue

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Recommendation and Proposed TPR Language

TC46-18

Keep all existing regulations in place and change the TPR to reflect current conditions.

By REMOVING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

Norwood Avenue (Newtonville)

- (1) Prohibited, including Saturdays, north side from Parkview Avenue westerly 126 feet.
- (2) Prohibited, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., south side.
- (3) Two-hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., north side from Harvard Street to Clarendon Street.

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By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-90. Vehicle Restrictions on Public Ways., the following:

Norwood Avenue: No vehicle of any description, except those of property owners whose properties abut Norwood Avenue or Parkview Avenue, shall enter Norwood Avenue in the easterly direction, to the east of Bridges Avenue.

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

Norwood Avenue (Newtonville)

(1) Prohibited, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., south side.

(2) Prohibited, all days, all times, Parkview Avenue to a point 20 feet east of Bridges Avenue, north side.

(3) Two-hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., from a point 10 feet east of Clarendon Street to Harvard Street, north side.

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TC30-22



Request to add a stop sign into the TPR for the existing stop sign at the intersection of Melrose Street at Ash Street

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View of Melrose Street and Ash Street

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Recommendation and Proposed TPR language

TC30-22

Add existing stop sign into the TPR.

By **INSERTING INTO** the provisions of **Sec. TPR- 147**. Obedience to isolated stop signs, the following:

Melrose Street and Ash Street, southbound.

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No one from the public wished to speak.

Mr. Koses made the motion to approve this item. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on July 6, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Transportation Coordinator
Traffic Council Chair