

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL AGENDA

REVISED

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

7:00 PM

Traffic Council will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link:

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ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

The Chair will entertain a motion for a vote of NAN (No Action Necessary) on the following one (1) item. No action will be taken on this petition because it was filed incorrectly, using the name and address of the wrong petitioner. Neighborhood residents may submit a new petition, if desired, at any time.

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]

TC41-22 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, on behalf of abutting neighbors, requesting to change the recently-updated parking regulations on the west side of Adams Street, between a point 40 feet south of Clinton Street and a point 50 feet north of Lincoln Road, from unrestricted parking to a two-hour limit, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. (Ward 1)
[07/25/22 @ 8:58 AM]

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- TC42-22 COUNCILOR NORTON, requesting to review and potentially change the parking regulations on Dale Street to ensure access for emergency vehicles. (Ward 2) [07/27/22 @ 3:44 PM]
- TC33-22 JONATHAN LANDMAN, 17 Garner Street, requesting to add “no parking this side” signs on the south side of Garner Street to ensure emergency vehicle access. (Ward 7) [06/15/22 @ 9:21 AM]
- TC43-22 JILL CHARNEY, 671 Grove Street, requesting to review and assess a change to the parking regulations on Grove Street between Washington Street and Colgate Road. (Ward 4) [08/19/22 @ 10:00 AM]
- TC32-22 ISAAC PRIZANT, CITY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to approve a “STOP” sign at the Upland Avenue southbound approach to Rachel Road. (Ward 8) [06/14/22 @ 7:49 AM]
- TC40-22 COUNCILORS DOWNS, ALBRIGHT, LUCAS, NORTON, BOWMAN, DANBERG AND NOEL, requesting a Safety Zone on Homer Street between Walnut Street and Commonwealth Avenue. (Ward 2) [07/07/22 @ 7:59 AM]
- TC39-22 COUNCILORS DOWNS, BOWMAN, DANBERG AND NOEL, requesting a Safety Zone along the portion of on Lake Avenue between Rogers Street and Beacon Street where the regulatory speed limit is above 15 MPH. (Ward 6) [07/07/22 @ 7:59 AM]
- TC38-22 COUNCILOR DOWNS, requesting a Safety Zone on Watertown Street between Hawthorn Street and Faxon Street. (Ward 1) [07/07/22 @ 7:59 AM]
- TC46-22 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to add a stop sign at the end of Exeter Street at Berkeley Street. (Ward 3) [08/23/22 @ 11:12 AM]
- TC44-22 ADRIAN AYALA, CITY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to add a STOP sign to the Waban Avenue southbound approach to Waban Avenue. (NOTE: This is at the intersection of Waban/Nehoiden/Manitoba, but the stop sign will technically be on Waban Avenue, approaching itself.) (Ward 5) [08/11/22 @ 4:21 PM]
- TC45-22 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to add “no right on red” restrictions, in all directions, at the intersection of Chestnut Street and Woodward Street. (Ward 5) [08/23/22 @ 11:12 AM]

Administrative changes made to the TPR since the last Traffic Council Meeting			
Ward	Street or Location	Administrative Change Made	Date
1, 2 and 3	Watertown Street (all)	The following speed limit is incorrect in Sec. TPR-84. Speed zones designated: Watertown Street, westbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match the speed limits as requested by Newton and as approved by MassDOT.	8/1/2022
2	Bowers Street	Parking meters have been posted on the south side of Bowers Street since at least 2007, but they are not included correctly in the TPR. Staff administratively added these already-posted parking meters by editing the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	8/1/2022
2	Watertown St at Crafts St	The following signs are currently posted in the field at Watertown Street, eastbound, onto Crafts Street and on Crafts Street, southbound, onto Watertown Street: "No Turn on Red". However, these signs were not included in the TPR. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	8/1/2022
2	Commonwealth Avenue at Lowell Avenue	The following location has been marked as "left lane must turn left" since at least 2012, but was not included in the TPR: Commonwealth Avenue, south drive, eastbound, onto Lowell Avenue. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	8/1/2022
2	Homer Street at Commonwealth Avenue	The following location has been marked as "left lane must turn left" since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Homer Street, northbound, onto Commonwealth Avenue, South Drive. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	8/1/2022
2	Lowell Avenue at Commonwealth Avenue	The following location has been marked as "left lane must turn left" since at least 2011, but was not included in the TPR: Lowell Avenue, southbound, onto Commonwealth Avenue South Drive. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	8/1/2022
2	Commonwealth Avenue at Walnut Street	The following location has been marked as "left lane must turn left" since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Commonwealth Avenue at Walnut Street, all directions. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	8/1/2022
2	Walnut Street at Cabot Street	The following location has been marked as "left lane must turn left" since at least 2011, but was not included in the TPR: Walnut Street, southbound, onto Cabot Street. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	8/1/2022

2	Walnut Street at Elm Road	The following location has been marked as "left lane must turn left" since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Walnut Street, northbound, onto Elm Road. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	8/1/2022
2	Elm Road at Walnut Street	The following location has been marked as "left lane must turn left" since at least 2011, but was not included in the TPR: Elm Road, eastbound, onto Walnut Street. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	8/1/2022
2	Elm Road at Walnut Street	The following location has been marked as "right lane must turn right" since at least 2011, but was not included in the TPR: Elm Road, eastbound, onto Walnut Street. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	8/1/2022
2	Crafts Street	The parking regulations were changed on Crafts Street, to allow for restriping and the addition of a bicycle lane, as was approved by Traffic Council. The TPR was updated to match existing field condition for the east side of Crafts Street, just north and south of the intersection of California Street.	8/19/2022
4	Woodland Rd at Hancock Street	The following entry in the TPR was incorrect, and staff administratively removed it. Sec. TPR-97. Left lane must turn left. Hancock Street, crossing Woodland Road onto Hancock Street, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., weekdays. Note this entry is correctly included in other sections of the TPR.	8/1/2022
4	Grove Street at Riverside Center	The following location has been marked as "left lane must turn left" since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Grove Street, northbound, into 267-287 Grove Street. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	8/1/2022
4	Washington Street at Quinobequin Road and Wales Street	The following location has been marked as "left lane must turn left" since at least 2008, but was not included in the TPR: Washington Street, westbound, onto Quinobequin Road or Wales Street. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	8/1/2022
5	Washington Street at Neshobe Road / 2150 Washington Street	The following entry in the TPR was incorrect, and staff administratively removed it: Sec. TPR-97. Left lane must turn left. Washington Street, westbound, onto Neshobe Road.	8/1/2022

5	Washington Street at Neshobe Road / 2150 Washington Street	The following location has been marked as "left lane must turn left" since at least 2011, but was not included in the TPR: Washington Street, westbound, into Driveway of 2150 Washington Street. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	8/1/2022
6	Crescent Avenue	The following signs have been posted on the west side of Crescent Avenue between Pleasant Street and Beacon Street since at least 2007: "Parking Prohibited". However, these signs were not included in the TPR. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	8/1/2022
6	Lincoln Street	Staff administratively made the following addition to the TPR, and the following changes in the withing 50 feet of a midblock crosswalk, after waiting the required 30-days after notifying City Councilors: Sec. TPR-219. Parking prohibitions in areas that previously allowed parking., the following: The following parking spaces were removed in compliance with Sec. 19-166 (p): Lincoln Street, south side, within 25 feet of a marked crosswalk near 26 Lincoln Street, previously marked as meter #5029. Lincoln Street, north side, within 25 feet of a marked crosswalk near 39A Lincoln Street, previously marked as meter #5011.	8/1/2022
6	Walnut Street at Beacon Street	The following location has been marked as "left lane must turn left" since at least 2011, but was not included in the TPR: Walnut Street at Beacon Street, all directions. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	8/1/2022
6	Centre Street at Beacon Street	The following location has been marked as "left lane must turn left" since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Beacon Street at Centre Street, eastbound and westbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	8/1/2022
7	Chestnut Hill Terrace	The following signs have been posted in the field on the north side of Chestnut Hill Terrace for several years: "No Parking". The following signs have been posted on the south side of Chestnut Hill Terrace for several years: "No Parking 8am-11am and 8pm-10pm". However, these signs were not included in the TPR. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match conditions in the field.	8/1/2022

7	Old Orchard Road	The following signs have been posted on Old Orchard Road since at least 2009: Parking Prohibited, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. : a) North side, from Woodman Road northerly 580 feet. b) South side, from Woodman Road northerly 610 feet. However, the following regulations were in the TPR for Old Orchard Road: Parking Prohibited, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. : a) North side, from Woodman Road northerly 580 feet. b) South side, from Woodman Road northerly 610 feet. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	8/1/2022
7	Commonwealth Avenue Carriageway	Parking has been allowed on the south side of the Carriageway, near Inna's Kitchen and Blacker's Bakeshop, and the TPR was updated to match current parking conditions. Parking has been allowed on the south side of the Carriageway along this stretch since at least 2007.	8/19/2022

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- 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]
- TC34-22 COUNCILOR BOWMAN, requesting permanent changes and/or a trial of changes to the Tiger Permit Parking Program (Sec. TPR204. Newton North High School Tiger Parking Permits) including the total number of permits issued and possibly enabling additional permits to be distributed by the Newton North High School Administration. (Ward 2) [06/14/22 @ 1:41 PM]
HELD 5-0 on 07/21/22. Hold for a trial of the following: Increase the number of TIGER permits from 150 to 170. Of the 170 TIGER permits, 165 will be stickers and will cost \$60 each, as was approved by City Council. The remaining 5 TIGER permits will be transferable placards, and will be considered to be visitor passes, with no associated fee.
- 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]
HELD 5-0 on 07/21/22

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.

- 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