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TRAFFIC COUNCIL AGENDA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022

7:00 PM

Traffic Council will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link:

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ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

AP6-22 ANN CAGGIANO, requesting an accessible parking space in front of 432 Lowell Avenue. (Ward 2) [09/21/22 @ 3:54 PM]
Commission on Disability Voted to Approve 12-0 on January 10, 2022

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.

TC51-22 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR AND DEVANTE THORNTON, PARKING MANAGER, requesting to review and modify the parking in and near the West Newton Village Center along Watertown Street, Washington Street, Waltham Street, Chestnut Street and Elm Street. These changes may include modification of the time limits at metered and unmetered spaces, the addition of parking meters in areas which previously were not metered, the addition of a loading zone, and related changes. (Ward 3) [09/23/22 @ 6:12 AM]

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- 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
- TC50-22 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR on behalf of Jayne Colino, Director of Senior Services, requesting a temporary pick-up / drop-off zone in front of the Brigham House on Hartford Street and in front of the Hyde Community Center on Lincoln Street, to help accommodate the temporary relocation of services during the reconstruction of the Senior Center in Newtonville. (Ward 6) [09/23/22 @ 6:12 AM]
- TC49-22 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to discuss and potentially change the parking regulations on Centre Street, southbound, just north of Pearl Street, to metered parking spaces. (Ward 1) [09/23/22 @ 6:12 AM]
- TC48-22 ISAAC PRIZANT, TRAFFIC ENGINEER, requesting to add a stop sign at the intersection of Winchester Road at East Side Parkway, westbound. (Wards 1 & 2) [09/16/22 @ 3:50 PM]

The Traffic Council Chair expects to entertain a motion of No Action Necessary on the following one (1) item.

- 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.

Administrative changes made to the TPR since the last Traffic Council Meeting			
Ward	Street or Location	Administrative Change Made and Included on the Electronic Version of the October 27, 2022 Traffic Council Meeting Agenda	Date
1	Elmhurst Rd & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Elmhurst Road at Washington Street, southbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022

1	Copley St & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Copley Street at Washington Street, southbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
1	Waverley Ave & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Waverley Avenue at Washington Street, northbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
1	Hunnewell Circle & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Hunnewell Circle at Washington Street, southbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
1	Hunnewell Ave & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Hunnewell Avenue at Washington Street, southbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
1	Hibbard Rd & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Hibbard Road at Washington Street, northbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
1	Peabody St & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Peabody Street at Washington Street, southbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
1	Thornton St & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Thornton Street at Washington Street, southbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
1	Lenglen Rd & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Lenglen Road at Washington Street, southbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
2	Walnut Street at Watertown Street	The following was added to Sec. TPR-98. Right lane must turn right: Walnut Street, northbound onto Watertown Street. Staff administratively edited the TPR to match existing conditions in the field.	10/3/2022
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

3	Brooks Avenue & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Brooks Avenue at Washington Street, southbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
3	Brookside Avenue & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Brookside Avenue at Washington Street, southbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
3	Walker St & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Walker Street at Washington Street, southbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
3	Parsons St & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Parsons Street at Washington Street, southbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
3	Cross St & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Cross Street at Washington Street, southbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
3	Armory St & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Armory Street at Washington Street, southbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
3	Myrtle St & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Myrtle Street at Washington Street, northwestbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
4	Stanton Avenue northern intersection & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Stanton Avenue at Washington Street, northwestbound (northern intersection). Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
4	Stanton Avenue southern intersection & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2007, but was not included in the TPR: Stanton Avenue at Washington Street, westbound (southern intersection). Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
5	Southwick Road	Scribner's error in Sec TPR-208 (c) Waban Village Parking District was corrected for Southwick Road.	9/1/2022
5	Waban Avenue	Scribner's error in Sec TPR-208 (c) Waban Village Parking District was corrected for Waban Avenue.	9/1/2022

5	I-95 Northbound & Washington Street	The following stop sign has been posted since at least 2012, but was not included in the TPR: I-95 North, dedicated left turn lane at Washington Street, northwestbound. Staff administratively edited the TPR to add this stop sign.	10/3/2022
7	Comm. Ave at Irving St	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
unknown	Walnut Street	The following was removed from Sec. TPR-98. Right lane must turn right: Walnut Street, northbound onto Walnut Street. There is no location in Newton where motorists traveling northbound on Walnut Street must stay in the right lane in order to continue onto Walnut Street.	10/3/2022

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]
- TC54-22 ISAAC PRIZANT, TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to restrict U-Turns on Walnut Street between Newtonville Avenue and Cabot Street through the village center area. (Ward 2) [10/18/22 @ 3:11 PM]
- TC53-22 SERGEANT WADE, requesting an extension of the No Parking restriction on southbound Centre Street, just north of Allerton Road. (Ward 6) [10/06/22 @ 9:25 AM]
- TC52-22 COUNCILORS GREENBERG, LEARY, OLIVER, AND GILZA SANTOS, requesting a discussion with residents of Cook Street, the section of Chapel Street south of Watertown Street, and the block of Green Street between Cook Street and Chapel Street. The discussion will focus on the advantages and disadvantages of creating *Phase 1 of a Nonantum Village Parking District* on these streets. A Nonantum Village Parking District would feature \$25/year parking stickers along with free visitor placards, available to residents of these streets, which would override new time limits, which would be posted, and which would apply to all vehicles parked on these streets. Depending on public feedback, this docket item could be used by Traffic Council, at a subsequent meeting, to implement this new Parking District. This item may also include a discussion of adding meters into the City's Chapel Street and/or Adams Street Public Parking Lots in Nonantum, and

converting the 3-hour parking spaces into a combination of short-term and long-term metered parking spaces. (Ward 1) [09/30/22 @ 11:23 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]

HELD 5-0 on 09/15/22. Held for a long-term trial of the following: Parking prohibited at all times on the west side of Grove Street between Moulton Street and Colgate Road, parking unrestricted at all times on the east side of Grove Street between Moulton Street and Colgate Road, parking restrictions to be determined based on engineering judgment on Grove Street between Washington Street and Moulton Street.

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.

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.

- 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