



## Finance Committee Agenda

### City of Newton In City Council

Monday, October 24, 2022

The Finance Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86985589249> or call 1- 646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 869 8558 9249

#### Items scheduled for discussion:

**#435-22**      **Appropriate \$60,826.31 for McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Transportation SCHOOL COMMITTEE** requesting that the City Council approve authorizing the Mayor to appropriate the state reimbursement of sixty thousand eight hundred twenty-six dollars and thirty-one cents for McKinney-Vento and Foster Care Transportation funds from the general fund to the School Department.

#### **Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

**#407-22**      **Appropriate \$50,000 from Special Permit Fees, Austin Street and Lowell Ave HER HONOR THE MAYOR** requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from Acct #5568R401-432017 Special Permit fees, Austin and Lowell, to improve safety for all users by constructing traffic flow changes at two intersections on Lowell Ave, which is consistent with the intent of Special Permit #175-21, Condition 6.  
**Public Facilities Held 5-0 on 09/21/22**  
**Public Facilities Approved 7-0 on 10/12/22**

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Walker Grossman, Chair

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The location of this meeting is accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities who require assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: [jfairley@newtonma.gov](mailto:jfairley@newtonma.gov) or (617) 796-1253. The city's TTY/TDD direct line is: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), please dial 711.

CITY COUNCIL

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CITY OF NEWTON

DOCKET REQUEST FORM

**DEADLINE NOTICE: Council Rules require items to be docketed with the Clerk of the Council NO LATER THAN 7:45 P.M. ON THE MONDAY PRIOR TO A FULL COUNCIL MEETING.**

To: Clerk of the City Council Date: 7/12/22

From (Docketer): Liam T. Hurley, Assistant Superintendent / CFAO

Address: Newton Public Schools, 100 Walnut Street, Newton

Phone: 617-559-9025 E-mail: Hurleyl@newton.k12.ma.us

Additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Please docket the following item (it will be edited for length if necessary):**

Liam Hurley is requesting a vote of the City Council to appropriate the state reimbursement of McKinney Vento and Foster Care Transportation funds to the Newton School Department in the amount of \$60,826.31.

Attached to this request is the Memo to the Newton School Committee to authorized this request as well as the vote from the Newton School Committee

**2. The purpose and intended outcome of this item is:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fact-finding & discussion             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance change         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriation, transfer,   | <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure, or bond authorization    | <input type="checkbox"/> License or renewal       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special permit, site plan approval,   | <input type="checkbox"/> Appointment confirmation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zone change (public hearing required) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____             |

**3. I recommend that this item be assigned to the following committees:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs & Services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Property     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning & Planning   | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety      | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Facilities   | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use           | <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion        |

**4. This item should be taken up in committee:**

Immediately (Emergency only, please). Please state nature of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

- As soon as possible, preferably within a month
- In due course, at discretion of Committee Chair
- When certain materials are made available, as noted in 7 & 8 on reverse
- Following public hearing

**PLEASE FILL OUT BOTH SIDES**

5. I estimate that consideration of this item will require approximately:

- One half hour or less
- More than one hour
- More than one meeting
- Up to one hour
- An entire meeting
- Extended deliberation by subcommittee

6. The following people should be notified and asked to attend deliberations on this item. (Please check those with whom you have already discussed the issue, especially relevant Department Heads):

City personnel

Citizens (include telephone numbers/email please)

Liam Hurley, Schools x9025

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7. The following background materials and/or drafts should be obtained or prepared by the Clerk's office prior to scheduling this item for discussion:

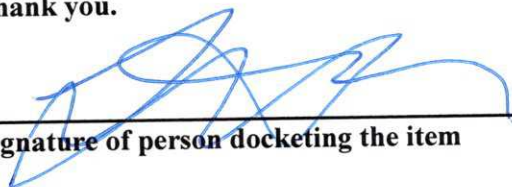
8. I  have or  intend to provide additional materials and/or undertake the following research independently prior to scheduling the item for discussion. \*

(\*Note to docketer: Please provide any additional materials beyond the foregoing to the Clerk's office by 2 p.m. on Friday before the upcoming Committee meeting when the item is scheduled to be discussed so that Councilors have a chance to review all relevant materials before a scheduled discussion.)

Please check the following:

- 9.  I would like to discuss this item with the Chairman before any decision is made on how and when to proceed.
- 10.  I would like the Clerk's office to contact me to confirm that this item has been docketed. My daytime phone number is:
- 11.  I would like the Clerk's office to notify me when the Chairman has scheduled the item for discussion.

Thank you.



Signature of person docketing the item

[Please retain a copy for your own records]



Office of Business, Finance and Planning  
100 Walnut Street  
Newtonville, MA 02460  
617-559-9025

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**TO:** School Committee

**FROM:** Liam Hurley, Assistant Superintendent / Chief Financial and Administrative Officer

**DATE:** October 4, 2021

**RE:** Vote to Accept McKinney-Vento State Reimbursement for Homeless Students and Foster Care Transportation

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This is to ask the School Committee to approve a request of the City Council and the Finance Committee to vote to appropriate the state reimbursement of \$40,574.31 for McKinney Vento Homeless Student Transportation and \$20,252.00 for Foster Care Transportation to the School Department. Current receipts in the amount of \$60,826.31 are housed in general revenue account # 0130101-433007 / 433008. Appropriating these funds to the School Department will allow for the district to directly offset a portion of the cost of bus transportation in FY22.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, reauthorized in December 2001 as part of the Federal No Child Left Behind Act, ensures educational right and protection for children and youth experiencing homelessness. The Massachusetts Educational Plan provides services aimed at preventing homeless children from experiencing further instability in their lives by minimizing their moves from school to school.

The Foster Care Transportation reimbursement is new, starting in FY21.

**CC:** Susan Dzikowski, Comptroller  
Maureen Lemeiux, Chief Financial Officer  
City Clerk



**NEWTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

WARD	
I	Bridget Ray-Canada - Vice Chair
II	Margaret Albright
III	Anping Shen
IV	Tamika Olszewski
V	Emily Prenner
VI	Chair Ruth Goldman, Chair
VII	Kathy Shields
VIII	Matthew Miller

**MEMO**

To: Liam Hurley  
 From: Lisa Mazzola, Secretary, Newton School Committee  
 Re: School Committee  
 Date: October 4, 2021

On October 4, 2021 the School Committee voted to approve the McKinney-Vento and Foster Care State Reimbursement for Transportation as follows:

Motion is made to approve a request of the City Council and the Finance Committee to vote to appropriate the state reimbursement of \$40,574.31 for McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Transportation and \$20,252.00 for Foster Care Student Transportation to the School Department.

A motion was made by Olszewski, seconded by Prenner, and approved 8-0-1(Mayor absent) to request the City Council and the Finance Committee to appropriate McKinney-Vento and Foster Care Transportation reimbursement funds to the School Department in the amount of \$60,826.31.



RUTHIANNE FULLER  
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August 1, 2022

Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of \$50,000 from Acct # 5568R401-432017 Special Permit Fees, Austin and Lowell, to improve safety of all users by constructing traffic flow changes at two intersections on Lowell Avenue (Lowell Avenue/Austin Street and Lowell Avenue/Hull Street), consistent with the intent of Special Permit #175-21, Condition 6.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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Newton City Clerk  
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City of Newton

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

Ruthanne Fuller

1000 Commonwealth Avenue

Mayor

Newton Centre, MA 02459-1449

Date: October 5, 2022  
To: Public Facilities Committee  
From: James McGonagle, Commissioner  
Subject: Request Mitigation Funds for Safety Improvements at two Lowell Avenue Intersections

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Dear Councilors,

Please see the below information pertaining to Docket Item #407-22 requesting approval of \$50,000 from a special permit mitigation fund to improve safety at the Lowell Avenue and Austin Street intersection and the Hull Street, Highland Street, and Lowell Avenue intersection.

The section of Lowell Avenue between Austin Street and Hull Street was identified in the 2017 traffic calming prioritization memo as the number one priority for traffic calming and has continued to remain a top priority in each of the following years' memos. This area of Lowell Avenue is a walking and biking route to school. DPW provided an update to City Council regarding our Traffic Calming evaluation and prioritization process at a joint meeting of the Public Facilities Committee and Public Safety & Transportation Committee on June 8, 2022 (Item #70-22). Traffic Calming at both Lowell Avenue intersections were discussed at the June 8, 2022, meeting.

The intersection of Lowell Avenue and Austin Street sees multiple vehicular accidents a year and is not pedestrian friendly. Adding bump outs and pedestrian medians will greatly improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists by reducing crossing lengths, reducing speeds, and improving sight lines.

The intersection of Lowell Avenue, Highland Street, and Hull Street is a high pedestrian crossing for students going to Newton North High School and is located very close to a pick-up and drop-off area for the school. The addition of bump-outs to this intersection will narrow the roadway, which will shorten pedestrian crossings and reduce vehicle speeds. It is important to note that DPW will be addressing a drainage issue that is causing roadway deterioration at the intersection of Highland Street and Lowell Avenue this spring or summer. The repair will require us to excavate at the intersection and this will give us the opportunity to efficiently address the drainage issue and improve safety at the same time.

Regarding the request for additional information about Traffic Calming spending from the already approved DPW operating budget, in FY22 a total of \$397,580.11 was expended from the Traffic Calming budget. As discussed at the September 21, 2022, meeting, we were fortunate that DPW was able to transfer-bill \$215,401.82 to the Buildings Department Zervas School project, as that project specifically allocated money for "off-site improvements" that were utilized for Traffic Calming on Beethoven Avenue and Allen Avenue. As a result, DPW was able to carry-over significant funds from FY22 into FY23, and DPW is not asking for the approval of any additional funds beyond the \$50,000 from a special permit mitigation fund.

James McGonagle  
Commissioner

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