

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL AGENDA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

7:00 PM

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

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ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- AP7-22 MARY TORNABENE, 372 Langley Road, requesting an accessible parking space in front of 372 Langley Road. (Ward 6) [11/02/22 @ 3:21 PM]
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY APPROVED on 11/14/22
- TC60-22 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting a change to the TPR for Elm Road, so that the currently-posted and painted pick-up and drop-off zone could be used instead as extension of the bus zone. (Ward 2) [11/23/22 @ 7:31 AM]
- TC59-22 ISAAC PRIZANT, TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting a no turn on red restriction at the corner of Lowell Avenue & Washington Street. (Ward 2) [11/23/22 @ 7:31 AM]
- TC58 -22 JASON SOBEL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, requesting to permanently close the northbound block of Albemarle Road to vehicular traffic, in both directions, between Crafts Street and North Street, except for bicycles. This portion of Albemarle Road has been closed since September 2020 as part of an on-going Traffic Council trial. (Wards 2 & 3) [11/22/22 @ 12:05 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]

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- TC55-22 ISAAC PRIZANT, TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to add a stop sign at the T-approach from Wells Avenue westbound to Wells Avenue north and southbound. (Ward 8) [10/24/22 @ 2:27 PM]
- TC56-22 ISAAC PRIZANT, TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to add a yield sign at the channelized right turn from Wells Avenue westbound to Wells Avenue northbound. (Ward 8) [10/24/22 @ 2:27 PM]

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

- 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.

- TC62-22 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting a long-term trial to address the additional parking demand along Lincoln Street and abutting streets in Newton Highlands, resulting from the temporary Senior Center relocation. (Wards 5 & 6) [12/06/22 @ 2:24 PM]

Nominations, Election and Discussion of term length for Traffic Council Chair for 2023

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 December 15, 2022 Traffic Council Meeting Agenda	Date
5	Wyman Street	The parking regulations on Wyman Street did not match the official parking regulations in the TPR, which, in the TPR, included a one-hour metered parking zone. Staff updated the TPR to remove the reference to parking meters and to match the existing posted signage, which has not changed for many years.	11/14/2022
6	Beacon Street	Parking at certain parking meters on Beacon Street in Newton Centre is not permitted between 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and/or 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., in order to allow for an additional travel lane during these peak times. The TPR was updated administratively in order to make this restriction clearer.	11/22/2022

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]
- TC61 -22 COUNCILOR BAKER, LAREDO AND GROSSMAN, requesting to review and potentially change parking restrictions on Suffolk Road along the curve east of Kingsbury Road to facilitate safe maneuvering. (Ward 7) [11/27/22 @ 5:42 PM]
- TC57-22 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting changes to the parking regulations in the area of Watertown Street near 687 Watertown Street, and possibly abutting blocks, to prepare for the move of the Newton Early Childhood Program to 687 Watertown Street. (Ward 2) [11/02/22 @ 6:41 AM]
HELD 5-0 on 11/17/22. Held for a trial.
- 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]
HELD 5-0 on 10/27/22. Held for trail, which may continue until the Senior Center is relocated back to its renovated building in Newtonville.
- 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.
- 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 (Councillor 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.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Transportation Coordinator
Traffic Council Chair