CITY OF NEWTON
IN CITY COUNCIL
TRAFFIC COUNCIL AGENDA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020
7:00PM
City Hall
Room 211

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

AP1-20 VIVIAN SHATZ, requesting an accessible parking space in front of 62 Fellsmere Road. (Ward 7) [01/09/19 @ 12:07 PM]
The Commission on Disability will meet on February 10, 2020.
The Commission on Disability voted to Approve 11-0 on February 10, 2020.

TC7-20 JASON SOBEL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, requesting to modify the parking regulations on Austin Street between Walnut Street and Lowell Avenue to account for the relocated parking meters. (Ward 2) [01/22/20 @ 4:37 PM]

TC8-20 JASON SOBEL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, requesting to update Sec. TPR-194, Time limits in municipal off-street parking areas, to reflect the distribution of time limits among the parking spaces, as well as enforcement hours, in the Austin Street Parking Lot. (Ward 2) [01/22/20 @ 4:37 PM]

TC11-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to add stop signs into the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) on Philip Bram Way as it intersects with Austin Street and with Highland Avenue. (Ward 2) [02/07/20 @ 3:12 PM]

TC6-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to change the parking regulations on the section of Highland Avenue between Lowell Avenue and Bram Way to allow for permit parking by residents of the street and seniors with senior parking permits. (Ward 2) [01/22/20 @ 4:37 PM]

TC2-20 COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, AUCHINCLOSS, AND NORTON, requesting installation of a RRFB pedestrian crossing signal on Linwood Avenue, crossing Walnut Street, to improve pedestrian safety. (Ward 2) [01/16/20 @ 11:51 AM]

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TC9-20 COUNCILOR NORTON, requesting to review and possibly change the parking regulations along the section of Washington Park between Walnut Street and Park Place. (Ward 2) [01/24/20 @ 4:35 PM]

TC4-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to allow parking along the north side of Homer street, across from the library parking lot, in the area between the two pedestrian crossing signals. (Ward 2) [01/22/20 @ 11:12 AM]

TC5-20 CAPTAIN ANASTASIA AND SERGEANT LEE, on behalf of the Oak Hill Middle School Principal, requesting the addition of “No U-turn” signs on Wheeler Road in the vicinity of Oak Hill Middle School. (Ward 8) [01/22/20 @ 11:23 AM]

*It is the Chair’s intention to entertain a motion to vote No Action Necessary on the following two (2) items:*

TC13-18 COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT AND NORTON, requesting temporary changes to the parking regulations on the section of Highland Avenue between Walnut Street and Lowell Avenue to help accommodate the parking needs of seniors attending programming at the Newton Senior Center during the reconstruction of the Austin Street Parking Lot. This may involve temporarily adding this section of Highland Avenue into the Newtonville Neighborhood Parking District. (Ward 2) [02/20/18 @ 5:12 PM]

HELD 4-0 on 03/22/18. The Council voted to hold this item as an extended trial, to allow vehicles with senior parking stickers to park for up to three hours, between 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, on the south side of Highland Avenue between Lowell Avenue and Walnut Street, within the zone signed “ONE HOUR LIMIT, 7AM-4PM, Mon-Sat, except Holidays”. This trial may continue through the duration of the reconstruction of the Austin Street Parking Lot.

TC128-17 TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN PAUL ANASTASIA, DPW COMMISSIONER JAMES MCGONAGLE AND PLANNING DIRECTOR BARNEY HEATH, requesting to allow flexibility in terms of the location, duration, and pricing of public parking spaces as well as potential changes to traffic circulation within and proximate to the Austin Street parking lot, in order to provide for the reconstruction of the Austin Street parking lot. (Ward 2) [11/30/17 @10:42 AM]

HELD 5-0 on 12/13/17. Hold this item for an extended flexible trial, with temporary changes to circulation and the location, duration and price of public parking spaces within the Austin Street Lot, on Bram Way, on Austin Street (between Walnut and Lowell), and within any portion of the Star Market Lot under City control to be approved by the Commissioner of Public Works in consultation with the Traffic Bureau Captain and Planning
Department Director, throughout the duration of the Austin Street reconstruction project.

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

TC10-20  WILLIAM LAMB, 80 Paul Street, requesting removal of the “No Parking” sign (in the direction towards Parsons Street) in front of 1069 Washington Street. (Ward 3) [01/29/20 @ 12:20 PM]

TC3-20  COUNCILORS BOWMAN, NOEL AND DANBERG, requesting to add into the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) a ‘No Turn on Red’ restriction from Beacon Street, westbound onto Sumner Street. (Ward 6) [01/21/20 @ 5:19 PM]

TC86-19  DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, on behalf of Jesse Corey, requesting that stop signs be added into the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) at several locations. Note that stop signs at all of the following locations exist in the field and no change will occur. This item fixes omissions in the TPR. The locations include: [12/17/19 @ 1:28 PM]
   a) Albemarle Road southbound at Crafts Street. (Wards 2 & 3)
   b) Beach Street, southbound, at Washington Street. (Ward 2)
   c) Bellevue Street northbound at Newtonville Avenue. (Ward 1)
   d) Cedar Street, southbound at Commonwealth Ave main 2-way roadway. (Ward 2)
   e) Chase Street westbound at Herrick Road. (Ward 6)
   f) Collins Road westbound at Fenwick Road. (Ward 5)
   g) Crescent Street northbound at Robinhood Street. (Ward 4)
   h) Crosby Road northbound at Commonwealth Avenue. (Ward 7)
   i) Davis Street westbound at Highland Street. (Ward 3)
   j) Eddy Street southbound at Washington Street. (Ward 3)
   k) Ellis Street northbound at the Route 9 eastbound ramp. (Ward 5)
   l) Elm Street northbound and southbound at Webster Street. (Ward 3)

TC85-19  DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, on behalf of Jesse Corey, requesting that a stop sign be removed from the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) at the following location: Church Street, 37 feet west of Oakland Street, eastbound. Note that a stop sign does not exist at that location and no change will occur. This item fixes an error in the TPR. (Ward 1) [12/17/19 @ 1:28 PM]

TC84-19  DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, on behalf of Jesse Corey, requesting that stop sign entries be modified in the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) at two locations. Note that stop signs exist at both intersections, but on opposite approaches, and no change will occur in the field. This item fixes errors in the TPR. The locations include: [12/17/19 @ 1:28 PM]
   a) Brookside Avenue at Albemarle Road. (Ward 3)
   b) Jewett Street at Boyd Street. (Ward 1)
TC83-19  DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, on behalf of Jesse Corey, requesting to remove the following stop sign from the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR): Hillside Road at Terrace Avenue, westbound. Note that there is no stop sign at this location in the field. This item makes no change in the field and fixes a mistake in the TPR. (Ward 6) [12/10/19 @ 4:16 PM]

TC81-19  ARTHUR TELEGEN, 82 Herrick Road, requesting a 3-way stop sign at Herrick Road and Chase Street to enhance safety. (Ward 6) [12/04/19 @ 3:00 P.M.]

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]

TC61-19  DR. THEO HILL, 48 Hollis Street, requesting removal of the following parking prohibitions on Hollis Street a) Prohibited entire length, south, west and north sides. b) Two-hour limit, entire length, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., north, east and south sides to accommodate parking for homeowners. (Ward 1) [09/13/19 @ 4:57 PM]

HELD 5-0, on 11/14/19. Held for a trial of the following: No restrictions, any time, outside of the horseshoe; No parking, any time, inside of the horseshoe.

TC60-19  COUNCILORS DOWNS AND KELLEY, requesting stop signs at the following intersections.... before (north of) Commonwealth Avenue to enhance pedestrian and bike safety on the Commonwealth Avenue Carriage Way. [09/06/19 @ 3:32 PM] (Wards 2,3,4 and 5)

a) Wauwinet Road, southbound, at Commonwealth Avenue, South Drive
b) Prince Street, southbound, at Commonwealth Avenue, South Drive
c) Bristol Road, southbound, at Commonwealth Avenue, South Drive
d) Dartmouth Street, southbound, at Commonwealth Avenue, South Drive
e) Exeter Street, southbound, at Commonwealth Avenue, South Drive
f) Temple Street, southbound, at Commonwealth Avenue, South Drive
g) Wimbledon Circle, southbound, at Commonwealth Avenue, South Drive
h) Chesterfield Road, southbound, at Commonwealth Avenue, South Drive
i) Oldham Road, southbound, at the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue, South Drive, Day Street, and Fuller Street
j) Windermere Road, southbound, at Commonwealth Avenue, South Drive
k) Central Street, southbound, at Commonwealth Avenue, South Drive
l) Rowe Street, southbound, at Commonwealth Avenue, South Drive
m) Islington Road, southbound, at Commonwealth Avenue, South Drive
TC57-19  ISAAC PRIZANT, TRAFFIC ENGINEER, requesting to add into the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) the existing “No Turn on Red” signs on all approaches of Beacon Street/Beethoven Avenue, with the eastbound approach “No Turn on Red” having a restriction of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on school days. (Ward 5) [08/30/19 12:08 PM]

TC55-19  COUNCILORS DOWNS AND KELLEY, requesting to approve a stop sign on the before the Commonwealth Avenue carriageway at Dartmouth Street. (Ward 3) [08/26/19 @ 6:15 PM] Revised 11/29/19

TC54-19  COUNCILORS DOWNS AND KELLEY, requesting to approve a stop sign on the Commonwealth Avenue carriageway at Bristol Road. (Ward 3) [08/26/19 @ 6:15 PM] Revised 11/29/19

TC52-19  ISAAC PRIZANT, TRAFFIC ENGINEER, requesting to approve a stop sign at the Kenrick Terrace southbound approach to Kenrick Street. (Ward 7) [08/23/19 @ 12:19 PM]

TC49-19  ALEX DANNENBERG, 33 The Ledges Road, requesting a parking restriction on the west south side of Bishopsgate Road between 131 Bishopsgate Road and Beacon Street to enhance safety at the blind curve. (Ward 7) [08/16/19 @ 10:47 PM] [REVISED 09/05/19 @ 2:38 PM] HELED 5-0, on 11/14/19. Held for a trial of the following: No parking, any time, west side, Bishopsgate Road, from a point 75 feet south of The Ledges Road to Beacon Street.

TC48-19  ISAAC PRIZANT, TRAFFIC ENGINEER AND CAPTAIN PAUL ANASTASIA, TRAFFIC BUREAU, requesting to add into the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) a) left turn restriction into the Riverside Office Center northerly drive, and a b) right turn and left turn restriction into the Riverside Office Center southerly drive. (Ward 4) [08/06/19 @ 8:56 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] HELED 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] HELED 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.

TC72-18 COUNCILORS MARKIEWICZ AND KRINTZMAN, requesting to change the distribution of time limits in the Lexington Street Public Parking Lot in Auburndale to install reserved spaces for EV Charging Stations and/or EV Shared Vehicles. (Ward 4) [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 Lexington 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.

TC71-18 COUNCILORS LEARY AND GREENBERG, requesting to change the distribution of time limits in the Richardson Street Public Parking Lot in Newton Corner to install reserved spaces for EV Charging Stations and/or EV Shared Vehicles. (Ward 1) [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 Richardson 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.

TC50-18 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, and changes to traffic circulation within and proximate to the Walnut Street corridor in Newtonville, to include abutting blocks of intersecting streets, in order to facilitate the reconstruction of the Walnut Street corridor. (Ward 2) [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, and changes to traffic circulation within and proximate to the Walnut Street corridor in Newtonville, to include abutting blocks of intersecting streets, in order to facilitate the reconstruction of the Walnut 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.

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.
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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.

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.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

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Traffic Council Chair