CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL AGENDA

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020

Traffic Council will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. To view this meeting use this link at the above date and time: https://zoom.us/j/658594592 or call one tap mobile +16465588656,,658594592# US (New York) or dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) Meeting ID: 658 594 592

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

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.

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] HELD 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.

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 and from Beacon Street, eastbound onto Langley Road. (Ward 6)  [01/21/20 @ 5:19 PM] [REVISED 03/31/20 @ 1:32 PM]

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TC18-20 JASON SOBEL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS, requesting review and possible changes to the stop signs located at the intersection of Lake Avenue and Rogers Street. Note that the stop sign currently posted at the intersection of Lake Avenue and Rogers Street, northbound, is not currently included in the City’s Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR), and this item corrects that error and possibly creates an all-way stop at this intersection. (Ward 6) [03/16/20 @ 8:55 AM]

It is the Chair’s intention to entertain a motion to vote No Action Necessary on the following item:

TC19-20 COUNCILORS DANBERG, NOEL AND BOWMAN, requesting a discussion and possible action on increasing safety of pedestrians at the intersection of Lake Avenue and Rogers Street in Newton Centre. (Ward 6) [03/16/20 @ 11:37 AM]

TC21-20 COUNCILOR KELLEY, requesting to add an accessible parking space on Elm Street next to or in front of Paddy's Public House. (Ward 3) [03/24/20 @ 12:40 PM]

TC48-19 ISAAC PRIZANT, TRAFFIC ENGINEER AND CAPTAIN PAUL ANASTASIA, TRAFFIC BUREAU, requesting to add into the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) a 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]

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.

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.

TC23-20 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting to add a School Zone for the Horace Mann School on Nevada Street into the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR), and to remove the following school zones from the TPR for locations that no longer meet current school zone requirements: Watertown Street and Albemarle Road for the old Horace Mann School, Grove Street for the old Hamilton School, and Lowell Avenue abutting the site of the old Newton North High School. (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4) [03/31/20 @ 1:40 PM]

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

TC24-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to modify Sec. TPR-147 Obedience to isolated stop signs. to match existing conditions at the intersection of Pleasant Street at Chapin Road. This item makes no change in the field. (Ward ) [04/03/20 @ 10:48 AM]

TC22-20 STEVEN DONATO, 1231 Washington Street, requesting 2-hour parking meters be installed at a) 1203 Washington Street and b) 1213-1215 Washington Street to allow customer parking at these locations. (Ward 3) [03/11/20 @ 10:49 AM]

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]

TC17-20 MATTHEW KALISKY, 239 Watertown Street, on behalf of Jesse Corey, 64 Oak Cliff Road, requesting on the north side of Watertown Street in Nonantum between Adams Street and Bridge Street the removal of 2-3 metered parking spaces, closest to Adams Street, in order for MBTA buses 59 outbound and 558 inbound to pull over to board and alight passengers. Currently, the bus stop is within the main travel lane. (Ward 1) [03/05/20 @ 2:50 PM]

TC16-20 COUNCILORS BOWMAN, DANBERG AND NOEL, requesting to approve stop signs on the Pleasant Street southbound and westbound approaches at Lake Avenue to create an all-way stop. (Ward 6) [03/03/20 @ 3:24 PM]
COUNCILORS BOWMAN, DANBERG AND NOEL, requesting to prohibit parking all days and all times on the east side of Pleasant Street, beginning at the intersection with Lake Avenue heading northerly 85 feet, to provide for safe maneuverability around the Pleasant Street and Lake Avenue intersection. (Ward 6) [03/03/20 @ 3:24 PM]

COUNCILORS BOWMAN, DANBERG AND NOEL, requesting to extend the blue zone on the east side of Pleasant Street to a point 20 feet north of Tyler Terrace. (Ward 6) [03/03/20 @ 3:24 PM]

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]

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]

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]

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.

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
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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.

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,

David Koses, Transportation Coordinator
Traffic Council Chair