CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL AGENDA

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

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ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

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]

TC15-20 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]

TC14-20 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]

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]

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TC74-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to insert into the provision of Sec. TPR-146. Flashing Warning light locations, on River Street at Elm Court (pedestrian activated RRFB). (Ward 3) [04/24/20 @ 10:30 AM]

TC75-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to insert into the provision of Sec. TPR-146. Flashing Warning light locations on Cabot Street at Blake Street (pedestrian activated RRFB). (Ward 2) [04/24/20 @ 10:30 AM]

TC76-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to insert into the provision of Sec. TPR-146. Flashing Warning light locations on East Side Parkway at Winchester Street (pedestrian activated RRFB). (Ward 1 & 2) [04/24/20 @ 10:30 AM]

TC77-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the following entry from TPR-85. One-way streets: Page Road: (1) from Lowell Avenue westerly to Watertown Street, and to add the following entry into Sec. TPR-85. One-way streets: Page Road: (1) from Lowell Avenue westerly to Walker Street. Note that this item does not make any changes in the field and fixes an error in the TPR. (Ward 2) [04/24/20 @ 10:30 AM]

TC78-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to insert into the provision of Sec. TPR-85. One-way streets, the following: Dolphin Road from Mandalay Road to Fellsmere Road. Note that this item does not make any changes in the field and fixes an omission in the TPR. (Ward 7) [04/24/20 @ 10:30 AM]

TC79-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the following entry from TPR-85. One-way streets: Gibbs Street, from Centre Street easterly to end, and to add the following entry into TPR-85. One-way streets: Gibbs Street from Centre Street to Sumner Street. Note that this item does not make any changes in the field and fixes an error in the TPR. (Ward 6) [04/24/20 @ 10:30 AM]

TC80-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the following entry from TPR-85. One-way streets: Hammond Street from Priscilla Road to Beacon Street and to add the following entry into TPR-85. One-way streets: Hammond Street from Priscilla Road to College Road. Note that this item does not make any changes in the field and fixes an error in the TPR. (Ward 7) [04/24/20 @ 10:30 AM]

TC81-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the following entry from TPR-85. One-way streets: Irving Street from Commonwealth Avenue to Ward Street and to add the following entry into Sec. TPR-85. One-way streets: Irving Street, from Commonwealth Avenue North Drive to Ward Street. Note that this item does not make any changes in the field and fixes an error in the TPR. (Ward 7) [04/24/20 @ 10:30 AM]
TC82-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the following entry from TPR-85. One-way streets: Langley Road, from Centre Street easterly to Crescent Avenue and to add the following entry into Sec. TPR-85. One-way streets: Langley Road, from Centre Street to Sumner Street. Note that this item does not make any changes in the field and fixes an error in the TPR. (Ward 6) [04/24/20 @ 10:30 AM]

TC83-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the following entry from TPR-85. One-way streets: Sumner Street (2) from Willow Street to Beacon Street, and to add the following entry into Sec. TPR-85. One-way streets: Sumner Street (2) from Beacon Street to Willow Street. Note that this item does not make any changes in the field and fixes an error in the TPR. (Ward 6) [04/24/20 @ 10:30 AM]

TC84-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the following entry from TPR-147 Obedience to isolated stop signs: Pleasant Street at Chapin Road, northbound. Note that this item does not make any changes in the field. (Ward 6) [04/24/20 @ 10:30 AM]

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

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 6) [04/03/20 @ 10:48 AM]

TC85-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the following entry from TPR-85. One-way streets: Nonantum Street Nonantum Street, from Marlboro Street westerly to Waverley Avenue, Ward 7, and to add the following entry into Sec. TPR-85. One-way streets: Nonantum Street, from Shornecliffe Road to Waverley Avenue. Note that this item does not make any changes in the field and fixes an error in the TPR. (Ward 1) [04/24/20 @ 10:30 AM]

TC86-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the following entry from TPR-85. One-way streets: Phillips Street, from Commonwealth Avenue southeasterly to Bourne Street, and to add the following entry into Sec. TPR-85. One-way streets: Phillips Street from Bourne Street to Commonwealth Avenue. Note that this item does not make any changes in the field and fixes an error in the TPR. (Ward 4) [04/24/20 @ 10:30 AM]

TC87-20 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to add the following entry into TPR-147 Obedience to isolated stop signs: Crescent Street at Robinhood Street, northbound. Note that this item does not make any changes in the field and fixes an omission in the TPR. (Ward 4) [04/24/20 @ 10:30 AM]
TC88-20  DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the following entry from TPR-147 Obedience to isolated stop signs: Evelyn Road at Beacon Street, southbound. Note that this item does not make any changes in the field and fixes an error in the TPR. (Ward 5)  [04/24/20 @ 10:30 AM]

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

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]

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. 

HELD 5-0 on 04/16/20. Held to continue the following trial: No restrictions, any time, outside of the horseshoe; No parking, any time, inside of the horseshoe.

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]
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.
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.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Transportation Coordinator
Traffic Council Chair