

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015

Present: Ald. Ciccone (Chair), Yates, Cote, Fuller, Lipof, Schwartz and Harney

Absent: Ald. Johnson

Also Present: Ald. Gentile and Sangiolo

City Staff: Shane Mark, Director of Operations, Department of Public Works; William Paille, Director of Transportation; David Koses, Transportation Coordinator and Sgt. Jay Babcock, Newton Police Department

Others Present: Patrick Sullivan, Director of Policy & Outreach, 128 Business Council; Bri Murphy, Facilities Coordinator and Sharon Francis, Office Manager, TripAdvisor, LLC.

#201-13(3) 128 BUSINESS COUNCIL, requesting an amendment to board order #201-13(2) of the Needham Shuttle Bus License, which includes revisions and approval to change bus operator and vehicle specifications. [05/08/15 @ 9:21 AM]

ACTION: APPROVED 6-0-1, Ald. Yates abstaining

NOTE: Mr. Sullivan and Sgt. Babcock joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Mr. Sullivan said that he is requesting an amendment to board order #201-13(2), permit to operate the Needham Shuttle due to 128 Business Council changing its vendor from Local Motion, Inc. to TransAction Associates, Inc. for consistency purposes only. 128 Business Council operates nine shuttle buses. One shuttle operates in Newton and eight shuttles operate out of Lexington and Waltham. Over the past three years, TransAction Associates, Inc. has been providing service for eight shuttles and Local Motion, Inc. one shuttle. It only makes sense for TransAction Associates to provide all services.

The new vehicle is a 2013 Starcraft Ford Chassis, with a seating capacity of 33 passengers and a backup camera. Sgt. Babcock stated that Officer Marini inspected this vehicle and that the Police Department has no concerns with the vehicle and operator.

Committee members asked the followed questions: Please compare this vehicle with the previous vehicle? Please describe the street-use of the route. Is the shuttle meeting full capacity of 33 passengers? Is the shuttle open to the public? Has MassDOT contacted 128 Business Council regarding the reconstruction of the Needham Street corridor? Please provide ridership data if available.

Mr. Sullivan answered that this vehicle is smaller. The route has not changed from the board order dated September 2014. 128 Business Council operates Monday – Friday during morning and afternoon peak hours. Commuters are picked up at the Newton Highlands Station using Elliot, Oak and Woodward Streets. In 2014, 128 Business Council provided 2400 shuttles; the

shuttle is a free service and is open to the public. The shuttle service is advertised on 128 Business Council website and Google Transit. Signs are not posted on any City street. Mr. Sullivan did not know if 128 Business Council has been in contact with MassDOT regarding the reconstruction. He then said that 128 Business Council collects ridership data on a weekly basis, per ride, per building.

Committee members agree that 128 Business Council provides a great free-service to their employees and to the public. Without further discussion, Ald. Lipof made the motion to approve a new bus operator and vehicle. Council members agreed 6-0-1, Ald. Yates abstaining. A Committee member encouraged 128 Business Council and Trip Advisor work together.

#138-15 TRIP ADVISOR, requesting **four (4) new bus licenses** to provide employee-only shuttle service. [05/26/15 @ 10:37 AM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0-1, Ald. Yates abstaining**

NOTE: Ms. Murphy, Ms. Francis and Sgt. Babcock joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Ms. Francis said that she is requesting these bus licenses to provide employee-only, 100% free of cost shuttle service to their employees and approximately 90 interns. Trip Advisor will be using TransAction Associates, Inc. as their vendor. The shuttle operates in Newton, Monday – Friday during morning and afternoon peak hours. The employees are picked up at the Newton Highlands Station using Needham, Oak, Eliot, Lincoln, Walnut and Winchester Streets to headquarters at 141 Needham Street. Inter-office employees also use this shuttle. Trip Advisor also offers service from Cambridge to headquarters, and offer Uber for after-hour shuttle hours.

The vehicles have a seating capacity of 24 or 30 passengers with backup cameras. Sgt. Babcock stated that he has inspected these vehicles and that the Police Department has no concerns with the vehicles, operator or routes. The routes mimic 128 Business Council's routes. He then described the vehicles. The 24 capacity shuttles are 2013-2014 models, the 33 capacity shuttle is a 2015 model. TransAction Associates, Inc. is a well-known corporate business.

Committee members asked the followed questions: Is the shuttle meeting full capacity of 24 or 30 passengers? Does Trip Advisor coordinate their routes with MBTA Bus 59 and 59A? It is concerning to hear that Trip Advisor only offers an employee-only shuttle service and is not open to the public as 128 Business Council offers as they mimic almost the same route perhaps being more convenient by offering the service to more people.

Ms. Francis answered that the buses usually meet full capacity and they do not coordinate their routes with the MBTA. Trip Advisor is hopeful that in the future they can broaden their service. Property management requires Trip Advisor to provide this service. In the future, 128 Business Council will provide shuttle service to additional businesses in the complex. Trip Advisor anticipates completing their move from 141 Needham Street to 400 First Avenue by July 10.

A member asked Sgt. Babcock to describe the Newton Highlands station and is space adequate to accommodate the MBTA, 128 Business Council and perhaps Trip Advisor?

Sgt. Babcock answered that he spoken with the MBTA and there appears to be no concerns. 128 Business Council and Trip Advisor pickup at different times and the shuttle buses are labeled.

Without further discussion, Ald. Fuller made a motion to approve these four new bus licenses. Council members agreed 6-0-1, Ald. Yates abstaining. A Committee member encouraged 128 Business Council and Trip Advisor work together.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#129-15 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of improving the traffic signals at several intersections in Auburndale and traffic improvements in Nonantum and Oak Hill, as well as other areas of the City.
[05/11/15 @ 5:00 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0-1, Ald. Schwartz abstaining**

NOTE: Ald. Gentile, Mr. Mark and Mr. Paille joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Committee members were provided with locations and projected costs where traffic signals are slated for improvement. Mr. Mark stated that the City is striving to be pro-active with traffic signal upgrades. The City has prioritized traffic signals requiring upgrades, timing adjustments and hardware. A goal is to complete as many of the projects as possible with this funding. The Auburndale project is estimated at approximately 1.2 million in projected costs for construction and implementation. The \$800,000 remaining funds would go towards as many projects in Nonantum and Oak Hill as possible. This appropriation also allows the City to have the intersections designed and simple upgrades made in Nonantum and Oak Hill. The majority of the funding is for construction.

Ald. Gentile stated that the Auburndale project, Nahanton and Winchester Streets projects would be referred to the Public Facilities Committee due to the proposed geometric changes. If there are no geometric changes, a project does not need to be referred. He requests that Mr. Mark and Mr. Paille report and update this Committee, as needed. Mr. Paille and Mr. Mark agreed. Mr. Paille said that he would provide an update to the Public Facilities Committee if requested on the Watertown and Pearl Streets traffic signalization improvement even though road geometry will not change. It is necessary to approve this appropriation as requested to keep projects and design work moving forward.

Mr. Paille answered that approximately two years ago all City intersections were prioritized by age, needs, traffic volume and accident data.

Committee members requested a detailed construction list including any geometry changes, if necessary, locations, break down of costs, equipment, timeline and an implementation plan. Committee members then asked how the seventeen intersections were prioritized and asked that they be provided the list.

Chair Ciccone requested that backup material be provided to Committee members when a project is slated to begin. Mr. Paille agreed.

Without further discussion, Ald. Lipof made the motion to approve this appropriation. Committee members agreed 6-0-1, Ald. Schwartz abstaining. Ald. Schwartz abstained awaiting information as requested.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#130-15 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of improving traffic signalization at several intersections throughout the City.
[05/11/15 @ 5:00 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 6-0-1, Ald. Schwartz abstaining**

NOTE: Ald. Gentile, Mr. Mark and Mr. Paille joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Committee members were provided with locations and projected costs where traffic signals are slated for improvement. The Nonantum projects are estimated at approximately \$150,000.

Without discussion, Ald. Lipof made the motion to approve this appropriation. Committee members agreed 6-0-1, Ald. Schwartz abstaining. Ald. Schwartz abstained awaiting information as requested in docket #129-15.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#465-14 ALD. SANGIOLO, GENTILE AND HARNEY, requesting a discussion regarding reducing the fee charged to residents for permit parking programs.
[11/17/14 @ 12:40 PM]

HELD 6-0 on 01/07/15

ACTION: **HELD 6-0, Ald. Lipof not voting on 06/03/15**

NOTE: Ald. Sangiolo, Mr. Koses and Sgt. Babcock joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Committee members and Sgt. Babcock reviewed data (current as of May 29, 2015) as requested on the total number of permits issued by the Police Department including residential, business, school staff, visitor placards and student permits. Sgt. Babcock stated that in calendar year 2014, 954 permits were issued. Thus far, in 2015, 1,059 permits have been issued. The number of permits is higher in 2015 due to Auburndale Resident and Business Permit Parking Plan being implemented.

The majority of residents purchase their permit in January, February and March of the calendar year. The majority of students purchase their permit in August and September. Each resident parking permit includes two free visitor passes. A resident is entitled to receive free visitor passes with proof of residency even if they do not want to purchase a permit. Visitor passes are not issued when business or school permits are issued. Business permits are 'moveable' within

employees as long as their vehicle is registered with the Police Department. He then said that the Police Department is absorbing the cost on these permits; it is costing the department more than \$25.00 to implement the program.

Committee members expressed their concerns, questions, suggestions and comments. It is unfair to residents who live in congested areas of the City to have to purchase permits. 244 residential permits at \$25 each have been issued since January 2015 equaling \$6,100 revenue. The City should absorb the fees allowing resident free residential parking permits. Fees charged for resident parking permits should not be a financial penalty and should not be an inconvenience to residents. City taxes should include resident parking permit fees and include supplementing the Police Department for their costs. The \$25.00 Tiger Permit fee should remain in effect because it is a privilege.

Mr. Koses explained the following costs and suggested that they be considered for equality. Newton North High School \$25.00 Tiger Permit, per year. Newton South High School approximately \$300.00, per year. Perhaps these should be equal costs. The Auburndale Village employee permit cost \$25.00.

Ald. Sangiolo requested this item be held while she has a discussion with the Executive Department to determine a process to move forward on reducing or eliminating the fee charged to residents for permit parking programs perhaps offering a new docket item.

As requested, Ald. Yates made a motion to hold. Committee members agreed 6-0, Ald. Lipof not voting.

#310-14 ALD. YATES requesting a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor asking that the Director of Public Engagement develop a public outreach program in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation re the Add-a-Lane Project on Route 128, including but not limited to emails to aldermen and members of the Upper Falls, Waban, and Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Councils, and create a prominent link on the city's website to the new Department of Transportation website page on the project. [07/31/14 @ 12:12 PM]

ACTION: **HELD 6-0, Ald. Lipof not voting on 06/03/15**

NOTE: Chair Ciccone stated that the link to the Add-a-Lane update project from MassDOT- the official website of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division is located on the City website front page (City News) or at <http://www.newtonma.gov> (**Add-a-Lane Updates from Mass DOT**) for information including the project area, project overview, construction and traffic management, project status, and getting involved. This site allows you to sign up for email updates, send questions/comments and includes contact information to MassDOT on this project. He then stated that he was informed that MassDOT would not be notifying City area councils. The Executive Administration agreed to provide the link to MassDOT as requested in the docket item.

Ald. Yates requested this item be held until MassDOT provides an update and conversation on the Add-a-Lane project to the Board of Aldermen on Thursday, June 18. He was hopeful that

MassDOT would notify citizens of upcoming and ongoing meetings, but now understands that this is not possible.

Aldermen and Committee members suggested the following:

Suggestions:

- Notify and encourage constituents and various Area Councils to sign up on MassDOT website to receive email updates.
- Inform constituents of the June 18 meeting.
- Post community message boards with Add-a-lane project information.
- Advertise the MassDOT link on Village Day.

Ald. Yates made a motion to hold this item anticipating the June 18 meeting. He agreed to a no action necessary vote on June 17, 2015. Committee members agreed 6-0, Ald. Lipof not voting.

At approximately 9:20 pm, Ald. Yates made a motion to adjourn. Committee members agreed 6-0, Ald. Lipof not voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman



May 7, 2015

Danielle Delaney, Committee Clerk
Newton Board of Alderman
Public Safety & Transportation Committee
1000 Commonwealth Ave
Newton, MA 02459

RE: Request to Amend Board Order # 201-13(2)

Mrs. Delaney:

128 Business Council is requesting to amend Board Order # 201-13(2).

128 Business Council has operated the Needham Shuttle since 2001. The shuttle provides a transit connection between Newton Highlands Station and employers in Newton and Needham. The shuttle operates on weekdays from 6:30AM-9:50AM and from 3:43PM-6:40pm. We recently changed shuttle vendors, and would like to request that Board Order # 201-13(2) reflect our new bus operator and new shuttle vehicle.

Bus Operator:

TransAction Associates, Inc.
5 Wheeling Avenue
Woburn, MA 01801

Vehicle Specifications:

2013 Starcraft Ford Chassis
Seating Capacity: 33, not ADA accessible
Propulsion system: Ten cylinder, gas vehicle
Vehicle features: GPS, 2-way radio, backup camera

Sincerely,
Patrick Sullivan
Director of Policy & Outreach

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2015 MAY -8 AM 9:21
DAVID A. OLSON, CMO
NEWTON, MA 02459

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#201-13(3)

#201-13(2)

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

September 15, 2014

The Board of Aldermen, pursuant to the provisions of Section 19-361 et. Seq. of the Revised Ordinances, as amended, hereby AMEND license #201-13, issued on July 14, 2013 to

The 128 Business Council
395 Totten Pond Road
Waltham, MA 02454-1290

Through its bus operator:
Local Motion, Inc.
66B Rocsam Park Road
Braintree, MA 02184

to operate a motor vehicle for the carriage of passengers for hire over ways in the City of Newton as follows:

1. Include as destinations: 320 Needham Street, Newton, and Needham Crossing Office Park via Needham Street stops.
2. In Street Use eliminate Columbus Street and Forest Street
3. In Street Use add Elliot Street, Oak Street, and Woodward Street.
4. All other conditions in license #201-13 shall remain in effect.

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
22 yeas 0 nays 1 absent (Alderman Lappin) 1 vacancy



(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk



(SGD) SCOTT D. WARREN

Mayor

Date: 9/14/15

To whomever this concerns,

Please see below for the specifications relating to the in-house shuttle service that TripAdvisor, LLC is seeking to run for the benefit of its employees. Please note that this service (no fare), is run purely as an employee-only benefit to curb traffic congestion and fuel omissions, as well as providing a safe reliable way of travel to work for those who do not own vehicles. As roughly 20 percent of our employees take advantage of this service, it has the prospect of reducing the number of cars on Newton roads by almost 150 people.

Our proposed pick-up location for two shuttles is the Newton Highlands transit stop at 1170 Walnut Street, Newton Highlands, MA 02461. The drop-off location will be the TripAdvisor headquarters' at 141 Needham Street, Newton, MA 02464.

Our proposed pick-up location for the other two shuttles is the Central Square transit stop at 220 Prospect Street, Cambridge, MA 02139. The drop-off location will be the TripAdvisor headquarters' at 141 Needham Street, Newton, MA 02464.

Number of Vehicles: Four (4) vehicles

Types of buses: Turtle Top Odyssey, Two (1) 8 Cylinders and gas and Two (2) 10 cylinders and gas

Seat count: Two (2) 24 passengers and two (2) 30 passengers

Accessibility: No handicapped accessible seats

Backup Camera: Yes

Hours of Operation: Weekdays 7:15 – 10:30am and 4:30 – 7:00pm

Transportation Company: TransAction Associates, LLC

Streets in proposed route(s)

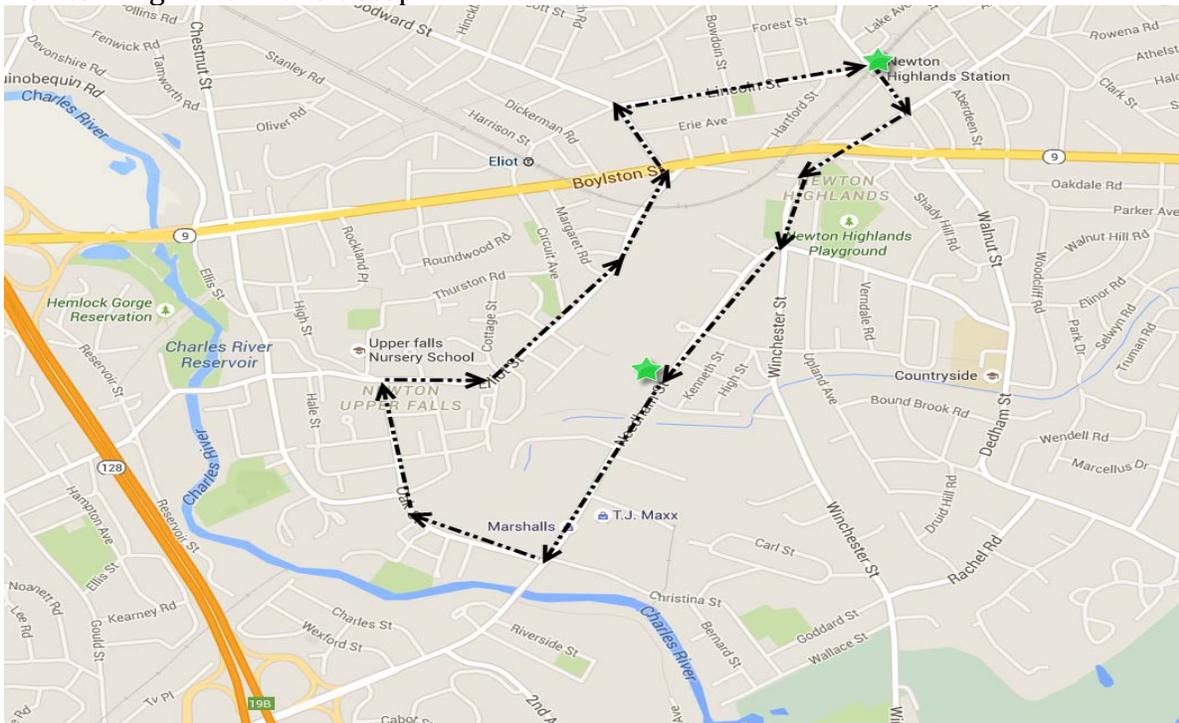
Newton Highlands transit stop:

Needham Street
Oak Street
Eliot Street
Lincoln Street
Walnut Street
Winchester Street

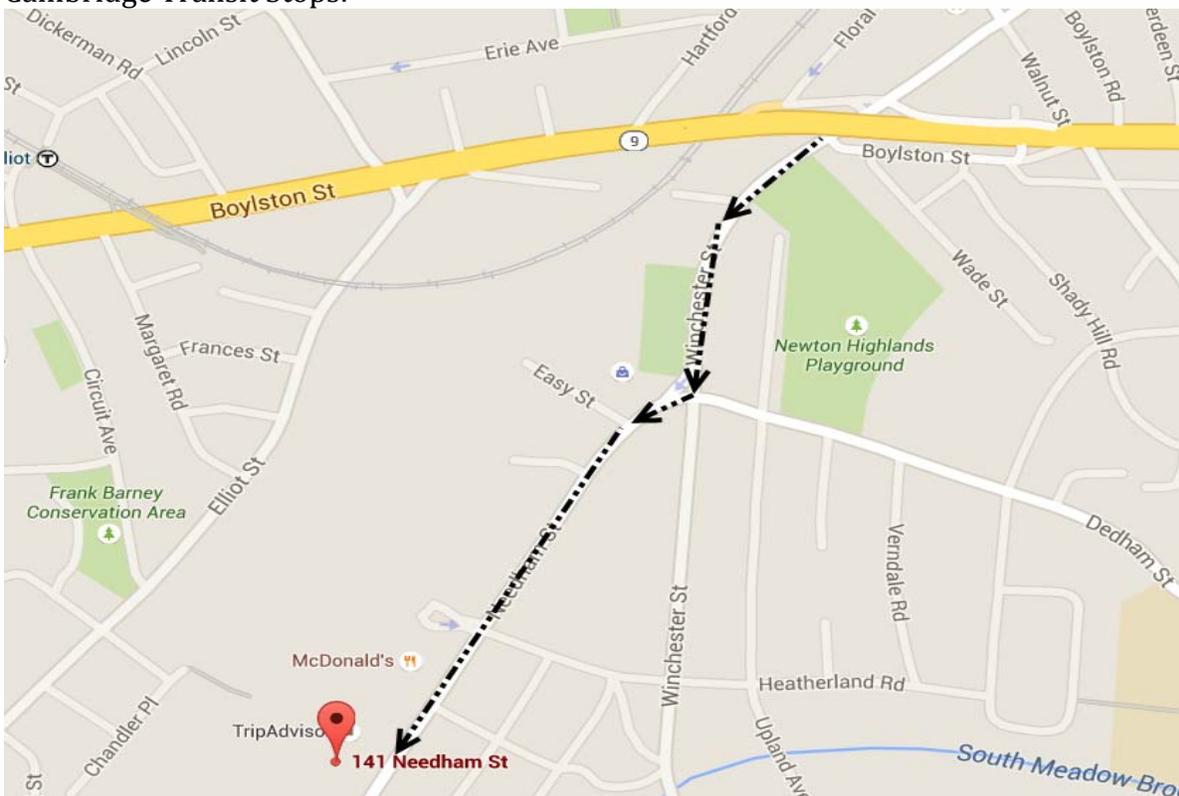
Cambridge transit stops:

Centre Street
Needham Street

Newton Highland Transit Stop:



Cambridge Transit Stops:





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May 13, 2015

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Newton Centre, MA 02459

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2015 MAY 13 AM 11:22
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Newton, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board amend my original request of May 11, 2015 by replacing the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) with the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and by expanding the scope of traffic improvements to include Nonantum and Oak Hill, as well as other areas of the City.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren
Mayor

1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, Massachusetts 02459

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May 11, 2015

Honorable Board of Aldermen
Newton City Hall
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Newton Centre, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to authorize the appropriation of \$1,500,000 and authorize a general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the purpose of improving the traffic signals at several intersections in Auburndale.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren
Mayor

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The monies would be used on the following locations pertaining to Auburndale Square: Projected cost \$1.2 mil

*Commonwealth Ave @ Lexington Street
Commonwealth Ave @ Melrose Street
Lexington @ Wolcott Street
Lexington @ Auburndale Avenue*



projected cost 1.2 Mil

The remaining funds would go towards as many of the following as possible Est remaining \$800,000

*Watertown Street @ Adams Street
California Street @ Bridge Street
Nahanton Street @ Winchester Street
Washington Street @ Auburn Street
Washington Street @ Perkins Street
Washington Street @ Prospect Street*



projected cost \$150,000

projected cost \$75,000

projected cost \$250,000

projected cost \$375,000



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May 11, 2015

Honorable Board of Aldermen
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to appropriate the sum of \$150,000 from June 30, 2014 Certified Free Cash for the purpose of improving traffic signalization at several intersections throughout the City.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren
Mayor

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REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#130-15 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of improving traffic signalization at several intersections throughout the City. [05/11/15 @ 5:00 PM]

We would also use the funds to complete as much as possible for the project below.

Watertown Street @ Capital Street
Watertown Street @ Pearl Street



projected cost \$150,000

CITY OF NEWTON PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM

TYPE OF PERMIT	# OF PERMITS' ISSUED
AUBURNDALE RESIDENT PERMIT	32
AUBURNDALE RESIDENT VISITOR PLACARD	69
AUBURNDALE BUSINESS PERMIT	67
NEWTONVILLE RESIDENT PERMIT	65
NEWTONVILLE RESIDENT VISITOR PLACARD	130
CITY WIDE RESIDENT PERMIT	147
CITY WIDE RESIDENT VISITOR PLACARD	352
CARR SCHOOL STAFF PERMIT	39
UNDERWOOD SCHOOL STAFF PERMIT	8
NEWTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL TIGER/STUDENT PERMIT	150

TOTAL PERMITS- RESIDENTIAL	244
TOTAL PERMITS- BUSINESS	67
TOTAL PERMITS- SCHOOL STAFF	47
TOTAL VISITOR PLACARDS	551
TOTAL TIGER/STUDENT PERMITS	150

CITY OF NEWTONIN BOARD OF ALDERMENPUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015

Present: Ald. Ciccone (Chair), Yates, Cote, Fuller, Lipof, and Schwartz

Absent: Ald. Johnson and Harney

Also Present: Ald. Crossley (Chair), Lennon, Gentile, Albright, Lappin, Danberg, Laredo, Brousal-Glaser, Sangiolo and Norton

City Staff: David Turocy, Commissioner of Public Works; Joshua Morse, Commissioner of Public Buildings; Maureen Lemieux, Chief of Staff/Chief Financial Officer; Chief Bruce Proia, Newton Fire Department; Rob Garrity, Director of Sustainability; Capt. Marc Gromada and Sgt. Jay Babcock, Newton Police Department and David Koses, Transportation Coordinator

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#465-14 ALD. SANGIOLO, GENTILE AND HARNEY, requesting a discussion regarding reducing the fee charged to residents for permit parking programs. [11/17/14 @ 12:40 PM]

ACTION: **HELD 6-0****NOTE:** Ald. Gentile, Sangiolo, Norton, Mr. Koses, Sgt. Babcock and Capt. Gromada joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Ald. Sangiolo and Gentile informed Committee members that they docketed this item after receiving complaints from constituents regarding the implementation of a \$25.00 permit fee per sticker for the Auburndale Village Parking District Plan. It appears some residents are unhappy with parking being eliminated in front of their homes or that they have to purchase resident permits. What used to be free is now costing \$25.00 per year, per permit. Residents were happy prior to the Auburndale Village Parking District Plan being implemented. They said that they informed their constituents that they would docket an item researching the possibility to either reduce or eliminate the permit fee.

Capt. Gromada and Sgt. Babcock said that the Police Department is absorbing the cost on these permits; it is costing the department more than \$25.00 to implement the program. The department purchases the stickers, pays the issuing clerks salary, pays overtime costs, if necessary and installs necessary information into the hand-held computers. The City pays to install the permit signs.

If permit fees are reduced or eliminated perhaps residents in areas of other approved parking plans will request a refund or a fee reduction. Residents are unhappy when parking is eliminated in front of their homes unless it is for their use. Initially when the Newtonville Neighborhood Parking District Plan was implemented, residents were complaining of the \$25.00 fee.

A paid resident permit allows residents to override a parking restriction. Permit fees are \$25.00 for the entire year and each violation is \$25.00. Each parking permit includes two free visitor

passes. Sgt. Babcock noted that a number of years ago, the Board of Aldermen approved a \$25.00 resident permit-parking fee prior to any of the neighborhood-parking plan being implemented, residents did not complain.

This year, the department has issued approximately 1,000 stickers at \$25.00 each. Residents are complaining to them that the department only issues permits weekdays until 5pm. The department is discussing an option to allow residents the ability to renew and pay on-line, which would lower department costs. Sgt. Babcock noted the following fees charged for permit parking in neighboring communities: Cambridge and Brookline are \$25.00, Brookline is \$25.00, Watertown charges a fee and Waltham is free (does not have a permit-parking program). Employees in the Auburndale Village Parking District Plan area purchase parking permits for \$25.00. Brookline charges \$500.00 for employee parking permits.

Committee members expressed their concerns, questions/suggestions and comments.

Concerns

- Some Committee members feel that the fees should not be reduced or eliminated due to a few complaints.
- Understanding the difference between paying taxes and fees are necessary. Fees are charged to residents requiring unique needs such as parking.
- Fees charged for resident parking permits should not be a financial penalty and should not be an inconvenience to residents.
- A \$25.00 permit fee is concerning to residents.

Questions/Suggestions

- Is it right to charge residents to pay a fee allowing them to park on their street?
- Track the number of complaints received.
- Are residents requesting permit plans be implemented?
- Some resident do not desire parking permit plans.
- Determine how parking plans are approved and decided.
- Survey residents inquiring if parking permit plans are beneficial for them.

Comments

- Some Committee members said that the parking permit allows residents to park on their street and allows them to override parking restrictions without receiving violations. A cost is necessary and the City should not absorb the fees.
- Some Committee members and Aldermen present said that the City taxes should include resident parking permit fees and include supplementing the Police Department for their costs.
- Committee members said that there would be additional resident parking permit programs implemented Citywide and fees should be considered and discussed.
- Significant Police presence is necessary to enforce these parking plans.

Mr. Koses explained the three different \$25.00 permit fees. Resident permits cost \$25.00, Tiger permits cost \$25.00 and Auburndale Village employee permits cost \$25.00. Ald. Gentile noted that he is not suggesting eliminating or reducing permit fees for the Tiger permits or Auburndale Village employee permits. He is only suggesting resident permit fees be eliminated or reduced. Mr. Koses said that the Newtonville Neighborhood Parking District Plan included sixty streets. Since implementation, some residents have docketed items for Traffic Council's consideration either to be eliminated or added into the neighborhood-parking program. The Auburndale Village Parking District Plan is the same process where abutters may petition Traffic Council. It

is an easy process to complete. Ald. Sangiolo said that as a last resort, Traffic Council implements resident parking restrictions after conducting trials.

Ald. Sangiolo asked for statistics of overtime paid to process the permit and the number of permits issued. Sgt. Babcock answered that the department started issuing permits on December 17. He is hopeful all permits will be issued by January 31.

Ald. Fuller made the motion to hold this item on the following three parking districts including Newtonville Neighborhood Parking District Plan, Carr School Traffic and Parking Plan and Auburndale Village Parking District Plan regarding residential parking permits (only) to eliminate the fee charged to residents while maintaining the parking programs. She then suggested collecting additional data if possible.

Ald. Lipof made the motion to hold this item. Committee members agreed 6-0. The docketers agreed to hold this item and discuss again in the near future with data including the number of residents purchasing permits and the number of residents who do not purchase permits. They understand that residents may always petition Traffic Council to change, opt in or opt out of the program. Ald. Fuller requested that this report reflect a potential motion in the future on the following three parking districts including Newtonville, Carr School Traffic and Parking Plan and the Auburndale Village Parking District Plan residential permit parking permits (only) to eliminate fees charged to residents while maintaining the parking programs.



#310-14
as of 05-15-15

- Special Permits
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Add-a-Lane Updates from Mass DOT

Sign up for e-mail updates and information on Mass DOT's Add-a-Lane project [here](#).

Download the App! WebQA/311

Download the Newton 311 app and report an issue, ask a question or enter a service request from your smartphone.



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Memorial Day Parade

NEWTON MEMORIAL VETERANS PARADE
Sunday, May 17, 2015
Starting at 2pm at Newton North

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Yard Waste Collections Have Resumed

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Friday, May 15, 2015 • 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Special Electronic Recycling Drop-Offs

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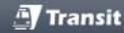
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Project Area

The work on I-95 begins approximately 1,000 feet north of the Needham Branch RR Bridge in Needham and continues to 5,000 feet north of Route 9 in Wellesley, approximately 3.8 miles.

Project Overview

This project is the sixth and final contract associated with the overall effort to provide an additional travel lane and shoulder toward the median on I-95 from approximately the Route 24 interchange in Randolph to the Route 9 interchange in Wellesley. This additional roadway widening includes restoring the proper functional use of the breakdown lane in each direction.

The work to be done under this Contract consists of adding an additional travel lane and shoulder to I-95 (Route 128) northbound and southbound toward the median along the entire length of the project. A new interchange will be constructed at Kendrick Street, along with new collector-distributor roadways between Kendrick Street and Highland Avenue. The existing interchanges at Highland Avenue and Route 9 will be modified to improve safety and mobility. The introduction of the new collector distributor roads as well as the improved interchange design will improve safety and significantly reduce the diversion of traffic to parallel local roads.

Four new bridges will be constructed as part of this project; Kendrick Street over I-95, Ramp K -1 over K-2 at the Kendrick Street Interchange, Highland Avenue over I-95 and I-95 over Route 9. The bridge work also includes widening the bridge carrying I-95 over Central Avenue and the demolition of the MBTA Railroad Bridge over I-95. There are also a total of 18 new retaining walls and seven separate noise barrier segments that will be constructed as part of this project.

Construction and Traffic Management

Throughout the week of April 20th, Barletta Heavy Division (BHD), MassDOT's contractor for the Route 128 Add-a-Lane Bridge V project, will continue construction operations. Work will be performed during both the standard working hours of 7:00AM to 3:00PM and a third shift of 7:00PM to 5:00AM.

Work during the third shift will be located on the Route 128 mainline and require the closure of two highway lanes which is prohibited during standard working hours. Work on the mainline will include the installation of temporary barrier and impact attenuators. Noise monitoring for night work will continue.

During standard working hours, work will focus on the Kendrick Street Bridge, the Highland Avenue Bridge, and the MBTA Railroad Bridge. Work on the MBTA Railroad Bridge will include the removal of its structural deck. At the Kendrick Street Bridge, work will focus on excavation and installation of walls, installation of tiebacks and lagging, demolition of the existing abutments and excavation for the new bridge footings. At the Highland Avenue site, work will focus on the installation of tiebacks and lagging, excavation for the east and west abutments, as well as forming and reinforcing the bridge pier footings. All work will be contained within existing work zones and vehicular travel will be maintained in its current configuration on all local roads.

MassDOT has completed implementation of the revised Kendrick Traffic plan. MassDOT will continue to evaluate the traffic improvements to make adjustments as necessary.

Project Status

On July 22, 2014, MassDOT opened bids for this contract and a total of five (5) bids were received. Barletta Heavy Division, Inc. was the lowest responsible and eligible bidder with a bid price of \$137,590,000.00. A contract has been executed with Barletta and they received Notice to Proceed in November 2014. Construction will begin in early 2015 and is expected to be completed in Spring 2019. The contract includes an interim milestone that requires a portion of the new Kendrick Street Interchange to be open to traffic in the Fall 2016.

Upcoming Meetings

No meetings are planned at this time.

A public meeting to introduce the contractor and MassDOT's construction team was held on Monday, December 22, 2014 at the Needham Town Hall.

Getting Involved

Please [sign up for e-mail updates](#) on the project. Send questions and comments to: NW195@dot.state.ma.us

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