

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Voting Members Present: Councilor Downs, David Koses (DPW) and Isaac Prizant (DPW)

Absent: Captain Doucette, (Police) and Mitchell Fischman (resident)

Mr. Koses provided a PowerPoint presentation, attached.

For more information regarding this meeting, a video recording can be found at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCnNtzSoYQs>

TC6-24 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to consider the removal of the accessible parking space at 432 Lowell Avenue as it may no longer be needed. (Ward 2) [01/29/24 @ 11:21 AM]

ACTION: APPROVED 3-0. Approved the language of TPR 926. This item may be appealed through the close of business March 6, 2024.

NOTE: Mr. Koses stated that this accessible space was installed approximately one year ago. If this item is approved, and after the appeals period is over, a city crew would remove the sign and post.

The recommendation is to approve the removal of the accessible parking space as it is no longer needed.

Without discussion, Mr. Koses made a motion to approve. Council members agreed 3-0.

TC4-24 ISAAC PRIZANT, TRAFFIC ENGINEER AND DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting a stop sign at the intersection of Temple Street, southbound, at Fuller Street. (Ward 3) [01/23/24 @ 1:29 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 3-0. Approved the language of TPR 927. This item may be appealed through the close of business March 6, 2024.

NOTE: Mr. Koses stated that a “T” intersection, an implied stop. It is not necessary to install a stop sign, but stop signs are allowed because they clarify the right of way and provide a small safety benefit.

The recommendation is to approve the stop sign.

Without discussion, Mr. Koses made a motion to approve. Council members agreed 3-0.

TC5-24 ISAAC PRIZANT, TRAFFIC ENGINEER AND DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting a stop sign at the end of the Peirce Elementary School parking lot, southbound, at the intersection of Ruane Road. (Ward 3) [01/23/24 @ 1:51 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 3-0. Approved the language of TPR 928. This item may be appealed through the close of business March 6, 2024.

NOTE: Mr. Koses stated that this stop sign request is at a school with a crosswalk and many children crossing. This a “T” intersection, an implied stop. It is not necessary to install a stop sign, but stop signs are allowed because they clarify the right of way and provide a small safety benefit.

Mr. Koses stated that he spoke with a nearby resident who supports the installation of a stop sign.

The recommendation is to approve the stop sign.

Without discussion, Mr. Koses made a motion to approve. Council members agreed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Transportation Coordinator
Traffic Council Chair

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 926

February 15, 2024

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on February 15, 2024:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Chapter 19, Section 27 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended as follows:

By REMOVING from the provisions of **TPR-200. Accessible Parking Spaces.**, the following:

Lowell Avenue, east side, from a point 540 feet south of Hull Street, 20 feet northerly.

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) ALISSA OCASIO GIULIANI
City Solicitor

(SGD) CAROL MOORE
City Clerk

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 927

February 15, 2024

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on February 15, 2024:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Chapter 19, Section 27 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended as follows:

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-147. Obedience to isolated stop signs.**, the following:

Temple Street southbound at Fuller Street.

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) ALISSA OCASIO GIULIANI
City Solicitor

(SGD) CAROL MOORE
City Clerk

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 928

February 15, 2024

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on February 15, 2024:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Chapter 19, Section 27 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended as follows:

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-147. Obedience to isolated stop signs.**, the following:

Peirce Elementary School parking lot, southbound at Ruane Road.

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) ALISSA OCASIO GIULIANI
City Solicitor

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City Clerk

Traffic Council

City of Newton

February 15, 2024

Agenda

- TC6-24 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to consider the removal of the accessible parking space at 432 Lowell Avenue as it may no longer be needed.
- TC4-24 ISAAC PRIZANT, TRAFFIC ENGINEER AND DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting a stop sign at the intersection of Temple Street, southbound, at Fuller Street.
- TC5-24 ISAAC PRIZANT, TRAFFIC ENGINEER AND DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting a stop sign at the end of the Peirce Elementary School parking lot, southbound, at the intersection of Ruane Road.

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Request to remove the accessible parking space at 432 Lowell Avenue

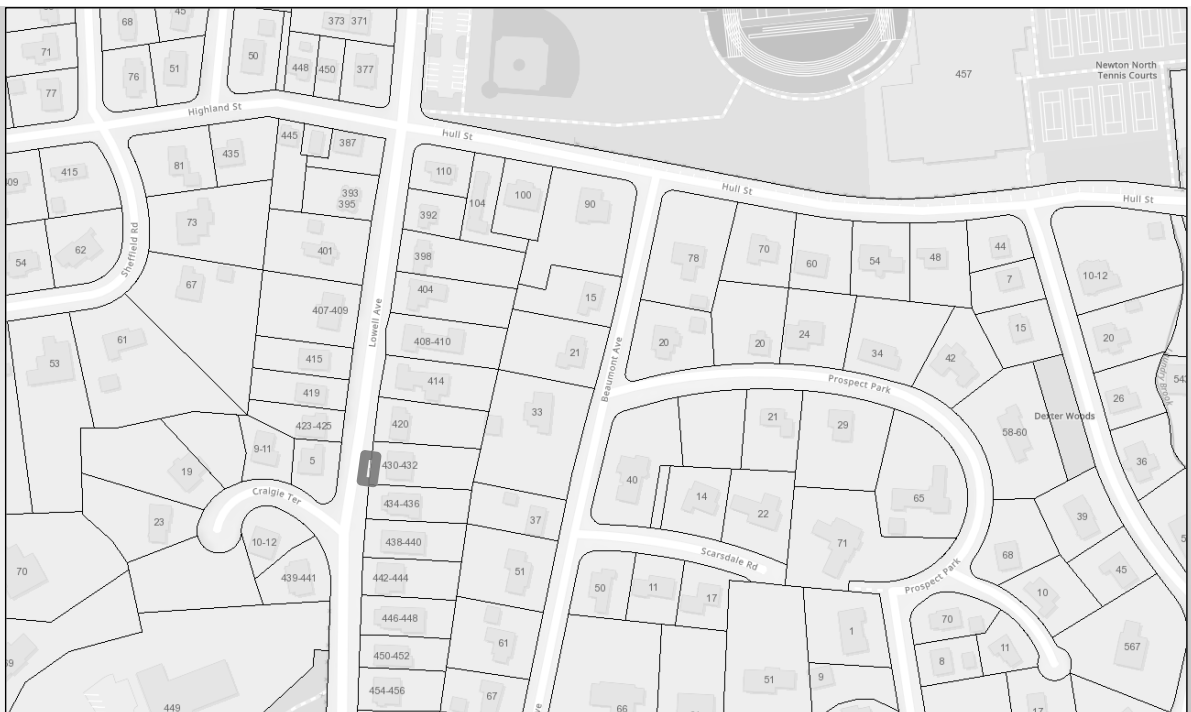
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Location of 432 Lowell Avenue

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Photo of 432 Lowell Avenue
Looking North

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Traffic Council

Recommendation
and Proposed TPR language

TC6-24

Approve Docketed Item

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CAN BE APPEALED
Appeal Deadline is March 6, 2024

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Traffic Council

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Request to add a stop sign at the Temple Street southbound at Fuller Street

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Location of Temple Street at Fuller Street

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Photo of Temple Street at Fuller Street

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Traffic Council

Considerations

TC4-24

- There are no official warrants in the MUTCD
- Any “T” intersection = an implied stop
- It is not necessary to install a stop sign, but stop signs are allowed
- Historically Traffic Council has viewed a stop sign on the side street approach to a T-intersection as beneficial because:
 - It can clarify right-of-way
 - It may offer a small safety benefit, especially
 - Near schools, walking or biking routes
 - Abutting pedestrian crossings
 - Anywhere with any type of unclear or blocked sightlines

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Traffic Council

Recommendation

TC4-24

Approve docketed item



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Traffic Council

Recommended TPR language

TC4-24

Approve docketed item

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Temple Street southbound at Fuller Street.

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Request to add a stop sign at end of the Peirce Elementary School parking lot, southbound, at the intersection of Ruane Road.

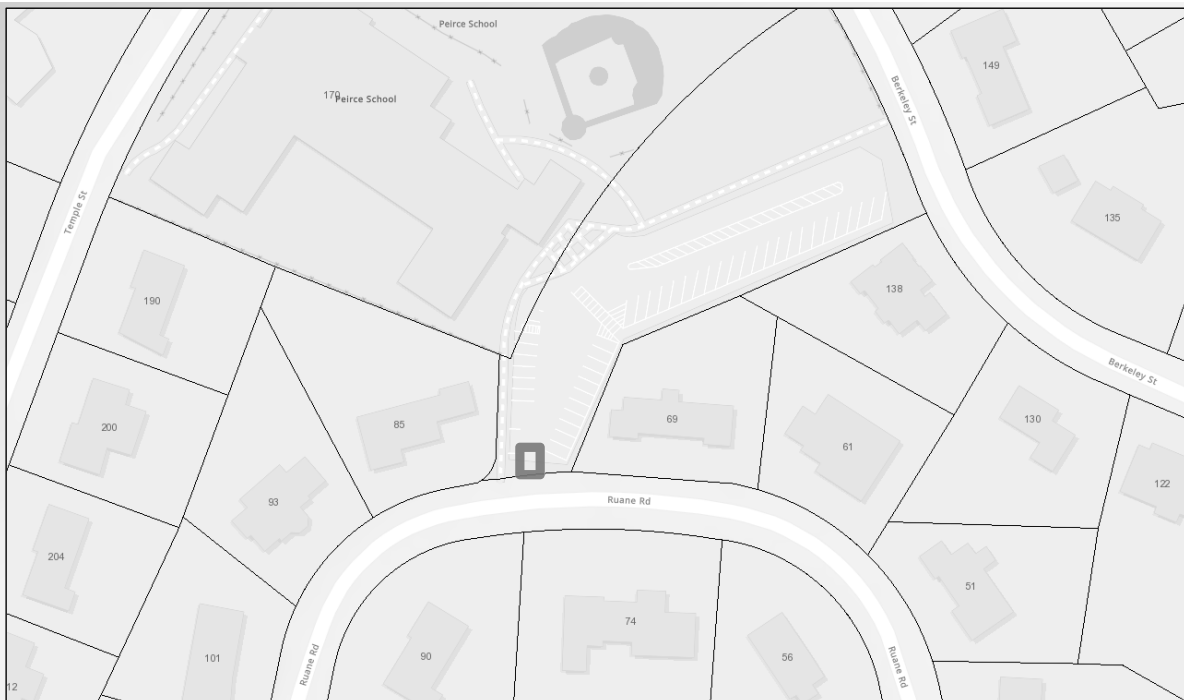
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Location of the Peirce School Parking Lot
at Ruane Road

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Photo of the Peirce School Parking Lot at Ruane Road

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Traffic Council

Considerations

TC5-24

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Traffic Council

Recommendation

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Approve docketed item



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Traffic Council

Recommended TPR language

TC5-24

Approve docketed item

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Peirce Elementary School parking lot southbound at Ruane Road.

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