

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL AGENDA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

7:00 PM

Room 211

Traffic Council will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The public may access in-person or virtually via Zoom. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link:

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ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- TC62-25 COUNCILOR DOWNS, requesting to restrict parking along a portion of Holly Road near Beacon Street. (Ward 5) [11/18/25 @ 1:07 PM]
- TC1-26 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to add a stop sign at the intersection of Paulson Road at Beacon Street, southbound. Note that this is not a request to add stop signs on Beacon Street itself, only to add a single stop sign at the T intersection at the southerly end of Paulson Road. (Ward 5) [01/06/26 @ 2:56 PM]
- TC3-26 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, on behalf of a request received from a Newton resident, requesting to add a stop sign at the end of Winona Street at Ware Road, and a stop sign at the end of Regina Road at Ware Road. Note that the intersection of Ware Road, Winona Street, and Regina Road is a 4-way intersection with no clearly defined right-of-way. This item aims to create stop signs in two directions and to give the right-of-way to Ware Road traffic. (Ward 4) [02/06/26 @ 9:20 AM]

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- TC4-26 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, on behalf of a request received from a Newton resident, requesting the addition of a stop sign at the intersection of Ruthven Road at Park Street. Note that this item does not request the addition of a stop sign on Park Street itself, only at the end of Ruthven Road. (Ward 7) [02/06/26 @ 9:20 AM]
- TC5-26 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, on behalf of a request received from a Newton resident, requesting the addition of a stop sign at the intersection of Ruthven Road at Waverley Avenue. Note that this item does not request the addition of a stop sign on Waverley Avenue itself, only at the end of Ruthven Road. (Ward 7) [02/06/26 @ 9:20 AM]
- TC7-26 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting the addition of a stop sign at the intersection of Harrison Street at Lincoln Street southbound. Note that this item does not request the addition of a stop sign on Lincoln Street itself, only at the end of Harrison Street. (Ward 5) [02/11/26 @ 7:29 AM]
- TC6-26 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to remove the accessible parking space on Homer Street in front of the Newton Free Library. The variance requested by the City for relief from 521 CMR in regard to slope and cross-slope was denied by the Architectural Access Board, so the accessible space, curb ramp and pavement markings must all be removed. (Ward 2) [02/06/26 @ 9:20 AM]
- TC17-24 ADRIAN AYALA, CITY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to reduce the number of public parking spaces in the Waltham Street Lot to accommodate changes in access to the police parking lot. (Ward 3) [05/02/24 @ 9:50 AM]

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- AP6-25 JINI FAIRLEY, ADA COORDINATOR, requesting an accessible parking space in front of 839 Washington Street, Newtonville, MA (Ward 2) [12/16/25 @ 11:52 AM]
**NEWTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY APPROVED ON 01/12/26
HELD 3-2 (Devine, Koses opposed) on 01/15/26**
- TC8-26 CHANA COHEN, 26 Everett Street, requesting to change the “two-hour limit” on the north side of Everett Street between Sumner Street and Dalton Road to a “two-hour limit except by resident permit” on the north side of Everett Street between Sumner Street to Dalton Road. (Ward 6) [02/17/26 @ 7:56 AM]
- TC2-26 COUNCILORS MALAKIE, KELLEY AND WRIGHT requesting to reduce the speed limit on Cherry Street from 30mph to 25mph between River Street and Waltham Street, to improve safety and be consistent with the 25mph speed limit south of River Street.(Ward 3) [01/14/26 @ 9:17 PM]

- TC85-25 COUNCILORS MICLEY AND DOWNS, requesting to remove the 30 MPH regulatory speed limit on Mill Street. (Ward 2) [12/17/25 @ 7:53 PM]
- TC61-25 MAYOR RUTHANNE FULLER AND DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BARNEY HEATH, requesting to relocate the twelve (12) reserved spots for employee parking within the Langley Road (Triangle) Municipal Parking Lot in Newton Centre. Alternative locations to consider are other municipal parking lots and on-street metered spaces. This item was previously part of item #TC8-25. (Ward 6) [11/5/25 @ 10:57 AM]
HELD 5-0 on 11/20/25. Held for a long-term trial.
- TC60-25 MAYOR RUTHANNE FULLER AND DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BARNEY HEATH, requesting to extend and modify the existing public parking spaces along the north side of Lyman Street, previously part of item #TC8-25, including converting Lyman Street into a one-way westbound circulation pattern, locating employee and public parking spaces along the north side of Lyman Street, and installing parking payment kiosks. (Ward 6) [11/5/25 @ 10:57 AM]
HELD 5-0 on 11/20/25. Held for a long-term trial.
- TC59-25 MAYOR RUTHANNE FULLER AND DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BARNEY HEATH, requesting to extend the trial of the Langley Road (Triangle) Municipal Parking Lot in Newton Centre, previously part of item #TC8-25, including the existing Newton Centre Plaza located within a portion of the two westernmost rows of parking, to be reevaluated by October 31, 2026. (Ward 6) [11/5/25 @ 10:57 AM]
HELD 5-0 on 11/20/25. Held for a long-term trial.
- TC58-25 NED CODD, DIRECTOR OF DPW TRANSPORTATION DIVISION, requesting to eliminate the left turn prohibition from Beacon Street eastbound into the Langley Road municipal parking lot (per TPR-87: Left turns prohibited. *Beacon Street*, eastbound, into Newton Centre municipal parking area). (Ward 6) [11/5/25 @ 10:57 AM]
HELD 5-0 on 11/20/25. Held for a trial.
- TC54-25 COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT, on behalf of Mary Heaton, requesting to remove the 35 MPH regulatory speed limit that was previously approved along a portion of Watertown Street. (Ward 2) [10/08/25 @ 3:04 PM]
- TC42-25 NED CODD, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION DPW, requesting a trial followed by potential updates to the TPR including small changes to parking regulations, which may result from various roadway projects across the City including the following: traffic calming on Elliot Street between Linden Street and Wetherell Street, traffic calming at various points along Webster Street and Lexington Street, a raised intersection at Waverley Avenue/Franklin Street, a raised intersection at Brookline Street/Spaulding Lane/Hartman Road, a bump out at the

Commonwealth Avenue/Fuller Street/Day Street intersection, repaving work in the Beacon Street/Langley Road/Sumner Street/Chase Street area, and a DCR project at the Hammond Pond Parkway/Beacon Street/Hobart Road intersection. [08/29/25 @ 9:40 AM]

HELD 4-0 (Downs not voting) on 09/11/25. Held for a trial.

TC38-25 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, on behalf of Sunrise Senior Living, requesting to remove up to 4 parking spaces on Florence Street, as consistent with Condition 22 of Council Order #356-22. (Ward 8) [07/24/25 @ 12:48 PM]

TC37-25 NEIL HARRINGTON, 62 Fenno Road, requesting a stop sign at the intersection of Ellison Road, southbound, at Fenno Road. (Ward 2) [07/17/25 @ 1:26 PM]

TC36-25 NEIL HARRINGTON, 62 Fenno Road, requesting a stop sign in front of 62 Fenno Road, in the eastbound direction. (Ward 2) [07/17/25 @ 1:26 PM]

TC29-25 ADRIAN AYALA, TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to prohibit parking on the east side of Walnut Street, from Fenno Road to a point 150 feet north of Fenno Road. (Ward 2) [05/02/25 @ 2:11 PM]

HELD 4-0 on 06/12/25. Held for a trial. Additional analysis of TC26-25 will occur. After additional analysis the pavement marking plan will proceed .

TC26-25 ADRIAN AYALA, TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER, requesting to prohibit parking on the east side of Walnut Street, from a point 590 feet north of Fenno Road to Commonwealth Avenue. (Ward 2) [05/02/25 @ 2:11 PM]

HELD 4-0 on 06/12/25. Held for a trial. Additional analysis will occur related to the prohibition of parking on the east side of Walnut Street, starting at a point up to the judgment of a traffic engineer and/or the Director of the Transportation Division of DPW, and ending at Commonwealth Avenue. The parking spaces on the southbound side of Walnut Street, closest to Commonwealth Avenue, will also be analyzed and may be reduced. After further analysis, the pavement parking plan will proceed.

TC20-25 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to consider implementing trial, and perhaps eventually to make permanent, a change to the traffic circulation on Elm Road so that it becomes one-way westbound, from Walnut Street to Lowell Avenue, at all times, for all vehicles. (Ward 2) [05/06/25 @ 3:09 PM]

HELD 4-0 on 06/12/25.

TC9-25 TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN DANIEL DEVINE, DPW COMMISSIONER SHAWNA SULLIVAN, AND COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS JOSH MORSE, requesting a long-term trial to allow for temporary changes to certain parking regulations and traffic circulation on streets near the Franklin Elementary School in order to facilitate the reconstruction of the school. Once the

project is complete, any change made will be rescinded and will revert to the official regulation, as listed in Newton's Traffic and Parking Regulations. Any permanent changes to the Traffic and Parking Regulations will be made through separate Traffic Council items, to be docketed subsequently. (Ward 3) [02/12/25 @ 9:22 AM]

HELD 5-0 on 02/27/25. Held for a long-term trial.

TC54-24 COUNCILORS DOWNS, GETZ, HUMPHREY, LOBOVITS, DANBERG AND BIXBY, requesting that Traffic Council vote to ask MassDOT to rescind the 35 MPH section of the Special Speed Regulation on Beacon Street from Chestnut to the entrance of Cold Spring Park in both directions. If approved by Traffic Council, the City Clerk's office would notify MassDOT of the official action taken, and MassDOT would subsequently issue a modified Special Speed Regulation to reflect these changes. If the existing 35 mph Special Speed Regulations are rescinded in this area, the statutory speed limit of 25 mph would be in effect. (Wards 5 & 6) [11/27/24 @ 1:09 PM]

HELD 5-0 on 12/19/24 Staff will prepare a request for the Clerk's Office to forward to MassDOT to rescind a 35 MPH section of the Special Speed Regulation on Beacon Street, in both directions.

TC43-24 TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN DANIEL DEVINE, DPW COMMISSIONER JAMES MCGONAGLE, AND COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS JOSH MORSE, requesting a long-term trial to allow temporary changes to certain parking regulations and traffic circulation on streets near the Countryside Elementary School in order to facilitate the reconstruction of the school. *Once the construction project is complete, this trial will end. However, permanent changes to the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) will be needed to reflect future conditions near the Countryside School, and different Traffic Council items will be docketed to handle these permanent changes to the TPR.* (Ward 8) [10/18/24 @ 9:21 AM] [Revised 10/29/24 @ 1:37 PM]

HELD 5-0 on 11/21/24. Held for a long-term trial.

TC41-24 TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN DANIEL DEVINE, DPW COMMISSIONER JAMES MCGONAGLE, AND COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS JOSH MORSE, requesting a trial which will allow for various changes to the parking and circulation on streets near the new Lincoln-Eliot School at 150 Jackson Road and the building at 191 Pearl Street, to be used as a swing space school. It is expected that various changes will be necessary on nearby neighborhood streets in order to facilitate the opening of these schools, which is currently scheduled for September 2025. Each trial will be examined, and specific docket items will subsequently be prepared, as needed, in order for Traffic Council to vote to make permanent changes to our City Ordinance Chapter 19 (Traffic and Parking Regulations). (Ward 1) [09/20/24 @ 1:47 PM]

HELD 4-0 on 10/17/24. Held for a long-term trial.

- TC32-24 TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN DANIEL DEVINE, DPW COMMISSIONER JAMES MCGONAGLE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING BARNEY HEATH, PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STEPHANIE GILMAN AND CO-DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY WILLIAM FERGUSON, requesting a trial to modify parking regulations on streets near the Brown and Oak Hill Middle Schools in order to facilitate solar canopy projects, including within the Wheeler Road and Winston Road parking areas. Changes to parking regulations may be needed for several months on certain streets within a 5-6 minute walk of either the Oak Hill or Brown Middle School. Once the project is complete, parking regulations will revert back to the official parking regulations, as listed in Newton's Traffic and Parking Regulations. (Ward 8) [06/27/24 @ 1:29 PM]
HELD 4-0 (Downs not voting) on 07/25/24. Held to allow various temporary administrative changes to the parking regulations on streets near the Brown and Oak Hill Middle Schools to facilitate the solar canopy projects.
- TC31-24 TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN DANIEL DEVINE, DPW COMMISSIONER JAMES MCGONAGLE, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING BARNEY HEATH, PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STEPHANIE GILMAN AND CO-DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY WILLIAM FERGUSON, requesting a trial to modify parking regulations on streets near the Education Center in order to facilitate the solar canopy project in the Education Center parking lot. Changes to parking regulations may be needed for several months on certain streets within a 5-6 minute walk of the Education Center. Once the project is complete, parking regulations will revert back to the official parking regulations, as listed in Newton's Traffic and Parking Regulations. (Wards 1 & 2) [06/27/24 @ 1:29 PM]
HELD 4-0 (Downs not voting) on 07/25/24. Held to allow various temporary administrative changes to the parking regulations on streets near the Education Center parking lot to facilitate the solar canopy project.
- TC30-24 TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN DANIEL DEVINE, DPW COMMISSIONER JAMES MCGONAGLE AND PLANNING DIRECTOR BARNEY HEATH, requesting that Traffic Council ask MassDOT to rescind the 35mph regulatory speed limit along the section of Washington Street between Lowell Avenue and Chestnut Street, in order to facilitate the Washington Street pilot project. (Wards 2 & 3) [06/27/24 @ 1:29 PM]
HELD 5-0 on 07/25/24. Held to prepare a request to MassDOT to rescind a portion of the regulatory speed regulation along Washington Street.
- TC29-24 TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN DANIEL DEVINE, DPW COMMISSIONER JAMES MCGONAGLE AND PLANNING DIRECTOR BARNEY HEATH, requesting temporary and permanent changes in terms of the location and duration of public parking spaces, and other changes to the Traffic and Parking Regulations including changes to traffic circulation along the section of Washington Street between Lowell Avenue and Chestnut Street, to include abutting blocks of

intersecting streets, in order to facilitate the Washington Street pilot project. (Wards 2 & 3) [06/27/24 @ 1:29 PM]

HELD 5-0 on 07/25/24. Held for a long-term trial.

TC7-24

COUNCILORS DOWNS, GETZ, HUMPHREY, LOBOVITS, DANBERG AND BIXBY, requesting that Traffic Council vote to ask MassDOT to rescind the 35 MPH section of the Special Speed Regulation on Woodward Street, in both directions. If approved by Traffic Council, the City Clerk's office would notify MassDOT of the official action taken, and MassDOT would subsequently issue a modified Special Speed Regulation to reflect these changes. If the existing 35 mph Special Speed Regulations are rescinded in this area, the statutory speed limit of 25 mph would be in effect. (Wards 5 & 6) [02/21/24 @ 1:32 PM]

HELD 5-0 on 03/14/24. Staff will prepare a request for the Clerk's Office to forward to MassDOT to rescind the 35 MPH section of the Special Speed Regulation on Woodward Street, in both directions.

TC63-23

DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to continue the Traffic Council trial which allows vehicles displaying TIGER permits to park in the Austin Street Lot without requiring payment on school days. Traffic Council originally approved this trial in 2020 as part of TC115-20, which included various traffic and parking changes near school buildings to respond to safety concerns and changing conditions brought on by the Covid-19 Pandemic. On June 22, 2022 the Public Safety and Transportation and Finance Committees supported a continuation of the free parking for TIGER permit holders on school days until City Council determines whether to make this trial permanent. (Wards 2 & 3) [11/27/23 @ 2:00 PM]

HELD 5-0 on 12/14/23. Held for a long-term trial.

TC7-23

TRAFFIC BUREAU CAPTAIN DAMIEN DOUCETTE, DPW COMMISSIONER JAMES MCGONAGLE AND PLANNING DIRECTOR BARNEY HEATH, requesting temporary and permanent changes in terms of the location and duration of public parking spaces, location of traffic signals, and changes to traffic circulation within and proximate to Commonwealth Avenue in Auburndale, to include abutting blocks of intersecting streets, in order to facilitate the reconstruction of Commonwealth Avenue and the Commonwealth Avenue carriageway between Higgins Street and the Weston Line. (Ward 4) [02/27/23 @ 3:24 PM]

HELD 5-0 on 03/23/23. Held for a long-term trial during roadway reconstruction to allow for changes to the signals, stop signs, parking regulations and other items included in the Traffic and Parking Regulations along Commonwealth Avenue between Higgins Street and the Weston Line.

- TC57-21 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting an ongoing trial of the closure of Philip Bram Way at the intersection of Austin Street. Note that this item makes no change in the field and allows for a continuation of a trial first approved as part of TC50-18. (Ward 2) [08/09/21 @ 2:49 PM]
HELD 5-0 on 10/21/21. Held for a Trial.
- TC6-21 COUNCILORS BOWMAN, DANBERG AND NOEL, requesting to change the distribution of time limits in the Hartford Street Public Parking Lot in Newton Highlands to install reserved spaces for EV Charging Stations and/or EV Shared Vehicles. (Ward 6) [02/01/21 @ 11:21 AM]
Held 4-0 (Councilor Downs not voting) on 02/25/21. Held for a trial to allow for the installation of 2 EV parking spaces in the Hartford Street Public Parking Lot.
- 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]

Respectfully submitted,

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Traffic Council Chair