

**TRAFFIC COUNCIL ACTIONS**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026**

Note: Below is a summary of Traffic Council actions only. A full meeting report summarizing the Council's discussion and public testimony regarding each agenda item will be posted on the City website within two weeks following the above meeting date.

Voting Members Present: Ned Codd (DPW), Captain Devine (Police), David Koses (DPW), Councilor Lucas, and Margot Spiller (Resident Member Alternate).

Also Present: Councilors Albright, Bixby, Kelley, Malakie, Micley, and Wright.

City Staff: : Dana Hanson, Chief of Staff, Geoffrey Nettleton, Senior Transportation Engineer, Sai Kornapati, Transportation Engineer, and Danielle Delaney, Clerk.

TC13-26 COUNCILOR BIXBY, requesting to restrict parking on Berwick Road to one side only, May 1 to October 31 or year-round. (Ward 6) [ 03/06/26 @ 4:54 PM]  
**ACTION: APPROVE 5-0. Approved the language of TPR 1043. TPR 1043 was presented as Option 2 and prohibits parking on the north side of Berwick Road between May 1 and October 31. This item may be appealed through the close of business on May 6, 2026.**

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]  
**ACTION: HOLD 5-0. Hold to request that MassDOT remove the 35 MPH regulatory speed limits that were previously approved along Watertown Street, in both directions.**

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]  
**ACTION: HOLD 5-0. Hold to request that MassDOT remove the 30 MPH regulatory speed limits that were previously approved along Mill Street, in both directions.**

TC16-26 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to approve and ask MassDOT to remove the official 35 MPH speed limit currently included in the Special Speed Regulation for the section of Washington Street between Hunnewell Avenue and the Boston City Line. (Ward 1) [03/25/26 @ 1:10 PM]  
**ACTION: HOLD 5-0. Hold to request that MassDOT remove the 35 MPH regulatory speed limits that were previously approved along the portion of Washington Street between Hunnewell Avenue and the Boston City Line, in both directions.**

TC17-26 DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, requesting to approve and ask MassDOT to remove the official 35 MPH speed limits currently included in the Special Speed Regulation for the section of Tremont Street between Hibbard Road and Waverley Avenue, in both directions. (Ward 1) [03/25/26 @ 1:10 PM]

**ACTION: HOLD 5-0. Hold to request that MassDOT remove the 35 MPH regulatory speed limits that were previously approved along the portions of Tremont Street between Hibbard Road and Waverley Avenue, in both directions.**

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]

**ACTION: HOLD 5-0. Hold to request that MassDOT remove the 30 MPH regulatory speed limits that were previously approved along portions of Cherry Street, in both directions.**

TC20-26 NED CODD, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS, requesting to remove the 30 MPH regulatory speed limit on Crafts Street. (Wards 1-3) [04/03/26 @ 2:41 PM]

**ACTION: HOLD 5-0. Hold to request that MassDOT remove the 30 MPH regulatory speed limits that were previously approved along portions of Crafts Street, in both directions.**

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.**

**ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0.**

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.**

**ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0.**

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.**  
**ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0.**

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.**  
**ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0.**

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.**  
**ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0.**

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.**

**ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,  
David Koses, Traffic Council Chair