



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Monday - July 8, 2019, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 7/3/19 at 6:57 AM)

1. Approval of the May 15, 2019 Minutes

Dangerous Intersections/Areas: Policy and Specific Locations

2. **207996: Discuss** 8 residents submitting comments re: #207499, a proposal to accelerate traffic calming investments.
3. **207499: Recommend** (Hirsch, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Mbah) – That the Administration respond to the requests outlined in the attached resident petition, organized by the Pedestrian and Transit Advocacy Group, to accelerate traffic calming investments and improve coordination and oversight.
4. **207915: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD explain to the Traffic and Parking Committee why strategically-placed temporary speed bumps would not be more effective in calming traffic than plastic flex posts, many of which have been down and out-of-service within a day or two of the recent bridge closures.
5. **208031: Discuss** (Niedergang, Hirsch, Rossetti) – That the Director of SPCD use the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell's Green in 2011 for traffic calming on Lowell Street, between Highland Avenue and Albion Street, by constructing a traffic-calming table at the Albion Street crosswalk.
6. **208319: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install flashing STOP signs at the intersections of Lowell Street with Hudson and with Albion Streets to prevent accidents caused by cars entering onto Lowell Street.
7. **208278: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of SPCD advise the Committee on Traffic and

Parking of any plans for traffic calming on Morrison Avenue between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue.

8. **208378: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD install traffic calming infrastructure on Morrison Avenue, such as a speed bump between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue, as soon as possible to protect pedestrians crossing Morrison Avenue, especially at Highland Road near Lexington Park and the Community Path.
9. **208117: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD immediately install flex posts at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue to ensure pedestrian safety.
10. **203446: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install additional pedestrian safety measures at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue.
11. **208008: Discuss** (Davis, Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD implement traffic calming and pedestrian and cyclist safety measures on Broadway from Powder House Circle to Teele Square.
12. **206189: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD provide recommendations to improve pedestrian safety at the dangerous intersection of Walnut Street, Summit Avenue and Boston Street.
13. **208252: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD perform traffic volume and speed studies on Summit Avenue and Boston Street during morning and evening rush hours and report the findings to the Ward 3 City Councilor.
14. **207918: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking urgently prioritize pedestrian safety at the intersection of Walnut Street and Highland Avenue, which was identified as one of the most unsafe intersections in the city.
15. **208045: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 3 City Councilor on plans for raised crosswalks on Summer Street at Belmont and/or Lowell Streets, as well as other nearby traffic calming improvements.
16. **208383: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Scott) – That the Director of SPCD install sturdy steel posts around the southeast corner of Nunziato Park, in light of the May 25 car crash that sent a vehicle through the fence and into the picnic tables where children often gather.
17. **208481: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD present safety interventions for the intersection of Washington Terrace and Washington Street in light of the recent accident there.

18. **207903: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Director of SPCD discuss with this Council the use of "concurrent with leading interval" pedestrian crossing timing at major intersections that see high usage by school and pre-school children, particularly at the intersection of Beacon and Washington Streets, and consider reversion to pedestrian-exclusive crossing timing at several relevant intersections.

Bicycle and bike-lane related issues

19. **207997: Discuss** 10 residents submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Blvd. safe bicycling.
20. **208448: Discuss** 2 residents submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Blvd. safe bicycling.
21. **208227: Discuss** 3 residents submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Blvd. safe bicycling.
22. **208110: Discuss** 6 residents submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Blvd. safe bicycling.
23. **208313: Discuss** 3 residents submitting comments re: #204323, a proposal for Powderhouse Blvd. safe bicycling.
24. **208041: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD and the Bicycle Committee update this Council's Traffic and Parking Committee on establishing a comprehensive city-wide bicycle plan.
25. **206693: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD or the Director of Traffic and Parking alter the cycle of the traffic signals at Lowell Street and Highland Avenue ASAP to allow more time for vehicles to turn onto Highland Avenue from Lowell Street, especially during the morning rush hour, to alleviate the traffic backup on Hudson Street when the Cedar Street/Highland Avenue intersection is closed for construction.

Parking Issues

26. **208321: Discuss** (Niedergang, Hirsch, Ballantyne) – That the Mayor convene a committee to make recommendations by early 2020 for changes in City and residential parking permit policies such as those suggested by the Nelson/Nygaard consultant, as presented to the Land Use Committee on April 30, 2019.
27. **208575: Discuss** (Scott, Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parking provide a quarterly update regarding implementation of deed-based parking permit

restrictions.

28. **208483: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide an update on progress regarding processing residential permits.
29. **208480: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 3 Councilor on efforts to update the Business Parking Permits in Union Square, and in particular to prioritize such permits for those local non-profit service providers whose service requires a vehicle.
30. **208475: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Traffic Commission consider making Mt. Pleasant Street a 2 or 4-hour parking zone during work hours to discourage motorists from parking there to take the Orange Line.
31. **208384: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Scott, Hirsch) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking temporarily suspend the policy of not painting curbs, in order to add yellow paint and a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign to the curved sidewalk on the southeast corner of Quincy and Summer Streets, to improve visibility. (2nd request)
32. **207501: Discuss** (Hirsch, Niedergang) – That the Administration consider adding parking ticket data to the Socrata portal.
33. **206853: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the enforcement of 311 complaints about illegal parking, and what provisions exist for enforcement against illegal parking on Sundays and holidays.