



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

### TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE Committee Meeting

Monday - September 20, 2021, 6:00 PM  
Virtual

### AGENDA

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#### 1. **Approval of the May 17, 2021 Minutes**

#### Traffic Signals, Crossing Guards and Pedestrian Safety

2. **212254: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Director of Mobility replace the HAWK signal at Buckingham and Beacon Streets with a standard RYG stoplight signal.
3. **209148: Discuss** (Scott, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah) – That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately replace the HAWK signals on Beacon Street with more suitable and effective RYG pedestrian-activated signals.
4. **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.
5. **212258: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Director of Engineering provide a timeline for the

change of the signaling at Webster Avenue and Washington Street to a pedestrian exclusive interval.

6. **211994: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Administration urgently address the insufficient number of crossing guards and present to this Council their plan to ensure student safety in the absence of guards at multiple large intersections.

### **Dangerous Intersections and Roadways**

7. **211397: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of Engineering install a crosswalk at Woods Avenue and Route 16.
8. **211819: Discuss** (Niedergang, Strezo) – That the Director of SPCD install flashing STOP signs on Lowell Street at its intersection with Albion Street to prevent accidents caused by speeding or incautious motor vehicles.
9. **211820: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD use the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell's Green in 2011 to improve the traffic-calming infrastructure around the Magoun/Lowell GLX station.
10. **210898: Discuss** (Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on any plans to further improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Willow Avenue, Elm Street and Beech Street, possibly with a center island and bump outs.
11. **202108: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Administration work with the City of Cambridge to improve pedestrian safety at the intersections of Elm Street with Beech Street and Willow Avenue, including consideration of a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon.

### **Somerville High School Parking**

12. **211815: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Rossetti, Davis, Ballantyne, Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD re-convene the High School Parking Working Group and provide an update on what is being done to understand and address parking issues for teachers, staff, and residents.

### **City Employees Driver Safety Training**

13. **212251: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne) – That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Mobility report to this Council whether the video "Safer Trucking in Changing Cities" is being used to train City truck drivers in safe driving techniques.
14. **210975: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Niedergang) – That the Administration and the Commissioner of Public Works discuss the vehicle training process for all DPW employees and contractors

whose job requires them to drive city vehicles.

15. **211128: Discuss** (Strezo) – That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss installing speed limiters on the city's vehicles to monitor speed and ensure that employees are observing speed limits.

**Housekeeping - Items to be completed if no objections**

16. **211822: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.) – Inviting the Council, the Administration and the public to the Highway Justice for People: Mystic and McGrath Rally, on May 26 at 6 PM, at the empty lot on the corner of Broadway and McGrath Highway, to demand that MassDOT prioritize the safety of people over the movement of cars.
17. **208844: Discuss** (Niedergang, McLaughlin, Clingan, Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on actions, communications and collaboration with State agencies to improve pedestrian safety in the Mystic Avenue area by I-93, following the death of two pedestrians hit by motor vehicles there.
18. **210593: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Strezo) – That the Director of Constituent Services and the Chief of Police discuss tracking bicycle crashes and how 311 and 911 staff are trained to handle such calls.
19. **210899: Discuss** (Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parking implement traffic calming measures on Powder House Terrace.
20. **210895: Discuss** (Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Director of Capital Projects revise the College Avenue reconstruction plan to include additional safety measures for pedestrians at both perpendicular and parallel crossings.
21. **211798: Discuss** (Niedergang, Strezo, Clingan) – That the Mayor, the Director of SPCD, the Chief of Police and this Council collaborate with the State Delegation and community advocates to pressure the MA Department of Transportation to implement traffic safety improvements to McGrath Highway and Mystic Avenue to prevent more pedestrian deaths.