



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - October 14, 2020, 6:00 PM
Virtual

AGENDA

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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1. Approval of the May 13, 2020 Minutes

Safety Issues

- 2. 209363: Discuss** (Ballantyne, McLaughlin) – That the Director of SPCD discuss implementing a "Don't Block the Box" campaign to ease intersection congestion at locations along Broadway, including McGrath Highway.
- 3. 202105: Discuss** (Davis, Niedergang) – That the Administration develop a process for interim crosswalk painting and/or other measures to protect pedestrians when road work or other conditions prevent the immediate re-striping of road markings.
- 4. 206407: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD, the City Engineer, and the Commissioner of Public Works establish a written policy for deploying temporary safety

and visibility materials for the period between street re-paving and re-painting.

Bicycling and bike lanes

5. **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.
6. **209783: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Scott) – That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police discuss what can be done to mitigate delivery trucks' use of bike lanes and cycling tracks as parking when making deliveries.
7. **210554: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parking work with the Ward 3 City Councilor, Riverside Community Care, and residents on mitigating the parking and traffic issues associated with the new Riverside facility at 117 Summer Street.
8. **206202: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking share how it enforces the prohibition of cars and trucks parked in bus lanes and bike lanes.
9. **210500: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Scott, Strezo, Mbah) – That the Chief of Police, the Director of Parking and the Director of SPCD discuss enforcement to eliminate delivery and other vehicles from parking on the Beacon Street cycle track, in order to provide a safe biking route for bicyclists.

Holland St. and College Ave. project

10. **210542: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne, Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the plans and process for the Holland Street and College Avenue mobility improvements.
11. **203446: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install additional pedestrian safety measures at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue.

Ward specific issues

12. **210479: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD deploy traffic calming measures to reduce speeding vehicles on Heath Street from Moreland to Temple Streets, on Sycamore Street from Medford Street to Broadway, and on Shore Drive from Rts 16 to 38.
13. **208891: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD deploy traffic calming measures on Jacques Street.
14. **209616: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Scott) – That the Director of Engineering install a crosswalk

on Somerville Avenue at Kent Street and Spring Street.

15. **209421: Discuss** (Niedergang, Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD implement traffic-calming measures for Central Street between Highland Avenue and Broadway as soon as possible, since traffic has increased dramatically with the Broadway reconfiguration, and will increase even more with the coming School Street closure.
16. **209648: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD use the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell’s Green in 2011 for a traffic-calming table on Lowell Street at the Albion Street crosswalk. (3rd request)

Parking

17. **210673: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the citywide parking study that began last year.
18. **210624: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of Finance, the Director of Parking and the Director of SPCD discuss scaling parking permit fees with automobile size and efficiency.

Mystic River bike and pedestrian bridge

19. **210627: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD update this Council on the Missatuck/Mystic River bike and pedestrian bridge project.
20. **208684: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ballantyne, McLaughlin, Mbah) – That the Administration report on how the City could lobby for a wider width for the proposed bridge from Everett to Draw 7 Park.

Housekeeping - Items to be marked complete

21. **201993: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking stripe street arrows for Teele Square, in all directions, and on Broadway, at the intersection of Broadway and Route 16.
22. **204791: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Commissioner of Public Works and/or the Director of Traffic and Parking install a second crosswalk at the intersection of College Avenue with Kidder Avenue and Summit Street, with additional pedestrian safety measures.
23. **204890: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signs on the eastbound side of Broadway to restrict traffic on Victoria Street, Garrison Avenue and Farragut Avenue.
24. **205197: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking Place a NO

PARKING sign between 161 and 165 Broadway, between the bus stop and the metered spot, to increase vehicle visibility.

25. **206178: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Chief of Police enforce the state law requiring a white light on the front of a bicycle and a red reflector or light on the back when operated from a-half hour after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise.
26. **206776: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of Engineering consider using colored asphalt rather than paint, for bike lanes.
27. **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.
28. **207279: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Chief of Police enforce the speed limit on Sycamore Street, between Highland Avenue and Medford Street, and inform the Ward 3 Alderman on the outcome.
29. **207281: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD work with the Ward 3 Alderman to address long-standing congestion at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Hamlet Street.
30. **207463: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Hirsch) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain the recent addition of NO PARKING signs on Glen Street and remove them if there is no practical reason for them.
31. **207894: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on the timeframe for acquiring new signal switching equipment to allow additional traffic/pedestrian cycles in Davis Square.
32. **207917: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking implement traffic calming measures on Avon Street.
33. **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.
34. **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.

35. **208823: Discuss** (Hirsch, Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD provide information about ensuring that pedestrians on the Community Path can travel safely given the sometimes high speeds and volume of bicycles or scooters.
36. **208826: Discuss** (Hirsch, Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD provide an update on progress made on the 2017 Bicycle Friendly Community report card, including plans for actions steps on metrics where Somerville lags other communities.
37. **208921: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD schedule a meeting with the residents of Partridge Avenue who filed a traffic calming petition, or respond to them with a written communication.
38. **209189: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Parking install the respective missing street signs at the intersection of North Street and Powderhouse Blvd.