



# City of Somerville, Massachusetts

## Traffic and Parking Committee

### Meeting Minutes Dispositions

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**Monday, February 27, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

**Virtual**

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This meeting was held via GoToWebinar and was called to order by Chair Gomez Mouakad at 6:03 p.m. and adjourned at 7:27 p.m. on a Roll Call Vote: 2 in favor (Councilors Gomez Mouakad, Clingan), 0 opposed, 1 absent (Ewen-Campen).

Councilor Wilson was unable to attend; President Ewen-Campen named Councilor Clingan to serve in their place.

Others present: Michael Potere – Assistant Clerk of Committees; Brad Rawson – Director of Mobility; Adam Polinski – Transportation Analyst; Kristen Cox – Somerville Resident; Adam Epstein – Somerville Resident; Elaine Koury – Somerville Resident

#### Roll Call

**Present:** Chairperson Beatriz Gomez Mouakad and Ben Ewen-Campen

**Absent:** Vice Chair Jake Wilson

1. Approval of the Traffic & Parking Committee Minutes of February 6, 2023. [23-0206](#)

Accepted

**Aye:** Chairperson Gomez Mouakad and Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

**Absent:** Vice Chair Wilson

#### Studies

2. That the Director of Mobility conduct an equity study of bus routes to determine targets for fare-free buses. [22-0300](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Scott and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Kept in committee

#### Traffic Calming

3. That the Director of Mobility respond to the petition regarding traffic [22-1839](#)

calming and additional bicycle parking at the Kennedy School.

**Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad

Kept in committee

4. That the Director of Mobility consider improvements to deficient conditions impacting the safety and pedestrian accessibility of Cedar Street. [23-0083](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Director of Mobility increase lighting and short-term traffic calming measures on the corner of Pearl and Franklin Streets, to address safety concerns while the construction of Pearl Street is delayed. [22-2117](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Director of Mobility respond to constituent complaints regarding the bus stop placement westbound at Beacon and Washington. [22-2144](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Scott

Recommended to be marked work completed

7. That the Director of Mobility work with residents on Lake St to ensure that the parking plan for ongoing projects does not block driveway access. [22-2146](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Scott

Recommended to be marked work completed

8. That the Director of Mobility update the Ward 2 Councilor on the prioritization of speed bump installation on the requested streets. [22-2148](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Scott and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

9. That the Director of Engineering install a protective guard over the expansion joint on the Medford Street bridge, as it poses a safety risk for bicyclists. [22-2115](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Clingan

Kept in committee

10. That the Director of Mobility address resident parking subsidies in negotiated Transportation Management Plans for major developments. [22-2145](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Scott

Recommended to be marked work completed

11. That the Director of Mobility update this Council regarding replacement of the HAWK signals on Beacon Street with RYG stoplights.

[22-2147](#)

**Sponsors:** Councilor Scott

Kept in committee