



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Traffic and Parking Committee Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, December 2, 2024

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order by Chair Sait at 6:03 pm and adjourned at 7:58pm on a roll call vote of 2 in favor (Councilors Wilson and Sait), 0 opposed, and 1 absent. Councilor Pineda Neufeld left the meeting at 6:57 pm.

Others present: Brad Rawson - Director of Mobility, Suzanne Rinfret - Director of Traffic and Parking, Jim Donovan - Deputy Chief, Madalyn Letellier - Legislative Services Manager.

Roll Call

Present: Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait, Ward Seven City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Traffic and Parking Committee Meeting of November 4, 2024. [24-1613](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Five City Councilor Sait, Ward Seven City Councilor Pineda Neufeld and City Councilor At Large Wilson

2. That the Director of Mobility install bicycle traffic lights and appropriate YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS signage at the intersection of Somerville Avenue and Park Street. [24-1610](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Director of Engineering update this Council on the timeline to straighten the community path crossing of School Street. [24-1609](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Director of Mobility re-evaluate and strengthen the NO TRUCKS signage at the corner of Warren Avenue and Bow Street in the aftermath of the 18-wheeler that became seriously stuck and blocked traffic on November 10-11, 2024. [24-1607](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That the Administration provide an update to this Council on the Citywide Parking and Curb Use report and what recommendations, if any, have been implemented. [24-1597](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Clingan, Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Mbah, Councilor McLaughlin, Councilor Sait, Councilor Scott, Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Director of Mobility install a raised crosswalk at the intersection of Cedar Street and the Community Path. [24-1592](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Sait and Councilor Mbah

Recommended to be marked work completed

7. That the Chief of Police, in collaboration with the Director of Mobility, develop and present a plan to ensure that crossing guards are adequately stationed at critical intersections near schools during high-traffic hours and that, in the absence of crossing guards, police officers are deployed to ensure the safety of students and families. [24-1530](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Mbah and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Recommended to be marked work completed

8. That the Chief of Police provide an explanation regarding why there was no police assistance or crossing guard coverage at the intersection of Curtis Street and Powderhouse Boulevard during school drop-off hours on October 23, 2024. [24-1529](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Mbah and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Recommended to be marked work completed

9. That the Director of Mobility install speed humps on Medford Street between Central and School Streets. [24-1484](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

10. That the Director of Mobility install a flashing STOP sign on Puritan Avenue at its intersection with Temple Street. [24-1483](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

11. That the Director of Mobility install STOP signs making the intersections of Temple Street and the following streets 4-way stops: Bailey Road, Governor Winthrop Road, Puritan Avenue, Putnam Street, and Ten Hills Road. [24-1482](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

12. That the Director of Mobility explore ways to make the intersection of Gilman and Aldrich Streets safer, including adding clear signage and painting. [24-1466](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Sait

Recommended to be marked work completed

13. That the Director of Parking and the Director of Mobility install ALL-WAY STOP signs and safety measures at the Cedar Street intersection with the Community Path. [24-1464](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Mbah and Councilor Sait

Recommended to be marked work completed

14. That the Administration facilitate bike parking for large licensed public events in the city. [24-1400](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Wilson and Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

15. That the Chief of Police resume the practice of issuing tickets rather than warnings for serious moving violations that endanger public safety, including speeding and running red lights. [24-1392](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Sait, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

16. That the Administration update this Council on the status of implementing the recommendations of the Parking & Curb Use Study, and respond to the July 2024 recommendations of the Somerville Alliance of Safe Streets (SASS). [24-1274](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Sait

Recommended to be marked work completed

17. That the Director of Parking discuss with this Council how to ensure that permit-only parking is available to non-resident parents with shared custody of children enrolled in Somerville Public Schools. [24-1673](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Sait and Councilor Davis

Recommended to be marked work completed

18. That the Director of Parking install signage indicating the grace period, during daycare pickup and drop-off hours, during which parking tickets will not be issued in front of 99A Dover Street. [24-1674](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Davis and Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- T&P -2024-12-2 Memo (with items 24-1609 24-1607 24-1592 24-1464)