



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Traffic and Parking Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, October 27, 2025

6:00 PM

Virtual

The meeting took place remotely via Zoom and was called to order at 6:04 PM by Chair Sait and adjourned at 7:03 PM on a roll call vote of 2 in favor (Councilors Burnley and Sait), none against and one absent (Councilor Wilson).

Others present:

Assistant Chief Sean Tierney – SFD, Director Brad Rawson – Mobility, Special Counsel Catherine Lester Salchert – Law, Director Suzanne Rinfret – Parking, , Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

The meeting experienced technical difficulties when the meeting went live, however, those were resolved after 24 minutes, at which time the meeting resumed.

Roll Call

Present: Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait and City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr.

Absent: City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 29, 2025. [25-1519](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Five City Councilor Sait and City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr.

Absent: City Councilor At Large Wilson

2. That the Director of Parking place NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER signs on Walnut Street at Sunnyside Avenue. [25-1564](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Director of Mobility install a speed bump on Ashland Street. [25-1550](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Sait

Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Director of Mobility install a solar powered digital YOUR SPEED IS display sign on Shore Drive westbound. [25-1502](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan and Councilor Strezo

Recommended to be marked work completed

5. That this Council consider whether to ban or restrict autonomous vehicle testing locally, if permitted by law. [25-1019](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on whether an individual within a vehicle or the autonomous vehicle company would be responsible if issued a citation during autonomous driving testing. [25-1018](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott

Recommended to be marked work completed

7. That the City Solicitor provide an opinion on whether this Council can restrict the use of autonomous driving testing within city limits, either through an outright ban or through requirement of a special permit. [25-1017](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Scott

Recommended to be marked work completed

8. That the Mayor disclose to this Council any communication with Waymo or its parent company Google regarding autonomous driving tests within city limits. [25-1016](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr.

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- T&P - 2025-10-27 Memo (with 25-1016, 25-1017, 25-1018)