



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - October 17, 2018, 6:30 PM  
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

**AGENDA**

(Posted online: 10/14/18 at 4:39 PM)

1. **Approval of the June 4, 2018 Minutes**
  
2. **205352: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD report to the Ward 5 Alderman and this Board on the plans for closure of the Ball Square bridge and Broadway for GLX construction activity.
  
3. **205802: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Scott) – That the Director of SPCD report to the Wards 1, 2 and 3 Aldermen and this Board on the plans for any GLX-related closures of Washington Street, near the McGrath Highway underpass.
  
4. **204345: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Administration review the traffic and pedestrian signals at the Powder House Rotary and propose changes to better address traffic flow and pedestrian safety.
  
5. **206271: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Administration and the Traffic Commission make any changes possible to the traffic patterns and signal timing at the Powderhouse Circle intersection in advance of the closing of the Broadway bridge at Ball Square.
  
6. **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.
  
7. **204792: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Commissioner of Public Works and/or the Director of Traffic and Parking install an overhead Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon at the crosswalk at the West Branch Library, with bump-outs on either side of the crosswalk.

8. **200640: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a flashing PEDESTRIAN CROSSING sign and/or take other measures to ensure pedestrian safety at College Avenue at Kidder Avenue.
9. **204216: Discuss** (Davis) – That Director of Traffic and Parking install 20 MPH Safety Zone signage, including a "speed alert" sign and other traffic calming measures on College Avenue between Powderhouse and Davis Squares.
10. **202431: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking work with her counterpart in Medford to improve the intersection of Broadway, Albion and Winchester Streets, where there is no signage or street markings.
11. **206739: Discuss** (Rossetti, Davis) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider placing traffic safety signage at the intersection of Willow Avenue, Broadway and Bristol Road.
12. **206390: Discuss** (Niedergang, Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on plans to improve traffic signalization and flow at problem intersections such as Powderhouse Circle, Magoun Square, and others.
13. **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.
14. **205795: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD improve the Teele Square traffic signal wait time by reducing the 2 to 3 cycle wait time to on demand or one cycle wait time during morning and evening rush hours.
15. **206691: Discuss** (Niedergang, Hirsch, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD prioritize for this Board the traffic calming projects in the City, and the process to determine those priorities.
16. **205936: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Administration work with this Board on a fund for traffic calming and pedestrian/transit infrastructure pilot projects through such sources as demand pricing for meters in business districts and the creation of incentives for residents to forgo residential permits so as to create more business permits.
17. **206395: Discuss** (Niedergang, Scott) – That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Administration's traffic calming program, including a report on the traffic petition program and responses to and implementation of petition requests for traffic calming interventions on

specific streets.

18. **202590: Discuss** Conveying an update regarding traffic calming petition procedures.
19. **202862: Discuss** (Rossetti, McLaughlin, Sullivan) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain its policy of reporting back to citizens who submit traffic calming petitions.
20. **202102: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Director of SomerStat or a representative of the Administration, report to this Board on the time frame for responses to the dozens of traffic calming petitions that have been submitted by residents over the past year.
21. **201497: Discuss** (Niedergang, Heuston, Ballantyne, Davis) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the Traffic Calming Neighborhood Action Program, explain why it has taken over 8 months for petitions to be considered, and clarify when the 25 petitions submitted are likely to receive a response.
22. **200782: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 5 Alderman on the Traffic Calming Petition that was filed by residents of Highland Road on October 3, 2015, and report to this Board on the process by which such petitions are considered.
23. **205693: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on traffic calming options for Richardson Street.
24. **205450: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD provide traffic calming recommendations for Vinal Avenue.
25. **205449: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD provide traffic calming recommendations for School Street, from Highland Avenue to Summer Street.
26. **206763: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of SPCD meet with Partridge Avenue residents and the Ward 5 Alderman to discuss traffic calming between Medford and Vernon Streets.
27. **205285: Discuss** (Hirsch, Niedergang, and the Entire Board) – That the Director of SPCD share plans, when available, for its upcoming Vision Zero planning process.
28. **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.

29. **205691: Discuss** (Niedergang, Hirsch) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the possibility of re-striping faded crosswalks whenever necessary, instead of once a year.
30. **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.
31. **202104: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of Engineering report to this Board on the timeframe for re-striping crosswalks that are erased due to repaving or construction.
32. **204965: Discuss** (Mbah, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr., Hirsch) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a crosswalk at Woods Avenue and Route 16.
33. **201477: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Traffic Engineer and the Chief of Police suggest traffic calming measures for High, Sterling, Fairfax and Gordon Streets and Woods Avenue and report back to the Ward 7 Alderman.
34. **206671: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install additional pedestrian safety measures at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue. (2nd request)
35. **203446: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install additional pedestrian safety measures at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue.
36. **206067: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install audible pedestrian signals so people can cross safely at the busy intersection of Highland Avenue and Central Street.
37. **202274: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a blinking crosswalk sign in front of the East Somerville library. (2nd request).
38. **200054: Discuss** (Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the feasibility of a flashing pedestrian walkway on Broadway near the East Branch library.
39. **206579: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install 2 CAUTION: CHILDREN CROSSING signs on both sides of Lowell Street around 294 Lowell Street to accommodate the daycare center there.

40. **206580: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD install a crosswalk on Lowell Street at the Wilton Street bumpouts, as there is no crosswalk on Lowell Street between Magoun Square and the bridge.
41. **205448: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD provide recommendations on making the intersection of Summer and Central Streets safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers.
42. **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.
43. **202107: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of Engineering install a "bump out" at the terminus of the crosswalk on Elm Street west of Willow Avenue opposite Beech Street.
44. **206766: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint two additional crosswalks at the intersection of Cherry Street and Highland Avenue.
45. **206333: Discuss** Traffic and Parking Director responding to Items from this Board's 5/24/18 meeting.
46. **206332: Discuss** Traffic and Parking Director responding to Items from this Board's 6/14/18 meeting.
47. **206102: Discuss** DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 5/24/18.
48. **202958: Discuss** Assistant City Solicitor submitting an opinion regarding the posting of official Speed Limit signs.
49. **204287: Discuss** Director of Traffic and Parking responding to #204236 re: the term of residential parking permits.
50. **199752: Discuss** Traffic and Parking Director responding to #199586 re: "No Idling" signage at schools.
51. **204882: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking add a second crosswalk and install a flashing PEDESTRIAN CROSSING sign on both sides of Summer Street at Cherry Street to enhance safety for children and parents walking to the Kennedy School.

52. **204880: Discuss** (Niedergang, Mbah, and the Entire Board) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board whether he plans to propose to the Traffic Commission that 20 mph speed zones be adopted citywide.
53. **204258: Discuss** (McWatters, and the Entire Board) – That the Administration and Director of SPCD consider increasing the number of safety zones throughout the city.
54. **203599: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Chief of Police enforce traffic laws at Cedar Street and Franey Road, as cars are making U-turns there and speeding over the Cedar Street bridge, and trucks are backing out into the street and blocking it.
55. **203598: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking instruct Parking Control Officers to regularly ticket the NO PARKING spots on the east side of Cedar Street by Trum Field, particularly in the evenings and Saturdays.
56. **202975: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking paint 20 MPH, highlighted in a circle, on Broadway and Powder House Blvd, to inform drivers entering Somerville from Route 16 of the city's speed limit.
57. **202728: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 5 Alderman on whether large truck traffic can be curtailed or banned on Cedar Street to avoid disturbing residents' peace and damaging their foundations.
58. **201708: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking appear before this Board to address the on-line resident parking permit system and its turn-around times, lack of transaction confirmations, and long lines at the customer service counter.
59. **201621: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to the Ward 5 Alderman on measures to reduce the speed of vehicles around Hoyt-Sullivan Park, including reducing the speed limit on Central Street to 20-25 mph. (3rd request)
60. **201150: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking put up a second DO NOT ENTER sign on the west side of the entrance from Medford Street into the CVS parking lot.
61. **200526: Discuss** (Niedergang, Heuston) – That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the concrete on the pedestrian and bicycle ramp under the railroad bridge on Sacramento Street, between Somerville Avenue and Miller Street.
62. **200436: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Lafuente, McWatters) – That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the Gilman Square building and when traffic issues will be alleviated there.

63. **19959: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing signage or a mirror at the intersection of Woodbine and Lowell Streets so cars exiting onto Lowell Street can see oncoming traffic before pulling out.
64. **199586: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment report to this Board on the design, placement, effectiveness and enforcement of “NO IDLING” signs by all schools.
65. **199282: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking suggest traffic calming measures on Pembroke Street to slow traffic that cuts through to avoid the traffic light at Central and Medford Streets.
66. **199280: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works report to this Board on the placement of NO IDLING signs at all public schools.
67. **197023: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD (T&I) develop a plan for a pedestrian crosswalk at Vernon Street and Lowell Street and report to this Board and the Ward 5 Alderman on how that would be incorporated into the Lowell Street bridge traffic calming project.