



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - February 19, 2020, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 2/13/20 at 10:02 AM)

1. Approval of the January 15, 2020 Minutes

Dangerous Intersections/Areas

- 2. 208844: Discuss** (Niedergang, McLaughlin, Clingan, Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on actions, communications and collaboration with State agencies to improve pedestrian safety in the Mystic Avenue area by I-93, following the death of two pedestrians hit by motor vehicles there.
- 3. * 22542 : Niedergang - construct traffic calming table**
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 209445: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD adjust the light signal timing at Central and Medford Streets so pedestrians have enough time to cross safely.
- 7. 208378: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD install traffic calming infrastructure on Morrison Avenue, such as a speed bump between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue, as soon as possible to protect pedestrians crossing Morrison Avenue, especially at

Highland Road near Lexington Park and the Community Path.

Traffic Calming

8. **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.
9. * **22552 :Niedergang - provide update on expanding 20 MPH safety zones**
10. **209372: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD prepare a plan for congestion pricing tolls to address traffic and air pollution.

Ride-share and package delivery issues

11. **207368: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the contribution of ride-hailing services, including Uber and Lyft, to traffic congestion, and suggest policies to reduce this impact.
12. **207491: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Administration consider signage in high-usage areas directing ride share users to the existence and location of designated drop-off/pick-up areas.
13. **207490: Discuss** (Davis, Hirsch, Mbah, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, White Jr.) – That the Administration update this Council on any agreements with ride share companies, including their designated drop-off/pick-up areas in Davis Square, and advise on any efforts to contract with additional companies or introduce additional designated areas, and discuss with this Council the enforcement of illegal parking in those areas.
14. **208256: Discuss** (Hirsch, Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD identify both a temporary and longer-term Lyft/Uber pick-up point in Union Square.
15. **206695: Discuss** (Niedergang, Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on any discussions with our state delegation to increase the per-ride assessment that ride-share companies pay, and how this Board could advocate for an increase.
16. **209477: Discuss** (Hirsch, Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD consider strategies to reduce the volume and impact of package delivery vehicles, such as encouraging smaller or electric vehicles and cargo bike parking, as has been tried in Manhattan and Seattle.

Infrastructure and GLX issues

17. **208249: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD modify the Central Hill Campus plan to include an elevator from the new Gilman Square MBTA station to the Central Hill Campus, so that people with mobility issues are able to use the new station to access City Hall, the Library, and the High School.
18. **207890: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Niedergang, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Administration work with MassDOT and the GLX team to address the 3 primary safety issues with the Community Path Extension between Washington Street and Lechmere that have been identified by the Friends of the Community Path.
19. **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.
20. **207449: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking waive parking dumpster fees for property owners who are de-paving their driveways.
21. **207713: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a NO OUTLET TO WASHINGTON STREET sign on the corner of George Street and Broadway to prevent cut through traffic due to the GLX bridge closures.
22. **207165: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a STOP sign at the intersection of Temple Road and Governor Winthrop Road.

SomerVision 204 – Mobility

23. * 22551 :Niedergang - provide feedback on SomerVision 2040 mobility

Excise Taxes

24. * 22553 : Niedergang - discuss excise tax relative to out of state registrations

Housekeeping

25. **197981: Discuss** (McWatters) – That the Commissioner of Public Works determine if it is feasible to place a bump out at the corner of Bonner and Columbus Avenues.
26. **199456: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking conduct a traffic study on Lincoln and Perkins Streets and propose traffic calming measures.
27. **199700: Discuss** (White Jr., Lafuente, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti) – That the Traffic

Commission consider installing a temporary speed bump on Governor Winthrop Road near Grimmons Park to protect children from speeding vehicles.

28. **199846: Discuss** (McWatters, McLaughlin) – That MASS DOT consider placing a pedestrian signal at Chester Street and McGrath Highway.
29. **200223: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Commissioner of Public Works create clearly defined lines along Walnut Street, by Pearl Street and Broadway, to eliminate two lane traffic problems.
30. **200240: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a sign on Cross Street East prohibiting cutoff traffic onto I-93.
31. **200290: Discuss** (Gewirtz, Rossetti) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking add an additional stop sign on Meacham Road facing Buena Vista Road to clarify that Buena Vista Road drivers must stop before turning onto Meacham Road.
32. **200746: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a SLOW sign on the Cross Street bridge.
33. **200856: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signs at appropriate sections of Osgood Street indicating that it is not a through way.
34. **201135: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking investigate making Brook Street a one way street, going away from Cross Street.
35. **201142: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install parking meters in front of 161 Broadway.
36. **201377: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove the NO TURN ON RED sign on the corner of Broadway and Franklin Street.
37. **201406: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a DEAD END or NO THRU WAY sign at the entrance to Kent Court.
38. **201407: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a PRIVATE WAY sign at the entrance to Kent Court.
39. **201487: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking devise a strategy to more forcefully implement the DO NOT ENTER restriction on Perkins Street, by the Boston line.

40. **201615: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the absence of parking regulations and signage on large portions of Somerville Avenue.
41. **201694: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a flashing STOP sign on Buena Vista Road, where it meets Meacham Road.
42. **201780: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider adding an "except Perkins Street abutters" note to the Do Not Enter sign on Perkins Street, on the Boston line.
43. **201783: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a blinking SLOW - CHILDREN sign on Lincoln Avenue.
44. **201785: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install YIELD signs along the rotary in Assembly Row, by Legal Seafood, as well as signage indicating who has the right of way.
45. **201786: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking address traffic issues at the intersection of Bonair, Dana and Edmands Streets.
46. **201829: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain the reason for the NO PARKING – DRIVEWAY sign at the West Branch Police sub-station.
47. **202173: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking put a DO NOT ENTER sign on the corner of Walnut Street and Medford street to stop cars from going the wrong way on Walnut Street.
48. **202351: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a blinking SLOW sign at 240 Pearl Street.
49. **202791: Discuss** (Sullivan, Lafuente, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install reflective material on the STOP sign post at Governor Winthrop and Ten Hills Roads.
50. **202799: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Sullivan, Rossetti) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider placing warning signs at the entrance of East Broadway, at McGrath Highway, to let drivers know the street will merge to one lane.
51. **202860: Discuss** (Rossetti, McLaughlin, Sullivan) – That the Chief of Police send a directed patrol to monitor Mount Vernon Street for wrong-way traffic 5-6PM.

52. **202861: Discuss** (Rossetti, McLaughlin, Sullivan) – That the Chief of Police monitor lower Broadway regularly for illegal u-turns.
53. **203054: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking review the line of site for traffic turning from Summer Street onto Preston Road and recommend changes to parking and signage.
54. **203055: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider a resident petition for a change to Merriam Street from 2-way to 1-way and provide residents with related information.
55. **203067: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of Information Technology provide Parking Control Officers with the ability to review local infraction history by license plate.
56. **203070: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD provide this Board with data on car ownership and parking issues at developments permitted in the past five years.
57. **203074: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider prohibiting car traffic around Artisan Way and Assembly Row to allow for increased pedestrian accessibility.
58. **203274: Discuss** (McWatters, Rossetti, Connolly, Sullivan, White Jr.) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider placing a raised crosswalk at the intersection of Summer and Lowell Streets.
59. **203363: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Administration advise why speed dampening options were denied for Fairfax Street.
60. **203372: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Directors of SPCD and Traffic and Parking place appropriate signs and signals for safety zones in Ward 2, especially around the Argenziano School.
61. **203396: Discuss** (Sullivan, McLaughlin, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking determine whether fire trucks and ambulances can safely access Maine, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island Avenues from Pennsylvania Avenue, and make appropriate recommendations to this Board.
62. **203397: Discuss** (Sullivan) – The Traffic Commission consider making Mt. Vernon Street an ABUTTERS ONLY roadway, from Pearl Street to Broadway, during peak travelling hours.

63. **203488: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Traffic Commission consider changing Merriam Street to a one way street, from Charlestown Street to Somerville Avenue.
64. **203490: Discuss** (Heuston) – The Director of Traffic and Parking place a second DO NOT ENTER sign at the corner of Bolton and Oak Streets, and a one way arrow sign on top of the DO NOT ENTER signs.
65. **203578: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of SPCD work with MA DOT to place a DO NOT BLOCK THE INTERSECTION sign and related street markings at the intersection of Linwood Street and McGrath Highway.
66. **203591: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a sign at the entrance of Prentiss Street to indicate its Private Way status.
67. **203993: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a NO PARKING sign between 129 and 133 Cross Street.
68. **204228: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the speed signs on Florence Street with 20 MPH signs.
69. **208483: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide an update on progress regarding processing residential permits.

* This item is expected to be referred to the Traffic and Parking Committee
by the City Council on February 13, 2020.