



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - January 15, 2020, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

1. Approval of the November 20, 2019 Minutes

2. Approval of the December 9, 2019 Minutes

Vision Zero Report & Update

- 3. 208334: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Vision Zero Task Force provide the City Council with an update on its activities.

Traffic Calming & Enforcement

- 4. 209553: Discuss** (Niedergang, Hirsch, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Davis, McLaughlin, Mbah) – That the Chief of Police report to this Council on plans to assign more officers to the Traffic Enforcement Division, instruct patrol officers to make traffic enforcement a higher priority, and increase the ratio of payable to warning citations.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 207499: Recommend** (Hirsch, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Mbah) – That the Administration respond to the requests outlined in the attached resident petition, organized by the Pedestrian and Transit Advocacy Group, to accelerate traffic calming investments and improve coordination and oversight.
- 7. 207996: Discuss** 8 residents submitting comments re: #207499, a proposal to accelerate traffic calming investments.

8. **209149: Discuss** (Niedergang, Hirsch, Davis, Clingan) – That the Mayor and the Director of SPCD immediately seek the approval of this Council for 2 new Mobility Division positions, and funding for traffic calming infrastructure, to address the many dangerous areas on our streets.
9. **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.

Dangerous Intersections/Areas

10. **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.
11. **204965: Discuss** (Mbah, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr., Hirsch) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a crosswalk at Woods Avenue and Route 16.
12. **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.
13. **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.
14. **207280: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a flexible "Yield to Pedestrians" sign in the crosswalk across Central Street at Willoughby Street.
15. **209428: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of Parking increase enforcement of the NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER regulations at the intersections of Central Street at Forster Street and Sycamore Street at Browning Road.
16. **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.

17. **208117: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD immediately install flex posts at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue to ensure pedestrian safety.
18. **208008: Discuss** (Davis, Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD implement traffic calming and pedestrian and cyclist safety measures on Broadway from Powder House Circle to Teele Square.

Union Sq. Traffic Problems

19. **208834: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Chief of Police post a traffic detail at the intersection of Webster Avenue and Prospect Street for the duration of the traffic detours in Union Square that reroute Washington Street traffic through that intersection.
20. **208835: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Director of SPCD return the intersection at Webster Avenue and Washington Street to an exclusive pedestrian crossing interval to increase safety for schoolchildren and other pedestrians.
21. **208836: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Director of Parking, the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police increase traffic signage and enforcement at the intersection of Webster Avenue and Somerville Avenue to prevent northbound traffic on Webster Avenue from continuing north onto Bow Street or entering Somerville Avenue going in the wrong direction.
22. **208837: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Commissioner of Public Works immediately reassess the signaling at the intersection of Webster Avenue and Prospect Street due to the current unsafe and frustrating conditions there.
23. **206685: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on when various necessary improvements to the Union Square traffic pattern, including an "All-Walk" cycle and left-turn arrows at certain intersections, will be implemented.
24. **206687: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Scott, Mbah) – That the Director of Engineering build a crosswalk to allow pedestrians to safely cross Washington Street at the Public Safety Building.
25. **209482: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Scott) – That the Director of Engineering construct a pedestrian crosswalk across Washington Street in front of the Public Safety Building. (2nd request)
26. **206438: Discuss** (Scott) – That the Director of SPCD address this Board regarding traffic congestion on Oak and Houghton Streets resulting from recent traffic pattern changes in Union Square.

Broadway Bus/Bike Lanes

27. **209001: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Administration provide an update addressing the Winter Hill in Motion project, including links to the educational materials created.
28. **208888: Discuss** (Clingan, Hirsch, White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on the effectiveness of the Winter Hill in Motion plan and its impact on congestion.
29. **209363: Discuss** (Ballantyne, McLaughlin) – That the Director of SPCD discuss implementing a "Don't Block the Box" campaign to ease intersection congestion at locations along Broadway, including McGrath Highway.
30. **207660: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works clean or replace the right turn signal at the corner of Broadway, turning onto Temple Street, as it is not visible during the day.
31. **208891: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD deploy traffic calming measures on Jacques Street.
32. **209423: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of Parking move the NO TURN ON RED sign at the corner of Broadway and Temple Street to a more visible location.
33. **206818: Discuss** (Clingan, Mbah) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO PARKING FROM HERE sign at the parking lot at 315 Broadway.
34. **206197: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO THRU TRAFFIC 7–9AM AND 4-6PM EXCEPT FOR ABUTTERS sign on Fenwick Street at Broadway.

Housekeeping

35. **203592: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Chief of Police report to this Board the number of traffic violations issued to vehicles exiting Hawkins Street that need to access the far left lane, and work with the Traffic Engineer to address access issues for residents of Hawkins Street.
36. **203840: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider expanding the required time for notifying neighborhoods of street closures from 48 to 72 hours.
37. **203952: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the traffic signal at 66 Beacon Street.

38. **203953: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Traffic Commission make Merriam Street a one way street from Somerville Avenue to Charlestown Street.
39. **204257: Discuss** (McWatters) – That the Director of SPCD consider installing a rotary at Munroe Street and Prospect Hill Avenue and schedule a neighborhood meeting with Prospect Hill residents and the Ward 3 Alderman to discuss this measure.
40. **204259: Discuss** (McWatters) – That the Director of SPCD place a radar feedback sign on Vinal Avenue.
41. **204313: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install signs to limit parking at the corners of Oak and Prospect Streets.
42. **204314: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace all faded street signs on Oak Street.
43. **204315: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking restrict cut through traffic on Durham Street from Beacon Street, allowing access to abutters only from 7-9AM and 4-7PM, Monday through Friday.
44. **204316: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking increase parking enforcement in Ward 2, specifically at Oak, Houghton, Harrison, Tremont and Norfolk Streets.
45. **204376: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Traffic Commission place a temporary speed bump on Wigglesworth Street.
46. **204385: Discuss** (Sullivan, Davis, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the no parking on sidewalks regulation and install NO PARKING ON SIDEWALKS signs on Winter St.
47. **204391: Discuss** (McWatters) – That the Director of SPCD consider making Kimball Street and Ibbettson Street safety zones.
48. **204431: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove or restrict parking at the intersection of Hammond Street and Concord Avenue.
49. **204532: Discuss** (White Jr.) – That the City Solicitor determine whether the City may issue a parking citation to vehicles parked on private property in violation of zoning provisions that prohibit such parking.

50. **204780: Discuss** MA DOT Manager of Service Planning responding to #204536 re: an additional bus shelter under the Washington St overpass.
51. **206234: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Administration launch a smart traffic flow overhaul, reconsidering the direction of every street in the city.
52. **206270: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Administration and the Traffic Commission implement an extensive 20mph Safety Zone across all of Ward 6.
53. **207573: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking install all signage needed to inform motorists exiting Route 16 onto Powder House Blvd. that they are entering a residential and school neighborhood.
54. **208255: Discuss** (Hirsch, Niedergang) – That the Administration consider implementing a Driveway Safety Program, modeled after one implemented by the New York City DOT.
55. **208257: Discuss** (Hirsch, Davis, Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD identify all intersections with incomplete crosswalk crossings and suggest ways to remedy them.
56. **208819: Discuss** (Hirsch, McLaughlin) – That the Director of SPCD discuss whether the opening of the casino has impacted car volume in East Somerville.
57. **208845: Discuss** (Niedergang, Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on the safety of pedestrians at the intersection of Broadway and Norwood Avenue, following serious injury to a pedestrian there, and whether a crosswalk is needed.
58. **208889: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of Parking install 4-hour maximum parking signs on Fellsway West.
59. **209303: Discuss** (Davis) – That the City Solicitor advise on how this Council can regulate by ordinance the issuance of parking permits, and prohibit the issuance of parking permits to residents of new construction or renovation that doesn't provide on-site parking,
60. **209340: Discuss** Submitting draft language for residential permit parking restriction waivers.