



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE Committee Meeting

Monday - February 8, 2021, 6:00 PM
Virtual

AGENDA

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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1. Approval of the January 11, 2021 Minutes

Strategic Big Picture Issues

2. **210893: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan, Strezo, Mbah, Scott, Rossetti, McLaughlin, White Jr.) – That the Mayor submit a supplemental budget request to immediately add staff and funding to the Mobility Division for traffic calming, and increase its staff and funding by at least 50% in FY22.
3. **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.
4. **210992: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Mayor and the Chief of Police discuss with this Council why there is so little traffic enforcement conducted by the Police Department, why its Traffic Division has so few officers, and how it plans to address the public safety crisis

made obvious with 4 pedestrians killed by motor vehicles in the past 2 years.

Dangerous Intersections and Roadways

5. **210898: Discuss** (Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on any plans to further improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Willow Avenue, Elm Street and Beech Street, possibly with a center island and bump outs.
6. **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.
7. **211227: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Commissioner of Public Works install a temporary speed bump on Sycamore Street between the main entrance and the schoolyard entrance of the Winter Hill School.
8. **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.
9. **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.

GLX-Related and Public Transportation Issues

10. **211135: Discuss** (Niedergang, Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on traffic management and calming plans for the streets and neighborhoods around the five Green Line Extension stations expected to open before the end of this year.
11. **210968: Discuss** (Niedergang, Scott) – That the Director of SPCD brief the Traffic and Parking Committee on the work that will be done on our streets and Community Path pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement with the MBTA and MaDOT, which will provide the city with a \$1,400,000 payment.
12. **207502: Discuss** (Hirsch, Niedergang, Clingan, McLaughlin, Davis) – That the Director of SPCD discuss the plans and process to advocate for Somerville transit priorities as part of the MBTA Better Bus Project, including advocacy for a North/South bus route and reduced fares for income-eligible riders, and against fare hikes.
13. **209606: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD provide this Council with an update

on efforts to implement North/South public transportation services.

City Employee Driver Training

14. **210975: Discuss** (Ballantyne, Niedergang) – That the Administration and the Commissioner of Public Works discuss the vehicle training process for all DPW employees and contractors whose job requires them to drive city vehicles.
15. **211128: Discuss** (Strezo) – That the Commissioner of Public Works discuss installing speed limiters on the city's vehicles to monitor speed and ensure that employees are observing speed limits.

Housekeeping -- Items to be completed if no objection

16. **210828: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parking remove the parking meters at 315 Broadway.
17. **211151: Discuss** Director of Parking responding to items approved at the 12/10/20 meeting.
18. **210899: Discuss** (Davis, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Niedergang, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Parking implement traffic calming measures on Powder House Terrace.
19. **209808: Discuss** (McLaughlin, Ballantyne, Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD develop a plan to create parking-separated bike lanes on East Broadway.