



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Tuesday - February 19, 2019, 6:00 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 2/13/19 at 10:35 AM)

1. Approval of the December 5, 2018 Minutes

Powder House Boulevard and West Somerville Neighborhood School area

- 2. 207250: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police implement immediate safety and traffic dampening measures along Powderhouse Blvd from North St. to the West Somerville Neighborhood School, and assign a Police Officer to the School during drop-offs and pick-ups.
- 3. 204323: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD, the Director of Traffic and Parking, and the Commissioner of Public Works suggest additional measures to slow the speeding traffic at the crosswalk in front of the West Somerville Neighborhood School.
- 4. 200844: Discuss** Lucy and Jason van Beever submitting comments re: #200639, a raised crosswalk at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.
- 5. 200845: Discuss** Barry Rafkind submitting comments re: #200639, a raised crosswalk at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.
- 6. 201989: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking determine if the substantial increase in truck traffic on Powderhouse Boulevard is violating any ordinances restricting such traffic, and that the Traffic Engineer and Director of Capital Projects discuss with this Board's Committee on Traffic and Parking the reconstruction of the street and the installation of traffic calming measures.

7. **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.
8. **201479: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the malfunctioning pedestrian traffic signal at Alewife Brook Parkway near Powderhouse Boulevard at the Clarendon Hill housing complex.

Other particularly dangerous intersections around the City

9. **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.
10. **203446: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install additional pedestrian safety measures at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue.
11. **199244: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Commissioner of Public Works or the Director of Traffic and Parking install traffic calming measures on Cameron Avenue and Clarendon Avenue.
12. **204247: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police petition the City of Cambridge to change Clarendon Avenue to a one way street, so it continues in the same direction from Somerville to Massachusetts Avenue.
13. **204891: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Chief of Police cite motorists traveling in the wrong direction on Clarendon Avenue and Victoria Street from Woodstock Street.
14. **204965: Discuss** (Mbah, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr., Hirsch) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a crosswalk at Woods Avenue and Route 16.
15. **204572: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Chief of Police, the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director of SPCD monitor traffic speeds on North Street, High Street, Fairfax Street, Sterling Street, Gordon Street and Woods Avenue and suggest traffic dampening measures.
16. **207361: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking enhance the STOP signs on Summer Street at Cherry Street with solar-powered blinking lights, similar to those at Summer and Lowell Streets.
17. **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.

18. **206189: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD provide recommendations to improve pedestrian safety at the dangerous intersection of Walnut Street, Summit Avenue and Boston Street.
19. **202274: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a blinking crosswalk sign in front of the East Somerville library. (2nd request).
20. **202792: Discuss** (Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a flashing cross walk sign on Broadway at the East Branch Library.
21. **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.

Pedestrian Safety

22. **206946: Discuss** (Hirsch, Niedergang) – Requesting the formation of a Resident Transit Advisory Committee as first proposed on February 8, 2018 (see #205100).
23. **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.
24. **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.
25. **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.
26. **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.
27. **202104: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Director

of Engineering report to this Board on the timeframe for re-stripping crosswalks that are erased due to repaving or construction.

Ball Square Bridge closure

- 28. 206850: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis, Rossetti, Ballantyne) – That the Mayor’s Office report to this Board in writing with plans for the police presence around the detour route from the Broadway/Ball Square Bridge closure to protect the Ball Square neighborhood from cut-through traffic, especially at key intersections on Cedar Street, Highland Avenue, College Avenue, and Broadway.
- 29. 206851: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD develop a physical traffic calming infrastructure on Morrison Avenue between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue, before the Broadway/Ball Square Bridge closes in January 2019.
- 30. 207330: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis) – That the Director of SPCD and/or the Director of Traffic and Parking review all street direction signage in the Ball Square area, and add additional signage to make the direction of streets super clear.
- 31. 207331: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board in writing no later than February 4 about traffic calming measures to be deployed in the Ball Square area to slow down cut-through traffic before the Ball Square Broadway Bridge closes, currently scheduled for about March 1.
- 32. 203371: Discuss** (Sullivan, Ballantyne, Connolly, Rossetti, White Jr.) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the missing restricted turn sign at Endicott Avenue and Broadway.
- 33. 203859: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking limit cut through traffic on Hanson Street by installing signage that allows abutters only at 7–9AM and 4–7 PM at identified locations, and ensure that this matter is addressed at the Traffic Commission's next meeting, on July 20, 2017.
- 34. 203226: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking address the use of parking spaces on Norfolk and Tremont Streets by valet parkers for restaurants along Cambridge Street.
- 35. 202101: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking assess Sartwell Avenue for immediate traffic calming measures and report to the Ward 5 Alderman by the end of September.

36. **201506: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking address traffic issues at the corner of Bonair and Edmands Streets.
37. **200767: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking repair the TOW ZONE sign on Broadway, near Rent-A-Center, and hold Rent-A-Center responsible for the cost of the repair.
38. **200594: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking take steps to make all of Dana Street permit parking for residents only.
39. **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.
40. **200176: Discuss** MA DOT Highway Administrator responding to #199846 re: a pedestrian crossing at Chester Avenue and McGrath Highway.