



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE  
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - May 15, 2019, 6:00 PM  
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

**AGENDA**

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**1. Approval of the April 3, 2019 Minutes**

**Top Strategic Priorities for Making Our Streets Safer**

- 2. 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.
- 3. 207996: Discuss** 8 residents submitting comments re: #207499, a proposal to accelerate traffic calming investments.
- 4. 206946: Discuss** (Hirsch, Niedergang) – Requesting the formation of a Resident Transit Advisory Committee as first proposed on February 8, 2018 (see #205100).
- 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. 207916: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD evaluate with the Traffic and Parking Committee the value and impact of flex posts for traffic calming, and on plans going forward for their use and maintenance.
- 7. 207915: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD explain to the Traffic and Parking Committee why strategically-placed temporary speed bumps would not be more effective in calming traffic than plastic flex posts, many of which have been down and out-

of-service within a day or two of the recent bridge closures.

### **Epecially Dangerous Intersections/Areas**

8. **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.
9. **196311: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Administration report to this Board the timetable for using the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell's Green in 2011 for traffic-slowing measures on both sides of the Lowell Street bridge.
10. **196436: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Administration report to this Board on plans to slow traffic on Lowell Street, make its intersections safer, and use the \$220,000 contributed by Maxwell's Green for traffic calming.
11. **208033: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install new, vehicle-safe, bolt-in-place YIELD FOR PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALK signs at the intersections of Lowell and Hudson Streets and Lowell and Albion Streets, as soon as they are available.
12. **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.
13. **203446: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install additional pedestrian safety measures at the intersection of Holland Street and Cameron Avenue.
14. **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.
15. **207487: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 6 Councilor on requests for crosswalk safety improvements at the locations specified within.
16. **207486: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of Engineering and the Director of Traffic and Parking update the Ward 6 Councilor on requests for crosswalks at locations specified within.
17. **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.

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.
19. **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.
20. **204965: Discuss** (Mbah, Ballantyne, Rossetti, White Jr., Hirsch) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a crosswalk at Woods Avenue and Route 16.
21. **207918: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking urgently prioritize pedestrian safety at the intersection of Walnut Street and Highland Avenue, which was identified as one of the most unsafe intersections in the city.
22. **207919: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking prioritize pedestrian safety at the intersection of Vinal and Highland Avenues with re-painting and additional signage.
23. **208044: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin, Scott) – That the Director of SPCD place speed bumps across Craigie Street near the entrances to the Morse Kelley and Dickerman playgrounds.
24. **208045: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 3 City Councilor on plans for raised crosswalks on Summer Street at Belmont and/or Lowell Streets, as well as other nearby traffic calming improvements.

### **Somerville Police Enforcement Issues**

25. **207738: Discuss** (Niedergang, Hirsch, Ballantyne) – That the Chief of Police report to this Council how, in this time of bridge closures and traffic frustrations, the Police Department can assign more Officers to the Traffic Enforcement Division, instruct more Patrol Officers to prioritize traffic enforcement, and increase the ratio of payable to warning citations.
26. **207882: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Chief of Police discuss the feasibility of detail officers issuing moving violation citations during detail work connected with detours and road reconstruction.
27. **207652: Discuss** (Niedergang, Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD, the Chief of Police, the Director of Traffic and Parking, and/or the Director of Communications report to this Council on developing a citywide campaign focused on getting motorists to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks and to fully stop at STOP signs.

28. **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.

**Pedestrian Safety Issues (for the Traffic and Parking Dept.)**

29. **205691: Discuss** (Niedergang, Hirsch) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the possibility of re-stripping 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-stripping 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-stripping crosswalks that are erased due to repaving or construction.
32. **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.
33. **207893: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the NO TURN ON RED sign at the intersection of Day and Elm Streets with a sign allowing RIGHT TURN ON RED AFTER STOP – YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS, or similar wording.
34. **207894: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of SPCD update the Ward 6 Councilor on the timeframe for acquiring new signal switching equipment to allow additional traffic/pedestrian cycles in Davis Square.
35. **207927: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking reset the NO LEFT TURN (at certain times) sign at the corner of College and Kidder Avenues so it's clearly visible to traffic traveling south on College Avenue. (2nd request)
36. **202933: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking advise this Board whether diagonal crosswalk markings can be painted at certain intersections.

**Housekeeping - Items to be marked Complete**

37. **208032: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking place flexible YIELD FOR PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALK signs at the intersections of Lowell and

Hudson Streets and Lowell and Albion Streets.

38. **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.
39. **207163: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD make lane markings on Broadway in Winter Hill a top priority for next year's construction season.
40. **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.
41. **200052: Discuss** (Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Connolly, Rossetti) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the feasibility of a traffic light at Foley Street and Middlesex Avenue.
42. **200146: Discuss** (Sullivan, McLaughlin, White Jr., Rossetti, Connolly) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Chief of Police and the Director of SPCD review the traffic problems in East Somerville and develop a traffic improvement plan.
43. **200153: Discuss** (Gewirtz) – That the Commissioner of Public Works NOT paint the double yellow line on Kidder Avenue when the road is repaved and instead, add a clearly marked bike lane.
44. **200232: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking explore speed reducing measures on New Washington Street, behind Cobble Hill and by the dog park.
45. **200247: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain the policy of guest parking passes expiring on Saturdays.
46. **202984: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking report the number of guest passes and resident parking stickers issued for FY15, FY16 and FY17 to date.
47. **204126: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of the Traffic and Parking erect signs at strategic points of entry to the City which state: “Entering a bike community, be aware of cyclists and bike lanes.”