



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

Wednesday - December 5, 2018, 6:30 PM
Committee Room – 2nd Floor – City Hall

AGENDA

(Posted online: 12/3/18 at 9:00 AM)

1. Approval of the October 17, 2018 Minutes

Bridge closures and detours

- 2. 205352: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD report to the Ward 5 Alderman and this Board on the plans for closure of the Ball Square bridge and Broadway for GLX construction activity.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 206271: Discuss** (Davis) – That the Administration and the Traffic Commission make any changes possible to the traffic patterns and signal timing at the Powderhouse Circle intersection in advance of the closing of the Broadway bridge at Ball Square.
- 7. 205693: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on traffic calming options for Richardson Street.

8. **204348: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking review the traffic signal for left turns from Somerville Avenue onto Dane Street for safety concerns during rush hour.
9. **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.

Vision Zero and pedestrian safety

10. **205285: Discuss** (Hirsch, Niedergang, and the Entire Board) – That the Director of SPCD share plans, when available, for its upcoming Vision Zero planning process.
11. **206946: Discuss** (Hirsch, Niedergang) – Requesting the formation of a Resident Transit Advisory Committee as first proposed on February 8, 2018 (see #205100).
12. **207067: Discuss** (Davis, Niedergang, Mbah, Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Board on the possibility of installing containers of small flags at key pedestrian crossings to aid in pedestrian safety.
13. **206067: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Hirsch) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install audible pedestrian signals so people can cross safely at the busy intersection of Highland Avenue and Central Street.
14. **205831: Discuss** (Hirsch, White Jr., Scott, Ewen-Campen, Mbah) – That the Director of Engineering share with this Board the feasibility of creating a pedestrian crossing on Somerville Avenue, between Belmont and Spring Streets.
15. **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.
16. **204309: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of SPCD provide streetscape changes, such as painted crosswalks, at points on the Webster Avenue bridge to facilitate pedestrian crossings in that area.
17. **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.
18. **204317: Discuss** (Heuston) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a crossing signal across Calvin Street at Washington Street.

Traffic calming

19. **206672: Discuss** (Ballantyne) – That the Director of SPCD update this Board on the implementation of neighborhood safety zones. (2nd request)
20. **207128: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD identify for the Ward 3 Alderman the 5 highest-speed residential streets in Ward 3 where a road-narrowing approach could be tested during Spring, 2019.
21. **207127: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD work with the Ward 3 Alderman and residents of Vinal Avenue to conduct a temporary "road narrowing" experiment using flex-posts to slow vehicle speeds.
22. **205450: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD provide traffic calming recommendations for Vinal Avenue.
23. **205449: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD provide traffic calming recommendations for School Street, from Highland Avenue to Summer Street.
24. **205448: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD provide recommendations on making the intersection of Summer and Central Streets safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers.
25. **206778: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen) – That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Engineering work with the Ward 3 Alderman to use \$75,000 contributed by the 125 Lowell developers, to enhance traffic calming in the vicinity.
26. **206849: Discuss** (Niedergang, Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD or the Director of Traffic and Parking explain to this Board why there are no lane markings or striping on Broadway between Temple Street and Magoun Square.

Parking enforcement

27. **206853: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board on the enforcement of 311 complaints about illegal parking, and what provisions exist for enforcement against illegal parking on Sundays and holidays.
28. **206202: Discuss** (Hirsch) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking share how it enforces the prohibition of cars and trucks parked in bus lanes and bike lanes.
29. **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.

Items to be completed (not anticipated to be discussed)

30. **204795: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking install flashing YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN signs at the crosswalk by the Kennedy School on Elm Street.
31. **204797: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD consider painting crosswalks and speed bumps in the parking lot by the Kennedy School, and discuss these and other traffic-calming measures with the Ward 5 Alderman.
32. **202872: Discuss** (Rossetti, Connolly, White Jr., Sullivan) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking report the number of warnings and citations issued for snow covered vehicles following the 9AM lifting of the snow emergency on 2/13/17.
33. **201126: Discuss** (Rossetti, Lafuente, Davis, Niedergang) – That the Administration explain the process for exempting streets from next year's change in the Snow Emergency Parking Plan. (2nd request)
34. **200211: Discuss** (Rossetti) – That the Administration explain the process for exempting streets from next year's change in the Snow Emergency Parking plan.
35. **206169: Discuss** (Clingan) – That the Director of SPCD deploy traffic calming measures on Marshall Street.
36. **200435: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Commissioner of Public Works place plowed snow on the non-permit parking side of Dana Street to ensure residents have parking.
37. **202346: Discuss** (McLaughlin) – That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider adding Myrtle Street to the 20 MPH list through amendment of Article 14.