



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

October 28, 2014

REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Robert J. McWatters | Chair | Present | |
| Tony Lafuente | Vice Chair | Present | |
| Matthew McLaughlin | Ward One Alderman | Absent | |
| Mary Jo Rossetti | Alderman at Large | Present | |

Alderman Rossetti was appointed the committee for this meeting, only.

Others present: Alderman Katjana Ballantyne, Alderman Maryann Heuston, Suzanne Rinfret (T&P), Terry Smith (T&P)

192634 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking explain the increase of large truck traffic entering Magoun Square from the Medford and Route 93 areas.:

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

196155 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing an appropriate traffic signal at the intersection of Cameron Avenue and Holland Street until a study is performed relative to the future use of the Powderhouse Community School.:

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

196185 - That the Commissioner of Public Works provide a timeline to replace the traffic signal at the intersection of Washington and Beacon Streets.:

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196223 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking inform this Board whether the city is able to reduce the speed limit on side streets below 30 mph.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

196228 - That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol on Greenville Street, at McGrath Highway, to ensure drivers are adhering to the NO RIGHT TURN restriction during the posted hours.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

196229 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking determine if it is feasible to install a raised crosswalk at Monroe Street and Prospect Hill Road.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

196230 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a STOP sign at Columbus Avenue (eastbound on Warren Avenue).:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

196286 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking, the Commissioner of Public Works, and the Director of SPCD develop a plan to install traffic calming measures on both sides of the Lowell Street bridge following the serious accident on February 6, and that the Director of Traffic and Parking present this plan to this Board at its next regular meeting.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

196292 - Interim Director of Traffic and Parking responding to various Board Orders submitted 1/23/14.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

196300 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking suggest changes to ease traffic traveling through Union Square onto Webster Avenue weekdays between 7:30 and 9 AM.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

196311 - 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.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

196316 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a bump out on the corner of Prospect Hill Road and Boston Street.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

196321 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking explore changing the snow emergency parking policy to alternate parking during snow emergencies each year between the even and odd sides of the streets.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

196354 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking inform this Board about issuing parking permits for religious facilities, including the number per facility, their cost, and their duration.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

196412 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking restrict traffic from Dane Street onto Village Street for residents only, 7-9 AM and 4-7 PM.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

196413 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking post NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER signs at the corner of Somerville Avenue and Properzi Way, to allow for cars turning onto Properzi Way.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

196415 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce the 15 MINUTE PARKING postings citywide, especially at 514 Medford Street.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

196436 - 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.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

196446 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a temporary speed bump on Jaques Street.:

Alderman Rossetti's motion that a comprehensive plan for speed bumps be completed, was approved.

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

196587 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking monitor truck traffic on and around Powderhouse Boulevard, paying special attention to areas surrounding the Tufts campus.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

196658 - Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to various Board Orders.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

196659 - Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to #196587 re: truck traffic on Powderhouse Blvd.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

196786 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking reassess the timing of traffic lights on McGrath Highway, near Assembly Square, under the overpass heading toward Broadway, and at the intersection of Mount Vernon Street at Broadway.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

196849 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking post a NO RIGHT TURN 7AM-9AM on Broadway, at MacArthur Street, to limit traffic on MacArthur Street.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

196860 - Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to various Board Orders.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

196901 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking place signs at Porter and Elm Streets, and at Porter and Summer Streets, prohibiting thru traffic on lower Porter Street 6-9 AM and 4-7 PM.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

196902 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking install temporary speed bumps on lower Porter Street, between Summer and Elm Streets, to reduce traffic speed.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197017 - That this Board's Committee on Traffic and Parking investigate the reasoning of truck traffic restrictions in our city last being ordered in 2002.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197023 - That the Director of SPCD (T&I) develop a plan for a pedestrian crosswalk at Vernon Street and Lowell Street and report to this Board and the Ward 5 Alderman on how that would be incorporated into the Lowell Street bridge traffic calming project.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197024 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking look into enhancing safety on the Lowell Street bridge by placing a NO PARKING sign at the curb cut on the east side of Lowell Street, immediately north of Vernon Street (in front of 279-281 Lowell Street) and inform the Ward 5 Alderman and this Board of her recommendation.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

197066 - Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to various Board Orders.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

197067 - Traffic and Parking Interim Director submitting responses to various Board Orders.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

197221 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking allow resident permit parking at the Washington Street parking lot across from the Argenziano School after 7 PM weekdays, all day Saturdays, and all day during the Summer.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

197242 - Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

197251 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking contact the Ward One Alderman to arrange a community meeting to discuss traffic issues along Mt. Vernon Street and Broadway.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

197261 - That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Traffic and Parking install temporary speed bumps and a pedestrian walkway with STOP signs on New Washington Street behind the Cobble Hill Apartments near the dog park.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

197275 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Traffic Engineer analyze the intersection of Glenwood Road and Medford Street and report to the Ward 5 Alderman on options to make exiting from Glenwood Road onto Medford Street less dangerous.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

197276 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Traffic Engineer consider traffic calming options for Trull Street.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

197315 - Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

197354 - DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 6/26/14.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

197366 - That the Chief of Police determine if 16-wheel vehicles are allowed to drive down Tufts Street at odd hours of the night and if they are allowed to park there.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

197375 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installing a traffic light at the intersection of Tufts Street and Broadway.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

197382 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the STOP sign at the corner of Chandler Street and Park Avenue.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

197400 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a CHILDREN PLAYING sign on the east side of Trull Street, between Vernon Street and Medford Street, as close to 31-33 Trull Street as possible.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

197404 - That the Commissioner of Public Works install a NO PARKING IN BUS STOP sign at the bus stop on Elm Street in front of Dunkin Donuts, and that the Chief of Police and the Director of Traffic and Parking enforce this restriction.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

197468 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking inspect the “state” streets for vehicles parked at metered spots, causing numerous streets to have blind exits onto Broadway, and report the findings to the Ward One Alderman.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

197497 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking petition the Traffic Commission to create a NO PARKING zone at 278 Lowell Street to keep the intersection there clear.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

197499 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider reducing the speed limit to 25 MPH on Porter Street between Summer and Elm Streets.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

197506 - That the City Clerk request of DCR that a sign be installed at Route 16 and Shore Drive, warning motorists of the recently installed raised crosswalk.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197507 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a temporary speed bump at the corner Sunnyside Avenue and Wigglesworth Street during the school year.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197538 - Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED****197539 - Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders.:****RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED****197635 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking explore the feasibility of making College Avenue two lanes, heading south into Davis Square, on weekday mornings.:****RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE****197648 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking remove one, or more, of the NO U TURN signs on the newly constructed lower Broadway.:****RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED****197696 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking amend the city's parking regulations to address the problem of the "warehousing" of vehicles that abuse the 48 hour parking rule.:****RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED****197697 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking revise the resident parking sticker regulations for campers.:****RESULT:****WORK COMPLETED****197698 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking limit cut through traffic on Dane, Village and Skehen Streets by installing signage prohibiting turns onto Village and Skehen Streets from Dane Street 6-10 AM and installing a STOP sign at Dane and Village Streets.:****RESULT:****PLACED ON FILE****197707 - That the Traffic Commission consider eliminating the requirement that before a temporary speed bump can be installed, 66% of residents on the street must formally agree to request it.:****RESULT:****KEPT IN COMMITTEE****197716 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works respond, in writing, to #197635, a request for College Avenue to have two lanes of traffic headed into Davis Square on weekday mornings.:**

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197743 - That the Administration increase the inventory of temporary speed bumps and promote their use in areas where cut through traffic is temporarily increased.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197745 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking place a solar powered speed board on Hammond Street to monitor speeding cut through traffic.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197746 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a temporary speed bump on Hammond Street.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197796 - That the Director or Traffic and parking review the timing of traffic lights at Shore Drive and Mystic Avenue, consider reinstating two lanes on Shore Drive, and consider other improvements, all to improve traffic flow at this intersection.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

197800 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a NO LEFT TURN sign on the corner of Broadway and Clarendon Avenue.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

197857 - Director of Traffic and Parking submitting responses to various Board Orders.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

197858 - DPW Commissioner responding to various Board Orders submitted 9/23/14.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

197874 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking devise a plan to deal with traffic issues on the corner of Mount Vernon Street and Broadway.:

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

197877 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking install NO PARKING signs on either side of the fire hydrant in front of 21 - 23 Sargent Avenue.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

197879 - That the Director of SPCD and the Director of Traffic and Parking arrange with the Ward 7 Alderman a community meeting to discuss traffic concerns for Teele Square.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

197888 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking install a crosswalk on Central Street, between Highland Avenue and Summer Street.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

197890 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services update this Board on safety measures undertaken at the Elm Street bus stop located in front of Dunkin Donuts.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

197906 - Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 8/28/14.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

197907 - Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 9/11/14.:

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

197919 - That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider installation of a blinking traffic light at the crosswalk at 530 Somerville Avenue.:

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE