



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Traffic and Parking Committee Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, November 28, 2022

6:00 PM

Virtual

President McLaughlin appointed himself to the committee for this meeting only, replacing Councilor Ewen-Campen.

Others present: Brian Postlewaite – Director of Engineering, Suzanne Rinfret – Director of Parking, Brad Rawson – Director of Mobility, Aneesh Sahni – Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Hannah Carrillo – Legislative Liaison, Peter Forcellese - Legislative Clerk.

The meeting took place virtually via GoToWebinar and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Gomez Mouakad and adjourned at 8:03 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors McLaughlin, Wilson and Gomez Mouakad), none against and none absent.

Roll Call

Present: Vice Chair Jake Wilson, Chairperson Beatriz Gomez Mouakad and Matthew McLaughlin
Absent: Ben Ewen-Campen

1. Approval of the Traffic and Parking Committee Minutes of September 26, 2022. **22-1644**

Approved

Aye: Vice Chair Wilson, Chairperson Gomez Mouakad and McLaughlin

Absent: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Studies

2. That the Director of Mobility conduct an equity study of bus routes to determine targets for fare-free buses. **22-0300**

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr., Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Davis, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Scott and Councilor Ewen-Campen

Kept in committee

3. That the Director of Economic Development, Director of Mobility, and Director of Parking explore North-South microtransit routes and report to this Council regarding feasibility and cost. **22-1758**

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

Projects

4. That the Director of Mobility provide documentation of the current process for determining the locations of traffic calming measures, and communicate this information to the public via the website. [22-1599](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Wilson and Councilor Kelly

Kept in committee

5. That the Director of Mobility update this Council on plans to place a ramp on Walnut Street, by Leather's Park, as part of the Neighborways program. [22-1733](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Director of Mobility update the Ward 1 City Councilor on the proposed Kensington Connector walkway connecting Assembly Row to East Somerville. [22-1928](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Strezo

Kept in committee

Traffic Calming/Road Safety

7. That the Director of Mobility establish a neighborhood traffic plan for the area surrounding the Healey School, including Edgar Avenue, to mitigate speeding. [22-1684](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

8. That the Director of Engineering develop a plan to redesign the intersection of Broadway and Main Street. [22-1689](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

9. That the Director of Mobility update this Council on plans to place a stop light near the new East Somerville Green Line station. [22-1723](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

10. That the Director of Parking place a STOP sign on Tufts Street's intersection [22-1724](#)

with Washington Street and ensure its visibility to vehicle operators.

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

11. That the Commissioner of Public Works address the malfunctioning streetlight on the corner of Knowlton and Morton Streets. [22-1725](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

12. That the Director of Engineering repaint the crosswalk at Tufts and Washington Streets. [22-1728](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

13. That the Director of Engineering ensure that the bus lane on Washington Street, before the train bridge, is visible. [22-1729](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

14. That the Director of Mobility and the Chief of Police work with city and state officials to implement short-term pedestrian safety measures at the listed I-93 intersections. [22-1730](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Kept in committee

15. That the Director of Mobility prioritize a stop light on Grand Union Blvd. and Artisan Way. [22-1732](#)

Sponsors: Councilor McLaughlin

Recommended to be marked work completed

16. That the Director of Mobility install a speed hump on Evergreen Avenue between Thurston and Sycamore Streets. [22-1924](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

17. That the Director of Mobility implement traffic calming measures, including speed bumps and raised intersections, on streets perpendicular to Washington Street, including Myrtle, Florence, Pinckney and Dell Streets. [22-1926](#)

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Councilor Davis, Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez
Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Scott,
Councilor Strezo and Councilor Wilson

Kept in committee