



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Traffic and Parking Committee

Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, January 27, 2025

6:00 PM

Virtual

The meeting took place remotely via Zoom and was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chair Sait and adjourned at 7:53 PM on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilors Sait, Burnley and Wilson), none against and none absent.

Others present:

Brad Rawson – Director of Mobility, Brian Postlewaite - Director of Engineering, Suzanne Rinfret – Director of Parking, Peter Forcellese – Legislative Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Ward Five City Councilor Naima Sait, City Councilor At Large Willie Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Jake Wilson

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Traffic and Parking Committee Meeting of December 2, 2024. [24-1764](#)

Accepted

Aye: Ward Five City Councilor Sait, City Councilor At Large Burnley Jr. and City Councilor At Large Wilson

2. That the Director of Mobility and the Director of Engineering appear before this Council to discuss the preparation of a change order to revert to the design of the bike lane entrance at Washington Street and Webster Avenue to the original 100% plans. [24-1736](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Scott, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Mbah
Recommended to be marked work completed

3. That the Director of Mobility and the Director of Engineering create an on-demand, dedicated pedestrian phase for the traffic signals at the intersection of Broadway and School Street, with NO TURN ON RED signage for both eastbound Broadway traffic and northbound School Street traffic. [24-1735](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan and Councilor Wilson
Recommended to be marked work completed

4. That the Director of Parking develop a comprehensive plan to streamline the process for parking permits for in-home elder care and health providers, including Meals on Wheels. [24-1732](#)

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

Kept in committee

5. That the Administration update this Council on the feasibility of pedestrianizing Elm Street for select hours, including identified obstacles and a potential timeline for implementation. [24-1685](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Burnley Jr. and Councilor Davis

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Director of Mobility install DRIVE SLOW - CHILDREN AT PLAY signs on Heath Street, between Edgar Avenue and Fenwick Street. [25-0061](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Clingan

Recommended to be marked work completed

7. That the Chief of Police, the Director of Parking and the Director of Mobility discuss the consistent running of red lights during the weekday rush hour and repeated driver misuse of the Broadway bus lanes, including near the Temple Street and Broadway intersection. [25-0034](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Mbah, Councilor Clingan and Councilor Sait

Recommended to be marked work completed

Referenced Documents:

- T&P - 2025-01-27 Medical Care Parking Permit Application (with 24-1732)
- T&P - 2025-01-27 Home Healthcare Professional Application (with 24-1732)