



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

Traffic and Parking Committee Meeting Minutes Dispositions

Monday, February 6, 2023

6:00 PM

Virtual

This meeting was held via GoToWebinar and was called to order by Chair Gomez Mouakad at 6:00 pm and adjourned at 7:58 pm with a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Wilson, Chair Gomez Mouakad), none opposed, and 1 absent (Councilor Ewen-Campen).

Councilor Pineda Neufeld served on the committee in lieu of Councilor Ewen-Campen in this meeting.

Others present: Hannah Carrillo – Mayor’s Office, Kimberly Wells – City Clerk, Brad Rawson – OSPCD, Steve Craig – Constituent Services (311), Suzanne Rinfret – Traffic & Parking, Cheryl Horan – Green Cab & Yellow Cab, Stephanie Widzowski – Clerk of Committees.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Beatriz Gomez Mouakad , Vice Chair Jake Wilson and Judy Pineda Neufeld

Absent: Ben Ewen-Campen

1. Approval of the Traffic & Parking Committee Minutes of November 28, 2022. [22-2071](#)

Accepted

Aye: Chairperson Gomez Mouakad, Vice Chair Wilson and Pineda Neufeld

Absent: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Public Communications

2. Green Cab Company, Inc. requesting an increase the taxicab meter rate to \$1.95 for the first 1/8 of a mile, \$0.45 for each additional 1/8 of a mile and waiting time of \$28 per hour. [22-2080](#)

Recommended to be approved

Aye: Chairperson Gomez Mouakad, Vice Chair Wilson and Pineda Neufeld

Absent: Ward Three City Councilor Ewen-Campen

Studies

3. That the Director of Mobility share and discuss with this Council, the plan to use the \$100,000 in funding secured from the state for a traffic study of the intersection of Route 16 and Broadway. [23-0093](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Pineda Neufeld, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Ewen-Campen and Councilor Gomez Mouakad

Recommended to be marked work completed

Loading Zones - Commercial Parking

4. That the Director of Constituent Services add a 311 Service Request category for reporting parking in bicycle lanes. [22-1836](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Davis

Kept in committee

5. That the Director of Mobility present to this Council on where heavy commercial vehicles are restricted per Traffic Regulations Section 7-27 Operation of Heavy Commercial Vehicles. [22-1830](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly, Councilor Clingan, Councilor Scott and Councilor Davis

Recommended to be marked work completed

6. That the Director of Parking, Director of Mobility, and Police Chief present to this Council on enforcement of Traffic Regulations Section 7-27(a). [22-1831](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad

Kept in committee

7. That the Director of Parking, Director of Mobility, and Director of Engineering present to this Council on engagement and consideration of business needs regarding curbside changes. [22-1832](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Wilson, Councilor Scott and Councilor Kelly

Recommended to be marked work completed

8. That the Director of Mobility and Director of Engineering present to this Council on documentation of vehicle types, timing and frequency, and turning movements when determining on-street loading zones. [22-1834](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad

Recommended to be marked work completed

9. That the Director of Mobility provide an update on the businesses surveyed regarding Highland Ave improvements and share the data collected. [22-1835](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad

Recommended to be marked work completed

10. That the Director of Parking create a special parking designation for the area surrounding Holland Street, to accommodate seniors visiting the Council on Aging between the hours of 8 AM to 3 PM, Monday through Friday. [23-0066](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Strezo and Councilor Pineda Neufeld

Kept in committee

Traffic Calming

11. That the Director of Mobility evaluate cut through traffic on Vernon Street and Trull Street and provide recommendations for traffic calming. [22-1837](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed

12. That the Director of Mobility explore traffic calming options on Porter Street. [22-1838](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Wilson

Kept in committee

13. That the Director of Mobility respond to the petition regarding traffic calming and additional bicycle parking at the Kennedy School. [22-1839](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad

Kept in committee

14. That the Director of Engineering install a protective guard over the expansion joint on the Medford Street bridge, as it poses a safety risk for bicyclists. [22-2115](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Ewen-Campen, Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Clingan

Kept in committee

15. That the Director of Mobility consider improvements to deficient conditions impacting the safety and pedestrian accessibility of Cedar Street. [23-0083](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad, Councilor Kelly and Councilor Strezo

Kept in committee

16. That the Director of Mobility consider installing speed humps on Highland Road, at the intersection with Morrison Avenue. [22-2118](#)

Sponsors: Councilor Gomez Mouakad and Councilor Wilson

Recommended to be marked work completed