



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE
Committee Meeting

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Virtual

AGENDA

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of a City Council Committee will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website and local cable access government channels.

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1. Approval of the April 12, 2021 Minutes

Mystic Ave. & McGrath Hwy. pedestrian safety projects

- 2. 211798: Discuss** (Niedergang, Strezo, Clingan) – That the Mayor, the Director of SPCD, the Chief of Police and this Council collaborate with the State Delegation and community advocates to pressure the MA Department of Transportation to implement traffic safety improvements to McGrath Highway and Mystic Avenue to prevent more pedestrian deaths.
- 3. 208844: Discuss** (Niedergang, McLaughlin, Clingan, Hirsch) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on actions, communications and collaboration with State agencies to improve pedestrian safety in the Mystic Avenue area by I-93, following the death of two pedestrians hit by motor vehicles there.

4. **208901: Discuss** (Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD and the Chief of Police update this Council on what is being done in the wake of the two deaths in two different hit and run incidents on Mystic Avenue.
5. **203004: Discuss** (White Jr., McWatters, Sullivan, Connolly, Rossetti) – That the Mayor work with the State Delegation on an agreement with the State to permit City crossing guards at the crosswalks at Highland Avenue and McGrath Highway, and to permit the Police Department to enforce traffic laws there.
6. **211823: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.) – Sharing with the Council, the Administration and the public a 6-page blogpost from State Representative Mike Connolly.

MassDOT I-93 Viaduct Steel Rehabilitation project

7. **211893: Discuss** TranSystems conveying a notice of an I-93 Bridge Rehabilitation project.
8. **211821: Discuss** (Niedergang, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, McLaughlin, Mbah, White Jr.) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on the proposed MassDOT I-93 viaduct project to replace worn steel, which will divert traffic into Mystic Avenue and East Somerville neighborhoods at night starting in 2022.
9. **211919: Discuss** (Niedergang, McLaughlin, Clingan, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Ballantyne, Strezo, Davis, Rossetti, Mbah, White Jr., and the Mayor) – Calling on the Mass. Department of Transportation to prioritize and enhance roadway safety improvements on Mystic Avenue and McGrath Highway, and to install sound walls as part of the I-93 viaduct steel rehabilitation project.

Dangerous Intersections and Roadways

10. **211819: Discuss** (Niedergang, Strezo) – That the Director of SPCD install flashing STOP signs on Lowell Street at its intersection with Albion Street to prevent accidents caused by speeding or incautious motor vehicles.
11. **211820: Discuss** (Niedergang) – That the Director of SPCD use the \$220,000 in traffic mitigation funds paid by Maxwell's Green in 2011 to improve the traffic-calming infrastructure around the Magoun/Lowell GLX station.

Traffic Calming around coming GLX Stations ans CPX

12. **211135: Discuss** (Niedergang, Mbah) – That the Director of SPCD report to this Council on traffic management and calming plans for the streets and neighborhoods around the five Green Line Extension stations expected to open before the end of this year.

13. **211814: Discuss** (Ewen-Campen, Niedergang, Scott, Ballantyne, Clingan) – That the Director of Engineering install raised crosswalks rather than standard crosswalks for each at-grade crossing of the Community Path Extension, including Central, Sycamore, and Walnut Streets.

14. **210968: Discuss** (Niedergang, Scott) – That the Director of SPCD brief the Traffic and Parking Committee on the work that will be done on our streets and Community Path pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement with the MBTA and MaDOT, which will provide the city with a \$1,400,000 payment.

FY 2022 Budget for Mobility Division of OSPCD

15. **211256: Discuss** (Niedergang, Mbah, Ewen-Campen, Scott, Davis, Ballantyne, Clingan, White Jr., Strezo) – That the Mayor direct department heads to prioritize the rapid construction of physical infrastructure to slow traffic, protect our most vulnerable residents, and bring our streets into compliance with the ADA, to address the killing of four pedestrians by motor vehicles in the last two years and prevent further traffic fatalities.

16. **210893: Discuss** (Niedergang, Davis, Ewen-Campen, Ballantyne, Clingan, Strezo, Mbah, Scott, Rossetti, McLaughlin, White Jr.) – That the Mayor submit a supplemental budget request to immediately add staff and funding to the Mobility Division for traffic calming, and increase its staff and funding by at least 50% in FY22.