



City of Brockton

Traffic Commission

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AGENDA

CITY OF BROCKTON

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Board or Committee	Traffic Commission
Day & Date	December 8th, 2022
Time of Meeting	6 p.m.
Meeting Location	Arnone School Auditorium 135 Belmont Street Brockton, MA 02301
Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro	Date: 12/8/2022

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Reading or Waiving and acceptance of the October 27th, 2022 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. PARKING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES ON STREETS

Requested by: Deputy Fire Chief Edward Williams

Issue/Request: Specifically to look at trailers and semitrailers parking on city streets.
(Board Members please see attached Fall River ordinances hereto for reference).

**VOTED: TO SEND A LETTER TO THE CITY OF BROCKTON LAW DEPARTMENT
RELATIVE TO CREATING A TRAFFIC COMMISSION REGULATION SUCH AS THE
ORDINANCES OF FALL RIVER THAT WERE PRESENTED AND TO CONTINUE TO THE
OCTOBER MEETING.**

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LETTER SENT TO LAW DEPARTMENT AND ITEM HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR, KAREN FISHER. CONTINUE TO DECEMBER MEETING.

2. PEARL AND DARTMOUTH STREET

Requested by: Deputy Fire Chief Edward Williams o/b/ o the Quality of Life Task Force

Issue/Request: Requesting No parking in this area. (Board Members please see attached Petition).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TAKING NO ACTION AT THIS TIME. THE CAUSE OF ANY PARKING ISSUE NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED BY OTHER CITY AGENCIES. THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION IS RELUCTANT TO BLANKET THE AREA WITH NO PARKING REGULATIONS, PARTICULARLY SINCE PARKED VEHICLES ARE NOT CAUSING TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

3. BELMONT STREET AND BELMONT AVENUE

Requested by: Samuel Saint-Dic

Issue/Request: Traffic Light, Flashing Light and Guardrail, too many accident at the intersection of Belmont Street and Belmont Avenue each month.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Request an engineering study.

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by Councilor at Large Rita Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND NOTIFY OWNER.

****CDM SMITH'S CONCLUSION: BASED ON THE CRITERIA OUTLINED IN THE GUIDANCE AND REGULATIONS SECTION OF THIS REPORT AND FIELD OBSERVATIONS, CDM SMITH FINDS THAT THE INTERSECTION OF BELMONT STREET AT BELMONT AVENUE AND MANOMET AVENUE IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL. THE INTERSECTION MMETS THREE OF THE NINE SIGNAL WARRANTS AND EXPERIENCES CRASHES THAT MAY BE ALLEVIATED WITH SIGNALIZATION****

*** TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEMBERS PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT # 1 (CDM ENGINEERING STUDY) EMAILED TO YOU. ***

4. 596 SUMMER STREET

Requested by: Dr. James Cobbs, Executive Director of Operations, Brockton Public Schools

Issue/Request: School Zone designation for the former May Center, 596 Summer Street, in anticipation of the new school being relocated there.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. RECOMMEND AN ENGINEERING STUDY FOR THE SCHOOL ZONE REQUEST.**
- B. RECOMMEND FAST-TRACKING THIS ITEM, SINCE THE NEW SCHOOL WILL OPEN THIS COMING SEPTEMBER.**

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Asack, seconded by Director Hooke, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

****CDM SMITH'S CONCLUSION: BASED ON THE MUTCD QUALIFICATIONS FOR A SCHOOL ZONE, CDM SMITH FINDS THAT THIS LOCATION WILL NOT QUALIFY. CHAMPION HIGH SCHOOL WILL EDUCATE STUDENTS FROM GRADE 9-12 AND WILL HOLD NO STUDENTS FROM GRADE 1-8, AS IS REQUIRED FOR A SCHOOL ZONE DESIGNATION. THE CRITERIA AND WHETHER THEY WERE MET ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. THE SCHOOL PROPERTY ABUTS THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE PROPOSED ZONE ARE- *MET*;**
- 2. SCHOOL CHILDREN HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE STREET OR ROADWAY FROM THE SCHOOL PROPERTY- *MET*;**
- 3. THE ZONE MUST CONTAIN A MARKED CROSSWALK- *NOT MET*;**
- 4. THE SCHOOL MUST INVOLVE ONE OR MORE GRADES BETWEEN GRADE 1 AND GRADE 8, INCLUSIVE- *NOT MET*.**

THE TRADITIONAL MEASUREMENT OF AVAILABLE SIGHT DISTANCE FOR THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY DOES NOT MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR A DESIGN SPEED OF 35MPH ALONG SUMMER STREET. WHILE MOTORISTS IMPROVE SIGHT DISTANCE BY PULLING CLOSER TO SUMMER STREET, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT EXISTING SHRUBS AND TREE BRANCHES ALONG THE CORRIDOR BE TRIMMED TO IMPROVE SIGHT DISTANCE NOT ONLY FOR PASSENGER CARS BUT ALSO FOR SCHOOLS BUSES. IN ADDITION, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT OPERATIONS AT THE SCHOOL LOCATION CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED IN THE EVENT THAT VEHICULAR SPEEDS ALONG SUMMER STREET INCREASE.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEMBERS PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS # 2 & 3 (CDM ENGINEERING STUDY & CROSSWALK QUESTION & ANSWER).

5. 454 MORaine STREET

Requested by: Jean Jackson

Issue/Request: There is on street parking to the left and right of her driveway. Vehicles will park obstructing the driveway. A No Parking sign is requested.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: INSTALL A “NO PARKING” SIGN APPROXIMATELY SIX (6) FEET ON EITHER SIDE OF THE DRIVEWAY ON AVON STREET.

6. COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE

Requested by: Matt Gardner

Issue/Request: There is a path to walk to the Kennedy school located on Cottage Grove Avenue and people park on both sides of the street, leaving the children to walk in the middle of the street. Cars also speed down the street making it very dangerous. A No Parking sign between 8am-10 am and 2pm-4pm is requested on the odd side of street at 55 Cottage Drive to the path.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. INSTALL A “SLOW” SIGN ON POLE # 5 FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC;**
- B. INSTALL “CROSSWALK” SIGNS;**
- C. INSTALL “NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS” SIGNS WITH ARROWS POINTING ON EACH SIGN. THESE SIGNS WOULD BE INSTALLED ON THE WEST SIDE OF COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE.**

7. BREER STREET AT ASH STREET

Requested by: Amanda Hayward

Issue/Request: Breer Street does not have sidewalks and Ash Street does not have sidewalks on the side that connects to Breer Street. When children have to cross the street heading to either the Kennedy School or Brockton High School it is extremely dangerous and they have to wait for the traffic to pass. Requesting a crosswalk at this location.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RECOMMEND AN ENGINEERING STUDY.

8. HOLBROOK AVENUE

Requested by: Councilor Asack on behalf of Leighton Beaumont (19 Holbrook Avenue)

Issue/Request: Requests that the Traffic Commission review traffic and speeding on Holbrook Avenue.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RECOMMEND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT DIRECTED PATROLS.

9. SIDE STREETS OFF ON NORTH MAIN STREET

Requested by: Councilor Asack on behalf of Scott Dwyer of the Montello Business Association.

Issue/Request: Requests that the Traffic Commission review the parking on the side streets off of North Main Street as commercial vehicles are parking on residential public streets. This makes it difficult for public safety vehicles to pass in the event of an emergency, as well as other traffic matters and/or concerns that the Montello Business Association members may have.

VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO DECEMBER MEETING

10. LINWOOD STREET

Requested by: Kathleen Cranshaw (391 Linwood Street)

Issue/Request: New signs in and around her home such as blind driveway, etc. Also, truck/commercial vehicle signs in the location of Linwood Street near W. Chestnut Street (300 block of Linwood Street).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: INSTALL A “BLIND DRIVEWAY” SIGN IN THE AREA PRIOR TO 391 LINWOOD STREET. THE TRUCK/COMMERCIAL VEHICLE LIMIT SIGN WAS INSTALLED BY MASS DOT AND ANY ISSUES SHOULD BE HANDLED BY THEM.

11. WEST ELM STREET

Requested by: Cassie Sulbaran (557 West Elm Street)

Issue/Request: There is a lot of speeding on West Elm Street since it was paved a few years ago. Individuals that are dropping off and picking up children at West Middle School park illegally on West Elm Street and sometimes in our driveway. Requesting a stop light, speed bump and/or speed cameras in order to make this location safer.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: UPGRADE THE “NO PARKING” SIGNS ON WEST ELM STREET BETWEEN WEST STREET AND MORSE AVENUE WITH NEW, OVERSIZED SIGNS THAT INDICATE “NO PARKING, STOPPING OR STANDING.” RECOMMEND SCHOOL POLICE MONITOR THE AREA FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS.

NEW BUSINESS

12. 157 JON DRIVE

Requested by: Valerie Pace

Issue/Request: Cars block the driveway when picking children up from school. Requesting a No Parking Sign.

13. 897 N. MONTELLO STREET

Requested by: Councilor Jack Lally

Issue/Request: Cars are exiting and entering Green Heart facility located at 897 N. Montello Street via the Howard Street bridge causing traffic jams. Councilor Lally would like the Traffic Commission to take a look at this location.

14. COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE

Requested by: Claudio Miranda

Issue/Request: No stop sign on the corner of Curtis Street and Cottage Grove Drive. Cars are driving right into Cottage Grove Avenue without stopping. A stop sign is requested.

15. WEST CHESTNUT STREET AT SOUTHWORTH STREET

Requested by: Iolando Spinola

Issue/Request: The crossing infrastructure in this area is nonexistent and in disrepair. A pedestrian crossing sign and crossing paint is requested.

16. NANCY LANE

Requested by: Peter Reardon

Issue/Request: We have concerns for emergency services entering and staging during any and all possible public safety incidents, this along with consistent road flooding/icing. We have experienced vehicles at all hours of the night with suspicious activity. Requesting no parking either side of the street.

17. 23 AMES ROAD

Requested by: Vanessa

Issue/Request: Requesting a Handicap Parking Sign in front of residence.

18. 95 TREMONT STREET

Requested by: London Hall

Issue/Request: Box trucks are parking in the front of the residence and blocking entrance to the residence. Requesting a No Parking sign.

19. NORTH LEYDEN STREET

Requested by: Marcus Diaz

Request/Issue: Cars are constantly speeding down the street. Recently there has been an increase in drag racing. Requesting a speed bump at this location.

20. 85 WYMAN STREET

Requested by: Luis Manuel Herrera

Issue/Request: Nobody has a handicap plate. Requesting removal of the handicap parking sign located at 83-85 Wyman Street.