



City of Brockton

Traffic Commission

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MAYOR

CAPTAIN MARK PORCARO
TRAFFIC COMMISSIONER

MICHELLE YAFFE
PARKING CLERK

AMENDED AGENDA CITY OF BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Board or Committee	Traffic Commission
Day & Date	January 26th, 2023
Time of Meeting	6 p.m.
Meeting Location:	Arnone School Auditorium 135 Belmont Street Brockton, MA 02301
Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro	Date: 1/26/2023

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Reading or Waiving and acceptance of the December 8th, 2022 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. EAST STREET

Requested by: Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro o/b/o Tony and Janelyn Sostre of 12 Cappy's Way

Issue/Request: Review by the Traffic Commission of the stretch of East Street located near its intersection with Hopkins Road, for the trimming of trees overshadowing existing lighting, the addition of street lighting, signage marking curves, etc. and painted crosswalks, and such other actions as the Commission may deem appropriate to keep drivers and pedestrians safe by adequately illuminating the street at night and to encourage drivers to reduce speed.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. REPLACE STREET LIGHTS THAT ARE OUT AT:
10 EAST ST. (HPS)
EAST @ BACKLUND PLUS 1 SOUTH**
- B. ADD STREET LIGHTS TO CERTAIN AREAS:
POLE 56
572 EAST STREET
784 EAST POLE 81
768 EAST POLE 79
546 EAST POLE 56
POLE 36**
- C. ADD A SIDEWALK TO ONE SIDE OF THE ROAD**
- D. CUT DOWN TREES THAT ARE TOO CLOSE TO THE ROAD AT:
EAST @SOUTHFIELD DR.
537 EAST ST
589 EAST ST
645 EAST ST
677 EAST ST
697 EAST ST
749 EAST ST
ACROSS FROM 778 EAST ST
546 EAST ST
452 EAST ST
451 EAST ST
459 EAST ST
465 EAST ST**
- E. REPAINT THE FOG LINE**
- F. ADD "30 MPH" SPEED SIGNS ALONG THE ENTIRE ROAD**
- G. ADD "SLOW" SIGNS ALONG THE ENTIRE ROAD**
- H. ADD "CURVE AHEAD" SIGNS UPON APPROACHING THE CURVE (BOTH DIRECTIONS).**
- I. ADD REFLECTIVE CHEVRON SIGNS UPON APPROACHING THE CURVE (BOTH DIRECTIONS).**
- J. LOOK INTO A 4-WAY STOP AT EAST STREET AND SOUTHFIELD DRIVE**
- *K. REQUEST AN ENGINEERING STUDY FOR THE ENTIRE ROAD TO SEE WHAT OTHER IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE MADE**
- L. DIGITAL RADAR SPEED FEEDBACK SIGN (ALREADY MOUNTED).**
- M. POLICE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT (ALREADY BEING DONE AND WILL CONTINUE).**

2. NORTH QUINCY STREET (See August 2022 Minutes)

Requested by: Council President John Lally

Issue/ Request: To revisit the original crosswalk issue and see whether a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB) can be installed in the area. (TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEMBERS SEE ATTACHED CDM SMITH STUDY)

VOTED: TO SEND FOR AN ENGINEERING STUDY.

CDM SMITH'S CONCLUSION: CDM SMITH FINDS THAT THE INSTALLATION OF RRFB'S AT THIS LOCATION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AS A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COUNTERMEASURE DUE TO THE CRASH HISTORY AND THE NATURE OF THE PEDESTRIAN CRASH THAT OCCURRED AT THE CROSSWALK.

GIVEN THE HIGH ADT AT THIS LOCATION, IT COULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE TO INSTALL A HIGHER COUNTERMEASURE SUCH AS A PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON AT THIS LOCATION. HOWEVER, SINCE THE PEDESTRIAN VOLUMES ARE LOW, AN RRFB WOULD PROVIDE CROSSWALK AWARENESS WITHOUT THE HIGH EXPENSES OF A HYBRID BEACON.

ADDITIONALLY, THE EXISTING PEDESTRIAN CURB RAMPS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE CROSSWALK NEED TO BE UPGRADED TO INCLUDE DETECTABLE WARNING PANELS.

3. 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: TRAFFIC COMMISSION SECRETARY, MICHELLE YAFFE REVIEWED TRAFFIC COMMISSION REGULATIONS AND SENT DRAFT TO TRAFFIC COMMISSIONER CAPTAIN MARK PORCARO FOR REVIEW. CONTINUE TO JANUARY MEETING.

4. 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).

VOTED: TO REVISIT THE LOCATION AND CONTINUE TO THE JANUARY MEETING.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. LEAVE THE CURRENT “NO PARKING” REGULATION ON PEARL STREET (WESTSIDE) FROM PLEASANT STREET SOUTHERLY TO THE END OF THE SCHOOL ZONE IN PLACE.**
- B. IMPLEMENT A NEW “NO PARKING” REGULATION ON PEARL STREET (EASTSIDE) FROM PLEASANT STREET SOUTHERLY TO THE END OF THE SCHOOL ZONE/DARTMOUTH AVENUE. *RATIONALE:* THE CURRENT REGULATION HAS BEEN IN PLACE SINCE THE 1970’S AND VEHICLES ON THE WESTSIDE OF PEARL STREET MAY AFFECT THE FLOW OF VEHICLES TRYING TO ENTER THE SCHOOL TO PICK-UP OR DROP-OFF CHILDREN. ON THE EASTSIDE OF PEARL STREET, THERE IS NO SIDEWALK OR STONE-EDGE CURBING, SO A PARKED VEHICLE COULD FORCE A CHILD (OR ANYONE) WALKING TO OR FROM EITHER THE SCHOOL OR NEARBY PLAYGROUND TO WALK INTO THE STREET AND BE IN DANGER. PARKED VEHICLES ON THE EASTSIDE OF PEARL STREET MAY ALSO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR MOTORISTS TO SEE CHILDREN WALKING. ALSO, THIS PORTION OF PEARL STREET IS A COMMONLY USED ROUTE BY EMERGENCY VEHICLES GOING TO AND FROM THE HOSPITAL AND BUSES GOING TO AND FROM THE SCHOOL, BY PROHIBITING PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF PEARL STREET, WE WILL AVOID NARROWING THE ROAD. LASTLY, YEARS AGO, THE SPEED LIMIT ON THIS PORTION OF PEARL STREET WAS REDUCED FROM 40 MPH TO 30 MPH, POSSIBLY DUE TO THE SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUND.**

5. 157 JON DRIVE

Requested by: Valerie Pace

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THE REQUESTOR DID NOT ATTEND THE LAST MEETING TO EXPLAIN WHY SHE WANTED HER REQUEST AND SHE ALSO EMAILED THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION EXPLAINING THAT HER NO PARKING SIGN REQUEST PROBABLY WOULDN’T HELP HER ANYWAY. TAKE NO ACTION AT THIS TIME.

6. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THE SUBCOMMITTEE MET WITH THE BUSINESS OWNER AND COUNCILOR LALLY AT THE LOCATION. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE NORTH MONTELLO

STREET (RT 28) AND HOWARD STREET (RT. 37) INTERSECTION IS UNDER STATE CONTROL AND NOT THE CITY. THEREFORE, THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TAKING NO ACTION AT THIS TIME. THE BUSINESS OWNER, WILL EXPLORE PUTTING UP SIGNS ON HIS PROPERTY AND MAY HIRE POLICE DETAILS TO HELP WITH TRAFFIC.

7. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

NEED MORE INFORMATION. REQUEST AN ACCIDENT HISTORY TO SEE IF A PROBLEM EXISTS.

8. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THERE IS AN EXISTING CROSSWALK AND IT IS CLEARLY MARKED AND IN GOOD SHAPE. INSTALL A "CROSSWALK AHEAD" SIGN IN THE AREA OF POLE # 45 TO ALERT EASTBOUND TRAFFIC

9. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

INSTALL A "NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER" SIGN AT POLE # 1, NORTH SIDE OF TREMONT STREET WESTERLY TO FRENCH AVENUE.

10. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

ONGOING ENFORCEMENT ISSUE INVOLVING THE WARD COUNCILOR AND POLICE. BROCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS DONE DIRECTED PATROLS AND WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR. THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TAKING NO ACTION AT THIS TIME.

NEW BUSINESS

11. MENLO STREET/WILSON STREET

Requested by: Councilor Mark D'Agostino

Request/Issue: Councilor D'Agostino has heard from constituents that there is an ongoing issue with excessive speeding.

12. BOUVE AVENUE

Requested by: Councilor Mark D'Agostino

Request/Issue: Would like the Traffic Commission to consider banning and/or limiting heavy vehicles from traveling on Bouve Avenue from Forest Avenue to Menlo Street.

13. 128 PINE GROVE DRIVE

Requested by: Christine McDonough

Request/Issue: Multiple children with autism live in the complex, two of the children being mine, who are flight risks. Requesting an Autistic Child sign.

14. 36 HUNTINGTON STREET

Requested by: Fresnel Desarmes

Request/Issue: We need a Stop sign between Huntington Street off of Cherry Street. There have been many complaints on how dangerous this corner is without a stop sign.

15. 117 MARKET STREET

Requested by: Faith Pierce

Request/Issue: There use to be a yield sign at this location. You can see where the guardrail is damaged. It's been gone for a few years now and it should be replaced. Even when the sign was there people did not always yield but now it's like playing chicken at this location. Requested is a Yield sign at the south side of Howard Street bridge, on or near the guardrail as you turn onto Spark Street.

16. 99 GLADSTONE STREET

Requested by: Katherine Alicea

Request/Issue: Cars speed down my street as if they are on the highway. My husband was hit in front of our house a couple of years back and the car was totaled. They drive so fast, my windows shake. It is very dangerous and we are hoping you can help. Requested is a Speed Limit and/or temporary flashing speed sign.

17. 792 ASH STREET

Requested by: Terry & Bill McIntosh

Request/Issue: Residents had Autistic signs approved at Traffic Commission in 2017 for 6 Russell Road, they have since moved to 792 Ash Street and would like the Autistic signs placed at their new address.