



City of Brockton

Traffic Commission

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AGENDA

CITY OF BROCKTON

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Board or Committee	Traffic Commission
Day & Date	April 27 th , 2023
Time of Meeting	6 p.m.
Meeting Location:	Arnone School Auditorium 135 Belmont Street Brockton, MA 02301
Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro	Date: 4/27/2023

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Reading or Waiving and acceptance of the March 23rd, 2023 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).

Upon duly motion made by Stephen Hooke, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To continue to the April Meeting.

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2. 31 PETRONELLI WAY

Requested by: Brockton Parking Authority

Issue/Request: to examine the unnamed alleyway that runs along the east side of the Mayor Carpenter Garage to determine if it is a public way, and if so, to enhance the existing STOP sign and pavement line painting at the intersection of the unnamed alleyway and Petronelli Way, to add a speed bump or speed table on the alleyway at this same intersection, and to designate fire lanes on the alleyway.

VOTED: To continue to the April Meeting.

3. ASH STREET @ WEST CHESTNUT STREET

Requested by: Councilor Mark D'Agostino

Request/Issue: Would like the Traffic Commission to look at the safety at this location. (Traffic Commission members please see attached Engineering Study that was previously completed by Tighe & Bond)

VOTED: To continue to the April Meeting.

4. 1014 PEARL STREET- JM PET RESORT

Requested by: Captain Mark Porcaro o/b/o Jenny Mather

Issue/Request: Parking on Lancaster Street and new crosswalk across Pearl Street (somewhere between Lancaster Street and JM Pet Resort). Ms. Mather is seeking Commission approval to park employees there and is willing to clean up the street. The crosswalk would be for the safety of JM Pet Resort employees (or anyone using it) crossing Pearl Street from Lancaster Street.

**** CDM Smith's Conclusion: Based on the existing conditions and count data, CDM Smith finds that the installation of a pedestrian crosswalk would be appropriate due to the pedestrian activity at the location. If the Brockton Traffic Commission desires to install a crosswalk across Pearl Street, the most appropriate location is on the southern leg of the intersection with Lancaster Street. At a minimum, new ADA-compliant curb ramps, sidewalk, and fluorescent yellow pedestrian crossing assemblies (both the W11-2/W16-7p arrow assembly plus the advance W11-2/W16-9 'AHEAD' assembly) must be installed.**

Given the traffic volumes and speeds in the area, it is strongly recommended that a dynamic warning device be installed to accompany the crosswalk installation. A Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon (RRFB) or Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) should be included to give drivers advance warning of pedestrians. This proposed improvement is consistent with

countermeasures for 2-lane roadway configurations with a 40-mph speed limit as recommended by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)'s 2018 Guide for Improving Pedestrian Safety at Uncontrolled Crossing Locations as shown in Table 1.

5. 216 BELAIR STREET

Requested by: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro

Request/Issue: To reconsider and revise its decision from last month relative to Subcommittee recommendations A & B.

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Add a STOP sign with red striping near the current Rainbow Cir. street sign;
- B. Install a directional chevron on the northside of the island at Rainbow Cir. at Belair St.;
- C. Install a STOP AHEAD sign on Pole #2 (Rainbow Cir.) for westbound traffic;
- D. Install a BLIND INTERSECTION AHEAD on Pole #21-84 (Belair St. northbound) so as to alert motorists about Crickett Rd;
- E. Remove the 30 MPH sign from Pole #21-84 and relocate closer to Thompson Ave. (Belair St. northbound lane);
- *F. Send correspondence to Superintendent of Buildings James Plouffe to determine if the white fence located on the corner of Crickett Road and Belair Street is proper or not; and
- *G. To add additional traffic enforcement on Belair Street.

**** SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS****

- H. **Extend the existing guardrail in front of 216 Belair Street so as to come closer to the front gate, and install a new guardrail in front of the same address along the front fence southerly toward the utility pole near Coventry Circle.**
- I. **Once the guardrails at 216 Belair Street are in place, remove the recently installed chevron on the grassy island at Rainbow Circle and Belair Street.**
- J. **Add larger STOP stenciling during pavement line painting for the STOP bar/STOP sign on Rainbow Circle at Belair Street.**

NEW BUSINESS

6. RRFB (Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon)

Requested by: BPD Capt. Mark Porcaro, Traffic Commissioner

Request/Issue: to establish Traffic Commission policy and procedure for processing new RRFB requests, installation, and maintenance/repair/replacement.

7. SOLAR-POWERED SPEED SIGNS

Requested by: BPD Capt. Mark Porcaro, Traffic Commissioner

Request/Issue: to establish Traffic Commission policy and procedure for processing new solar-powered speed sign requests, installation, and maintenance/repair/replacement.

8. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND DISCLOSURE/SOCIAL MEDIA

Requested by: BPD Capt. Mark Porcaro, Traffic Commissioner

Request/Issue: to establish Traffic Commission policy and procedure for publicly disclosing information and materials used by anyone at Traffic Commission meetings.

9. HILLBERG @ WARREN AVENUE

Requested by: James Sweeney

Request/Issue: Requesting a No Parking Here to Corner Sign

10. N. CARY STREET

Requested by: Marcus Busby of 773 N. Cary Street

Request/Issue: There have been multiple accidents at this location on N, Cary Street at the bend. I would like a guardrail to protect my property. Also a sign or lights that can alert drivers to slow down before approaching the bend in the road.

11. N. CARY STREET

Requested by: Delia Resende of 773 N. Cary Street

Request/Issue: I am the house right on the curve of North Cary Street and Toby Road. There have been so many car crashes into my front yard. My family and I do not feel safe. I have little kids. Requesting a stop sign or to make it a one way street.

12. BELAIR STREET AND CRICKETT ROAD

Requested by: Latania Lafontant

Request/Issue: There have been several motor vehicle accidents in this vicinity. Children wait for the bus in the morning and are walking from school in the afternoon. There is a school in the area and there is a lot of traffic during peak hours. Requesting the following:

1. Remove the 30mph sign and replace it with a Solar LED Radar Speed Sign (Belair Street Northbound lane). Include a School Zone sign with

yellow stripping on the road on both sides of Belair Street (north and southbound lanes).

2. Clean up debris and cut down landscape near the Stop Sign on Coventry Circle intersecting with Belair Street.

3. Include double cross walk lines on Coventry Circle intersecting with Belair Street.

4. Remove the 30mph sign and replace with School Speed Limit When Flashing sign southbound on Belair Street. The sign should state 20mph between 7am-9am and 2:30pm-4:00pm Monday through Friday.

5. Include a reduce speed sign with flashing lights by the crosswalk on southbound of Belair Street before the pole with the emergency sign on it.

6. Make Rainbow Circle a one-way. No cars can enter Rainbow Circle from Belair Street. Exiting Rainbow Circle into Belair should include an Only Turn Right sign. No left turns onto Belair Street from Rainbow Circle.

7. Include a Slow Down Sign on pole 24 southbound of Belair Street.

13. WEST CHESTNUT STREET

Requested by: Christine Hill of 358 West Chestnut Street
Request/Issue: Continuing concerns regarding speeding.

(Traffic Commission Members please see previous request & recommendations- attached July 28th, 2022 Traffic Commission Minutes Item # 5)

14. HAMILTON STREET

Requested by: Councilor-at-Large David Teixeira

Request/Issue: Would like the Traffic Commission to look at the safety at this location.

15. VFW PARKWAY AND CRESCENT STREET

Requested by: Councilor Jeffrey Thompson

Request/Issue: Would like the Traffic Commission to determine whether or not on-street parking spaces can be added on VFW Parkway and Crescent Street next to the Studenski building.