



City of Brockton

Traffic Commission

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AMENDED AGENDA CITY OF BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Board or Committee	Traffic Commission
Day & Date	Thursday, May 25 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: 5-25-2023

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Reading or Waiving and acceptance of the April 27th, 2023 Minutes and the May 3rd, 2023 Special Meeting 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 continue to the May 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 May meeting.

3. 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.

VOTED: To Establish an Ad Hoc Committee that consists of DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill as Chari, James Sweeney, Councilor Jeffrey Thompson and Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan that will work together and report their recommendations back to the full Traffic Commission at the May meeting.

4. 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.

VOTED: VOTED: To have the Ad Hoc Committee that was previously established in Item # 6 work together and report their recommendations back to the full Traffic Commission at the May meeting.

5. 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.

VOTED: To send correspondence to the Law Department asking them to assist in the development of a public records policy to be used by the Traffic Commission.

6. HAMILTON STREET

Requested by: Councilor-at-Large David Teixeira

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

VOTED: To Continue to May meeting.

7. HILLBERG @ WARREN AVENUE

Requested by: James Sweeney

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Install a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign from Warren Avenue westerly 33 feet on the northside of Hillberg Avenue.

8. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Install a guardrail next to 773 N. Cary Street (at the split) near Toby Road.

B. Lower the CURVE AHEAD sign on Pole #97 on N. Cary Street just prior to Toby Road.

C. Cut back the overgrowth near Pole #97.

9. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Same recommendation as #2.

10. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Request an engineering study for a proposed crosswalk across Coventry Circle at Belair Street, a crosswalk across Belair Street from Coventry Circle, and a sidewalk on the east side of Belair Street directly across from Coventry Circle.

B. Install SCHOOL CHILDREN signs at Belair Street near Thompson Avenue (for northbound traffic) and on Pole #24 (for southbound traffic).

C. Cut back the overgrowth on Coventry Circle (south side) so as to make the STOP sign at Coventry Circle and Belair Street more visible.

11. WEST CHESTNUT STREET

Requested by: Christine Hill of 358 West Chestnut Street

Request/Issue: Continuing concerns regarding speeding.

(Traffic Commission Members please see previous Tighe & Bond Engineering study dated June 30th, 2021 and 7/29/2021 Minutes relative to West Chestnut Street)

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Research prior Traffic Commission records to find previous engineering study and approval for an overhead flashing amber beacon at the W. Chestnut and Southworth Streets intersection.

B. Send a letter to the Mayor's Office indicating the Traffic Commission's approval and request for the beacon's funding and installation by the Mayor's Office and any other appropriate city department.

12. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Subcommittee visited and studied this area, to include Maple Avenue, for on-street parking options.

B. Need more information as to whether off-street parking options have been explored (there are several parking lots in the area).

NEW BUSINESS

13. AMHERST STREET

Requested by: Fabienne Theodat

Request/Issue: Amherst Street is extremely narrow. It's impossible for 2 cars to drive down the street. Entering from Alden Street is a hazard. A slow down/children sign would be great. There are only 7 houses on this street, 4 with children.

14. MORAIN STREET

Requested by: Shanetta Young

Request/Issue: Requesting to have two (2) designated speed bumps on Moraine Street to prevent drivers from speeding on the street. There are young children that play and the street is narrow for two vehicles.

15. 8-10 WALL STREET

Requested by: Councilor Moises Rodrigues on behalf of Lydia Lopes

Request/Issue: Both Residents are requesting handicap parking signs in front of 8 and 10 Wall Street.

16. ROAN COURT

Requested by: Ernest Bethoney

Request issue: Would like No Parking Signs placed on Roan Court to N. Warren Avenue as they are having issues with individuals parking there and they are unable to pick up the trash.

17. KEENE STREET

Requested by: Councilor Thomas Minichiello

Request/Issue: Speeding Issues. Requesting speed bumps and/or an any other potential solution to deter the speeding on Keene Street.

18. 343 NORTH MAIN STREET (SAINT THERESA CHURCH)

Requested by: Councilor Asack and Councilor Lally on behalf of Father Joseph Abisaad

Request/Issue: To have signs put up in front of Saint Theresa Church, such as No Parking or Church Parking Only signs, as they are having major problems with parking in front of the church when there's funerals or elderly parishioners who park in the front of the entrance.

19. KAME STREET

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Arlene Marrocco

Request/Issue: Has seen an increase in cars going down the street speeding. Would like to request signage be placed on the street, such as “Slow” and/or “ Private Way No Access” signs.