



City of Brockton

Traffic Commission

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AGENDA

CITY OF BROCKTON

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Board or Committee	Traffic Commission
Day & Date	Thursday, July 27 th , 2023
Time of Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Meeting Location:	Arnone School Theater 135 Belmont Street Brockton, MA 02301
Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro	Date: 7-27-2023

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Reading or Waiving and acceptance of the June 22nd, 2023 Minutes and the June 6th, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. HAMILTON STREET

Requested by: Councilor-at-Large David Teixeira

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Subcommittee offers some options for the Councilor to consider and report back to the Traffic Commission in July with what he would like to do:

A. No Parking regulation on one side of the street (entire length);

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B. Making the street a one-way (preferably from Belmont Street to Brunswick Road); and

C. No Parking Here to Corner regulation both sides of the street 50 feet northerly from Belmont Street and also a No Parking Here to Corner regulation both sides of the street 50 feet southerly from Brunswick Road.

VOTED: To forward the recommendations to Councilor-at-Large Teixeira and continue to the July meeting.

2. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Subcommittee offers some options for the Councilors to consider and report back to the Traffic Commission as to what they would like to do:

A. No Parking regulation on the east side of N. Main Street from Lebanon Street northerly approximately 75 feet to the driveway (this will lose three parking spaces in front of the church);

B. Install Church Parking Only signs for the same area/spaces mentioned in option "a"; and

C. No Parking regulation on the east side of N. Main Street between the two church driveway entrances/exits (this will result in only one space lost).

VOTED: TO SEND THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCILOR ASACK AND CONTINUE TO JULY MEETING.

3. KAME STREET- EAST STREET SIDE

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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Install "NO THRU WAY" signs on each end of Kame Street (one sign at Thatcher Street and the other at East Street).

4. WEST ELM STREET

Requested by: Cassie Sulbaran (557 West Elm Street

Issue/Request: To revisit this area for the installation of crosswalks. (Traffic Commission members please see attached proposed crosswalk locations from Ms. Sulbaran).

VOTED: TO SEND FOR AN ENGINEERING STUDY.

**** CDM Smith's Conclusion: Based on the pedestrian volume in the area, the continuous sidewalks along both sides of West Elm Street, and the presence of a signalized crosswalk at the intersection with West Street, CDM Smith finds that the installation of a crosswalk within the study area does not appear warranted. However, if the commission wishes to address the crossings along West Elm Street, consideration should be given to the following:**

- * Improve the existing nearby crosswalk located at West Elm Street and Auna Drive. This crosswalk may be enhanced by the installation of more robust pedestrian crossing signs, high visibility markings, and lighting approaching the crossing from both directions.**
- * If a crosswalk is preferred, it should be located equidistant from the existing crosswalk at Auna Drive and the intersection with West Street. The crosswalk should include warning signage, high visibility markings, and lighting approaching the crossing from both directions.**

5. PLAIN STREET

Requested by: Council President Susan Nicastro

Request/Issue: Resident of Cappy's Way that walks her dog noticed that there is no crosswalk located on Plain Street at Georgene Road. There is a Brockton High School bus stop at Georgene Rd/Plain Street and the kids have to cross the street in the dark winter mornings without a crosswalk. Requesting a crosswalk at this location.

VOTED: TO SEND FOR AN ENGINEERING STUDY.

**** CDM Smith's Conclusion: Based on the pedestrian volume in the area and the lack of sidewalks along the west side of Plain Street, CDM Smith finds that the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Plain Street and Georgene Road does not appear to be warranted. However, if the commission wishes to install a crosswalk at the Plain Street and Georgene Road intersection, the crosswalk should include warning signage, high visibility markings, and consideration should be**

made for enhanced lighting approaching the crossing from both directions. New ADA-compliant sidewalk and curb ramps would also need to be installed at the location of the crosswalk.

6. **WEST CHESTNUT STREET**

Requested by: Christine Hill of 358 West Chestnut Street

Request/Issue: Continuing concerns regarding speeding.

(Traffic Commission members, please see attached Road Safety Audit from OCPC)

7. **WARREN AVENUE AT MARKET STREET**

Requested by: Councilor Mark D'Agostino

Request/Issue: He would like traffic controls placed at this location.

8. **INTERSECTION OF MAIN & NILSSON STREET**

Requested by: Gloria Anderson-Armstrong

Request/Issue: There are frequent traffic accidents at this intersection and you can't come out of the parking lot safely or cross the street at the corner. Requesting a traffic light be installed at this intersection.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Request an engineering study on signaling the intersection.

B. Paint no parking hash marks on the eastside of Main Street north from E. Nilsson Street.

9. **CORNER OF KINGMAN AND REED STREET**

Requested by: Luz Martinez

Request/Issue: Too many cars coming down this dead end street and speeding.

Requesting a "Not A Thru Way" sign.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Install an oversized "DEAD END" sign on the utility pole on Reed Street.

10. **INTERSECTION OF FULLER AND BARTLETT STREET**

Requested by: Makonnen Johnson

Request/Issue: Blind intersection. High probability for motor vehicle accidents. Requesting 4 way Stop signs.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Request a crash history to see if a problem exists, and if so, then consider a 4-way stop.

11. **310 SUMMER STREET**

Requested by: Charlene Harris-Caldwell

Request/Issue: An accident occurred and my house was hit on the side where the electrical box was located. National Grid responded and we were told that electrical damage was present and to hire an electrician. Also my house had exterior damage. Requesting a barrier.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Install chevron signs (pointing left) for Summer Street (northbound lane) on Poles #33, 32, and 29-1.

B. Install chevron signs for Summer Street (southbound lane) on Poles #31 and 31-1.

C. Install a new STOP sign with a new sign post, along with red reflective striping, for Carlisle Street at Summer Street.

12. **239 PINE STREET**

Requested by: Councilor Jeffrey Thompson on behalf of Denise McEvoy

Request/Issue: My moms house was damaged in March. Her house is right on the bend in the road and it's been struck multiple times over the years. There is a metal guardrail on the edge of her yard, it was damaged a few years ago and never fixed. From the photos I have taken it appears that if the guardrail had been repaired the accident would have only involved the guardrail and not her home. The guardrail is also not properly placed leaving her home vulnerable.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Extend existing (and apparently newer-looking) guardrail to Pole #28 on Pine Street.

13. **MAIN STREET @ BELMONT STREET**

Requested by: James Sweeney

Request/Issue: Left lane traffic from Belmont Street crossing two lanes to get over to Crescent Street from Main Street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Install one oversized "MIDDLE LANE FOR CRESCENT ST." sign on light pole #5470 (by 32 Belmont Street).

14. **WEST ELM TERRACE**

Requested by: Nicole Rosario

Request/Issue: Increase in speeding. Hoping to implement street cameras and speed bumps on West Elm Terrace. (Traffic Commission members please see attached email).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Increase the brightness of the street lights on Pole #6 (by 38 W. Elm Terr.) and Pole #8 (by 68 W. Elm Terr.). Current lights appear to be 35 LED and we recommend 68 LED or better.

15. **126 EDSON STREET**

Requested by: James Sweeney

Request/Issue: Residents concerned with overwhelming amount of cars parked on a residential street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Refer this to the Quality of Life Task Force

B. Continue to monitor the parking situation

C. If problem persists, we will consider a no parking regulation on the north side of Edson Street.

NEW BUSINESS

16. **N. QUINCY STREET**

Requested by: Councilor Jack Lally

Request/Issue: Would like a new crosswalk installed on N. Quincy Street where it intersects with Maplewood Circle and Toby Road.

17. **SAWTELL AVENUE**

Requested by: Jason Andrade

Request/Issue: Way too much unsafe speeding up and down Sawtell Avenue and this puts children and families at risk considering this is a school pick up street. Cars outside my house have been hit twice in the last five years due to speeders. Requesting a Solar Powered Speed Radar at the intersection of Sawtell and Banks, Camden or Albert Streets as well as a speed bump and additional traffic enforcement.

18. **N. QUINCY STREET**

Requested by: Gerard L. Recupero

Request/Issue: People crossing the street at the mall crosswalks. Requesting pedestrian crossing signs at the location of 622 N. Quincy Street somewhere between the strip mall and residential parcels across from the strip mall.

19. **ASH STREET**

Requested by: Jeanne Katz (Hopgood)

Request/Issue: multiple accidents and speeding cars. Requesting a 4 way stop at the intersection of Ash and Boylston Streets.

20. **NORTH MAIN STREET**

Requested by: Councilor Shirley Asack, Ward 7

Issue/Request: establishing a Truck Exclusion Zone for certain side streets along N. Main Street.

21. **NORTH MAIN STREET**

Requested by: Lt. William Schlieman, BPD

Request/Issue: I would like the traffic commission to consider the addition of 'No Parking' signs on the west side of North Main St between Spring St. and Pleasant St.

There is a high volume of 911 calls at both Perkins Park and the Main Spring, which are both situated on this block of North Main St. The emergency calls often require the response of EMS, the fire department and the police department. The emergency vehicles are sometimes required to park in the travel lane when responding to emergencies. The no parking area will also improve visibility for motorists and enhance pedestrian safety as well.