



City of Brockton

Traffic Commission

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AGENDA CITY OF BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Board or Committee	Traffic Commission
Day & Date	Thursday, September 28th, 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: 9-28-2023

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Reading or Waiving and acceptance of the August 31st, 2023 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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)

VOTED: MOTION TO CONTINUE TO SEPTEMBER MEETING, CONTACT OCPC & SEE WHAT THE COST OF A FLASHING BEACON LIGHT IS.

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2. COPELAND STREET AT HAYWARD AVENUE

Requested by: Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Adewumi Oluwatoyin.
Request/Issue: Resident is looking for a crosswalk on Copeland Street close to Hayward Avenue, of other such relief as the Traffic Commission may deem appropriate, to enable safe crossing of the street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend sending a letter to the Mayor and DPW indicating our support for the crosswalk based on the engineering study site revisit results as contained in the July 28, 2023 email from Lisa Sherman (CDM Smith Engineering) to Capt. Porcaro. The updated study indicated that the area on Copeland Street between Oakside Avenue and Hubbard Avenue appeared to be a suitable new crosswalk location and further stated that certain improvements (sidewalk, ADA-compliant ramps, etc.) need to be implemented first before the crosswalk may be installed.

3. N. QUINCY STREET AND HOVENDEN AVENUE

Requested by: Councilor John Lally
Request/Issue: Would like Solar Powered Speed signs on both N .Quincy Street and Hovenden Avenue.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend having a traffic study done to gather vehicle counts and speeds prior to deciding on installing any new solar-powered speed signs.

4. INTERSECTION OF N. CARY STREET AND TOBY ROAD

Requested by: Councilor John Lally
Request/Issue: To bump out N. Cary Street to create a sharper turn (90°) in an effort to deter speeding and reckless driving.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Reposition the green Toby Rd. street name sign onto the utility pole at the corner of N. Cary St. and Toby Rd.;**
- B. Reposition the NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES OVER 15,000 GWV sign currently at N. Cary St. and Toby Rd. to a new sign post approximately five yards easterly to the right;**
- C. Install a new NO TRUCKS sign (black truck image with red circle/line through it) and a new ONE-WAY sign on a new sign post in front of 757 N. Cary St.;**
- D. Install a new ONE-WAY sign on Pole #3; and**
- E. Install a new WRONG WAY sign on Pole #4.**

5. HOLBROOK AVENUE

Requested by: Councilor Asack on behalf of Leighton Beaumont (19 Holbrook Avenue)
Issue/Request: A stop sign to control speeding on Holbrook Avenue.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Install a new STOP sign with sign post and red reflective striping on Holbrook Ave. nearest Rutland St.; and

B. Install a new STOP sign with sign post and red reflective striping and a new STOP bar/line on Holbrook Ave. nearest Vine St.

6. WEST CHESTNUT STREET AT ALEXANDRA'S WAY

Requested by: Councilor-at-Large Winthrop Farwell

Request/Issue: Requesting a modified traffic signal at this location as residents have reached out regarding the heavy traffic on West Chestnut Street during peak hours.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend take no action.

7. ROUTE 27- PLEASANT STREET

Requested by: Willie Roberts

Request/Issue: Pleasant Street vehicles are traveling sometimes in excess of 45-50 MPH which is causing pedestrian to be at risk. Requesting speed limits signs be placed anywhere between the Irving Gas Station on the corner of Pleasant Street & Route 27 and Christy's Drive.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend a traffic study between West St. and Pearl St. to gather vehicle counts and speeds before deciding on any further action.

8. LEGION PARKWAY

Requested by: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro on behalf of Brockton Parking Authority.

Request/Issue: To formally make the hash marked area between BNHC and Panda Express No Parking, including a sign.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Install a NO PARKING, STANDING, OR STOPPING sign on Pole #5354.

9. 52 PORTLAND STREET- AUTISTIC CHILD SIGN

Discussion: The resident is concerned that his autistic brother could get hurt on the street and would like an Autistic Child sign placed at 52 Portland Street. It was discussed that the resident must present a doctor's note to the Traffic Commission and that once presented the Traffic Commission would install said Autistic Sign at 52 Portland Street.

- A. Install an AUTISTIC CHILD sign on Pole #4 (southbound traffic); and**
- B. Install an AUTISTIC CHILD sign with new signpost across from 75 Portland St. (northbound traffic).**

NEW BUSINESS

10. BROAD PLACE

Requested by: Councilor- at- Large Winthrop Farwell on behalf of Sharon Jones of 13 Broad Place

Request/Issue: Broad Place is not a through street. Vehicles are congregating and parking at the end of the street causing issues for the homeowner. Requesting that the Traffic Commission evaluate the need for sign(s) indicating: No Thru Traffic; Dead End; No Parking. The signs would likely be near the residence because Refuse trucks often cannot pick up trash when scheduled

11. DARBY ROAD

Requested by: Isa Barbosa

Request/Issue: My son has autism, when cars come on our street they tend to speed. Somedays we go outside where he likes to ride his bike and even though it's a dead end, I would like cars to be cautious. Requesting an autistic traffic sign.

12. MELROSE AVENUE

Requested by: Marco Machado

Request/Issue: Due to a constant amount of car accidents on the street, I would like to know if it is possible to have a safety guardrail installed on the corner of North Cary Street into 8 Melrose Avenue.

13. D.W, FIELDS PARK

Requested by: James Sweeney

Request/Issue: countless park goers have expressed traffic within the park travels much too fast and makes enjoying the park dangerous.

14. CASHMAN ROAD/CASHMAN PLACE

Requested by: Joni Shaw-Prophete

Request/Issue: The intersection of Cashman Road and Cashman Place is extremely dangerous. Vision is obstructed from trees and branches. It is especially dangerous for children and those walking pets as there is extreme room for error if/when coming around the corner. Requesting a mirror to provide better visual when rounding the corner.

15. AUGUSTA AVENUE EXT.

Requested by: Joanna Coleman

Request/Issue: We see many cars throughout the years who turn around at our house because people think they can cut down our street but it is a dead end on Augusta Avenue Ext. I am not sure if it is valid to put one up because we are almost in a circle. Requesting a Dead End Ahead or not a Thru Way sign.

16. SOUTHWORTH STREET

Requested by: Nancy Halverson

Request/Issue: On Saturday (9/9) a car crashed into the telephone pole in front of my house. All day cars speed up and down the street. It's so dangerous. Looking for help.