



City of Brockton

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CITY OF BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA

Board or Committee	Traffic Commission
Day & Date	Thursday, January 25th, 2024
Time of Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Meeting Location:	Arnone School Theater 135 Belmont Street Brockton, MA 02301
Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro	Date: 1-25-2024

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Reading or Waiving and acceptance of the December 6th, 2023 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. HILLBERG AVENUE

Requested by: Shareefah Mapp

Request/Issue: Being involved in a major injury from a MVA in May pulling into my driveway, I'm reminded once again how much Hillberg Avenue has drivers that are treating the road as a race track. Dangerously high speed and kids walking to & from school. Requesting a solar powered radar speed sign.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Install an oversized 30 MPH speed limit sign on Pole #27-84 for eastbound traffic on Hillberg Ave.; and

B. Add yellow reflective striping to all other existing speed limit sign posts.

2. 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. Ms. Katz would like to Traffic Commission to revisit this location. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached email request and below previous subcommittee recommendations that were approved)**

PREVIOUS SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Install BLIND INTERSECTION AHEAD signs on Pole #47 for northbound traffic and another sign in front of 375 Ash Street for southbound traffic;**
- B. Install 30 MPH signs on Poles # 45 and 50 for northbound traffic.**
- C. Install 30 MPH signs along the 300-block of Ash Street and the unknown numbered utility pole on Ash Street at Madison Street for southbound traffic.**

NEW SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. The Traffic Commission has been to this area several times recently. Monitor prior approved recommendations and allow for time to see if additional measures are needed.**

3. BROOK STREET

Requested by: Virginia O'Brien

Request/Issue: I live 2 houses from the park. There is a 4 way stop. Cars continue to ignore the signs. I have purchased & hung Go Slow signs & people rip them down. The point being is they drive too fast in both directions, there are a lot of kids. We need help. Requesting Go Slow Children signs or speed bumps.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Install a STOP AHEAD sign on Pole #16 (near 145 Winthrop St.) for westbound traffic.; and**
- B. Add reflective yellow striping to the existing STOP AHEAD sign (near 200 Winthrop St.) for eastbound traffic.**

4. ROCKWELL AVENUE

Requested by: Jennifer Andrade

Request/Issue: Cars park in front of the pole that's in front of my residence at 27 Rockwell Avenue and block the sidewalk and walkway to my home. I also place my trash can out there and it's hard for them to recycle my trash. Requesting No Parking signs.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Install a DO NOT OBSTRUCT SIDEWALK sign on Pole #4 in front of 27 Rockwell Ave.; and**
- B. Police parking enforcement.**

5. ASHFIELD DRIVE, DONNA ROAD & THOMAS STREET

Requested by: ward 5 Councilor Jeffrey Thompson

Request/Issue: To invite the residents of Ashfield Drive, Donna Road & Thomas Street to discuss traffic and speeding mitigation related to newly paved road as well as requesting the installation of battery operated speed radar signs on Ashfield Drive.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Contact Councilor Thompson for further guidance.

6. SULLY ROAD

Requested by: Debra Nihtila

Request/Issue: Excessive speeding. There is school traffic, work/commute traffic, commercial trucks & people use our street as a cut through. I can produce numerous security camera videos demonstrating the speeding throughout the day. Requesting a Solar Powered Speed sign and 30MPH sign.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Install a 30 MPH sign on Pole #9 for northbound traffic.; and

B. Install a 30 MPH sign on Pole #5 for southbound traffic.

7. JON DRIVE

Requested by: Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of a constituent

Request/Issue: Requesting restricted parking on the stretch of Jon Drive between Sully Road and the Brookfield School.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Rescind the current NO PARKING regulation on the south side of Jon Dr. westerly from Sully Rd. to the school, and instead...

B. Create a NO PARKING, STANDING, OR STOPPING ON SCHOOL DAYS regulation on both sides of Jon Drive westerly from Sully Rd. to the school.; and

C. Install oversized NO PARKING, STANDING, OR STOPPING ON SCHOOL DAYS signs on the two existing sign posts on the south side of Jon Dr. between Sully Rd. and the school, and

D. Install oversized NO PARKING, STANDING, OR STOPPING ON SCHOOL DAYS signs on Poles #2 and 3 on the north side of Jon Dr. between Sully Rd. and the school.

*****Note: The Subcommittee met with Brookfield School Principal Smith and his custodian to discuss Items 6 and 7. Principal Smith was appreciative of our efforts and detailed the actions both he and his staff have taken so far to alleviate any problems. We mentioned to the principal that we had received complaints about speeding school buses, and Principal Smith told us that he has already identified and spoken to two problem drivers. Also, the school will remain in contact with Councilor**

Lally after the meeting, and will send notices home to the parents advising them of the new parking restrictions.

8. FAY ROAD AT NICHOLSON DRIVE

Requested by: Councilor Jack Lally

Request/Issue: Requesting to make this intersection a 3 way stop.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. For pavement line painting, repaint the existing crosswalk, STOP bar, and add STOP stencil on Fay Rd. at Nicholson Dr.; and

B. Relocate the green street name signs (Fay Rd. and Nicholson Dr.) from atop the STOP sign to Pole #8 in front of 87 Nicholson Dr.; and

C. For pavement line painting, paint STOP bar and STOP stencil.; and

D. Relocate the green street name sign to Pole #5 (corner of Fay Rd. and Mass Ave.).

9. WARREN AVENUE AT MARKET STREET

Requested by: Councilor Mark D'Agostino

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

(Traffic Commission please see attached CDM Smith study)

CONCLUSION:

Based on the criteria outlined in the Guidance and Regulations section of this report and field observations, CDM Smith finds that the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Market Street and Warren Avenue may be appropriate. The intersection meets four of the nine signal warrants and experiences crashes that can likely be corrected with signalization.

If the City determines that signalization is too costly to be installed immediately, a multi-way stop control solution may be viable as a short-term solution. This would involve a stop sign being installed on both Warren Avenue approaches to the intersection and the intersection control beacon would need to be removed or exchanged for an all-red beacon. Under the all-way stop condition, consider a temporary one-lane approach on Market Street to minimize confusion to drivers at the intersection. The multi-way stop control may also be used as a longer-term solution if necessary, although it will cause more traffic delays than the signalization option.

Additionally, adding advance warning signage for all approaches of the intersection may be an appropriate safety enhancement. This could serve to warn drivers earlier of the upcoming intersection and cause them to decelerate sooner. Keeping the trees adjacent to the intersection trimmed is also an appropriate safety enhancement. These measures are intended

to be supplemental to the more extensive intersection improvements described above.

10. 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. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached CDM crosswalk study)**

CONCLUSION:

Based on the lack of both sufficient pedestrian volume in the area and sidewalks along the east side of North Quincy Street, CDM Smith finds that the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of North Quincy Street and Maplewood Circle and Toby Road is not warranted. However, if the City wishes to move forward with the installation of a crosswalk across North Quincy Street, consideration should be given to placing the crosswalk on the north side of the Toby Road intersection because sight distance for pedestrians looking right and left exceeds the recommended distance. Additionally, by placing the crosswalk on the north side of the intersection, drivers turning left out of Toby Road will be more likely to see a pedestrian in the roadway as they turn onto North Quincy Street. If a crosswalk is installed, ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps and sidewalks connecting to Maplewood Circle will need to be installed as well. Although the posted speed limit is 30 mph, the 85th percentile speed observed was 38 mph. Due to this speed and the high traffic volumes, the City should also consider high-visibility crosswalk markings, adequate nighttime lighting levels, and crosswalk warning signs.

11. 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.

Traffic Commission members please see attached traffic count that was conducted.

12. 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.

Traffic Commission members please see attached traffic count that was conducted on both N. Quincy Street and Hovenden Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS

13. FOREST AVENUE AND MANOMET STREET

Requested by: Councilor-at-Large Winthrop Farwell on behalf of Jaramillo (Billy) Guillermo
Issue/Request: Would like to discuss any/all mitigation options to reduce accidents in this area. Perhaps the subcommittee can evaluate whether bollards or a guardrail could be installed to prevent injuries if a vehicle ends up off the road and onto the sidewalk.

14. EAST STREET AT PLAIN STREET

Requested by: DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill
Request/Issue: There was another accident at this location over the weekend of (12/8/12/10/23) and it should be looked at by the Subcommittee. Requesting either a guardrail or stop sign at this intersection.

15. 39 SYLVESTER STREET

Requested by: James Johnson
Request/Issue: I would like to request 2 stop signs to be added at the corner of Sylvester Street and Manchester Street. There are only stop signs on the Manchester Street sides. There are some cars that know there is no stop sign on Sylvester Street and they will speed.

16. WOODARD AVENUE

Requested by: James Sweeney on behalf of George Couture of 234 Woodard Avenue
Request/Issue: This is a dead end with a path to the Kennedy School. Not only do we have a ton of foot traffic in the morning and in the afternoon for the school but also a lot of people walking with their dogs and riding bikes. I've lived here for almost 14 years and we have a big problem with cars flying down the street not knowing that it's a dead end. Requesting a Dead End sign.

17. MUPAC DRIVE AT KNAPP CENTER

Requested by: Lauren Johnson (Concord Foods)
Request/Issue: Over the past year there have been several near-miss incidents involving vehicles existing Mupac Drive onto Knapp Center. There should be a stop sign at the intersection of Mupac Drive and Knapp Center to prevent vehicular accidents.

18. 333 NORTH MONTELLO STREET

Requested by: Matt Hurley(City Redemption Center)
Request/Issue: Illegal on street parking continues to create a safety hazard and makes it difficult for our employees and customers to leave our business. Blocks the parking lot to avoid trash and broken glass which ends up in our lot. Requesting No Parking on both sides of the area of 333 North Montello Street.

19. MILL STREET (149 MILL STREET-DEAD END EXTENSION)

Requested by: Gary Epstein & Rob Cohen of Timeless Antiques Watch & Jewelry Co.
Request/Issue: On December 1st, 2023 someone plowed through the carrier at the end of Mill Street. Several times a day people are speeding straight through the turn to the end of the dead end. Requesting that a stop sign at the turn of Liberty Street and Mill Street. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached photos)**

20. HUNTINGTON PLACE

Requested by: Ernest Bethoney, DPW Refuse Department and resident, Shirlee Ross

Request/Issue: There are issues every trash pickup day with cars parked on Huntington Place that is making it difficult for make turns onto the street to pick up the trash. Requesting No Parking signs.

21. NYE SQUARE

Requested by: Requested by: Ernest Bethoney, DPW Refuse Department

Request/Issue: There are issues every trash pickup day with cars parked on Nye Square that is making it difficult for make turns onto the street to pick up the trash. Requesting No Parking signs.

22. 629 PLEASANT STREET

Requested by: Scott Faria- JK Holmgren Engineering

Request/Issue: We are working with Dr. Malik on an office building located at 629 Pleasant Street. Both the ZBA and the Planning Board would like a “Don’t block the Box” sign at the site on Pleasant Street. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached Plans from Scott Faria)**

23. HAMPDEN AVENUE

Requested by: Francisco Aguiar

Request/Issue: The last couple of months the cars pass by 35/40 MPH. I am worried about it because on December 19th, 2023 I lost my dog because a car hit killed my dog, they never stopped. I have children that sometime play on the street. Requesting a speed sign.

24. 150 FIELD STREET

Requested by: Councilor John Lally

Request/Issue: Blind Driveway sign requested for the westbound.