



City of Brockton

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CITY OF BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA

Board or Committee	Traffic Commission	
Day & Date	Thursday, June 27th, 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: 6-21-2024

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Reading or Waiving and acceptance of the May 23rd, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

1. TRIBOU STREET AT NASON STREET

Requested by: Jhay Debarros

Request/Issue: Requesting SLOW, CHILDREN at the intersection of Tribou Street near Nason Street as well as a NO PARKING or NO PARKING CORNER TO HERE sign for Nason Street (east side alongside 145 Tribou Street) at Tribou Street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Install a NO PARKING CORNER TO HERE sign on the east side of Nason Street approximately 20 feet or so north from the Tribou Street intersection.

B. Trim the branches to the tree that will be near the new sign.

2. MONTELLO STREET EXT.

Requested by: Captain Mark Porcaro, Brockton Police Department
Request/Issue: BPD Patrol Division supervisor indicated parking issues on Montello Street Extension. Current parking on both sides makes it difficult for large vehicles to use the road and for residents to back out of driveways. Recommend parking be restricted to one side due to narrow roadway.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Install NO PARKING signs along the entire length of the east side of the street (we spoke to two neighbors who supported this and said it would alleviate parking issues).

3. EDINBORO AVENUE

Requested by Councilor Thomas Minichiello, Jr.
Issue/Request: Traffic issues from vehicles entering/exiting Prestige Gas (899 Belmont Street) via Edinboro Avenue.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Cut back the vegetation blocking the current NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign.

B. Continue to monitor (no issues were observed while we were there).

4. 298 N. WARREN AVENUE

Requested by: Councilor Moises Rodrigues on behalf of Esmeralda Cardoso
Request/Issue: Resident has had several cars crashing on her lawn and almost hitting her house. Requesting a guardrail be installed on her property.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. There is not a lot of room to install a guardrail and the shrubs at the northwest corner would need to be removed. No signs or evidence of any recent accidents. BFD Dep. DePasquale indicated the traffic signal was replaced about two years ago and could not recall any accidents since then.

B. Continue to monitor.

5. 515 N. MAIN STREET/EAST MAIN STREET

Requester: Lt. William Schlieman, BPD
Issue/Request: Parking issues. Requesting parking regulations and signs.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. There is no clearly-defined sidewalk there and the angled parking does not seem to be a traffic flow problem.

B. Recommend parking enforcement for the current NO PARKING regulation on the west side of E. Main St. by this area. As long as this side is kept clear and nobody illegally parks, there should be no problem with traffic flow.

6. SHEPPARD STREET

Requested by: Mary Boyd

Request/Issue: I would like to request a traffic sign that shows how fast they are speeding down Sheppard Street. They come down the street doing 50-60MPH. This could all stop if they also put speed bumps on the street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Install a battery-operated speed sign on the utility pole in front of 38 Sheppard St. (for eastbound traffic).

7. TROY STREET

Requested by: Clarita Neal

Request/Issue: I live on Troy Street, with Levering Street connecting. Cars speed around this corner, there isn't a sidewalk for pedestrian use and it is a two way street. Requesting a Go Slow sign on the corner of Troy Street and Levering Street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Install BLIND DRIVEWAY and GO SLOW signs on Pole #4 (by 3 Troy St.) for southbound traffic.

B. Install BLIND DRIVEWAY and GO SLOW signs on Pole #3 (on Levering St.) for westbound and northbound traffic.

8. PINE STREET

Requested: Ada Alfonso

Issue/Request: Neighbors are parking on sidewalks, forcing school children, people in wheelchairs and other pedestrians to walk down the middle of the street. Groups of drivers on motor bikes are racing and performing stunts as they race down the street. Requesting stop signs and No Parking Signs.

EMAIL FROM REQUESTOR

The problem, at least in my area of the street, has been resolved. No one has parked in the street or sidewalk since the first days of the complaints.

I will not be there on the 27th.

I do appreciate the opportunity and consideration. During the Summer Pine St. is a race track for motor cross bikes but I have not seen any yet this year. Hopefully, all issues are settled.

9. MICHAEL DRIVE

Requested by: Sarah Hendrick

Request/Issue: This past year we have seen a surge in the number of cars going at speeds over 45-50MPH miles an hour with children attending the nearby Kennedy school and walkers. We need a sign to encourage slower driving on the street. Requesting Slow Down signs.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Install a PEDESTRIANS sign on Pole #4 for eastbound traffic.

10. PLAIN STREET AT OTTO STREET

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicastro

Request/Issue: Would like the Traffic Commission to consider a blinking light on Plain Street at the intersection with Otto Street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Install a W2-2 Intersection Warning Sign (the sideways "T" sign) by 200 Plain St. (just prior to Otto St.) for westbound traffic.

11. N. QUINCY ST./COURT ST./QUINCY STREET

Requested by: Jackie Mitchell

Request/Issue: There have been a number of accidents at this intersection. I would like to request the following: Install No Turn on Red Sign, install solar speed radar, repaint the crosswalks as this is busy intersection located near the Baker School & student bus stops.

(Traffic Commission members please see attached crash history- Item continued from last month)

PREVIOUS SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Add the ladder design to the existing crosswalks at this intersection during line painting season.

B. Request from BPD Records Division an intersection crash history.

12. 39 DIX ROAD

Requested by: Gary White

Request/Issue: I am requesting a guardrail on the corner of my property (N. Cary St. and 39 Dix Road). Between the snowplows and all the vehicles that come on my property from the accidents and misjudging the corner. I am disabled and can't fix it anymore. **(Traffic**

Commission members please see attached crash history- continued from last month;)

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Subcommittee met with Mr. White and is not opposed to the installation of a new guardrail *if the crash data supports it*. Request BPD Records to forward any accident history.

B. Replace the STOP sign and sign post (with red reflective striping) on Dix Road at N. Cary Street (for northbound traffic) pending a Traffic Commission records check that such a sign has previously been approved

there, and if not, recommend approving the installation of a new STOP sign and post at that spot.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 5 in the affirmative.

VOTED: ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION “B” AND TO REVISIT “A” WHEN ACCIDENT HISTORY IS READY FOR REVIEW AND CONTINUE TO JUNE MEETING.

13. ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES AND POLICIES

Requested by: Councilor Lally and Councilor-at-Large Teixeira

Request/Issue: Would like the Traffic Commission to discuss Enforcement Practices and Policies and their bearing on the actions of the Traffic Commission.

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. **(Traffic Commission please see attached CDM Smith study)**

CONCLUSION:

Based on the criteria outlined in the MUTCD and analysis of the area, CDM Smith recommends enhancing the lighting at the intersection. With most of the crashes at the intersection occurring in nighttime conditions, additional streetlights may improve visibility during nighttime hours.

Additionally, CDM Smith recommends installing new chevron signs in the southbound direction on the northern side of the horizontal curve, both before and after the intersection at a minimum height of 4-feet. The three existing chevrons on the south side of the curve are recommended to be removed since they do not comply with MUTCD sign placement guidelines and could be causing confusion to drivers. Figure 3 below shows the recommended locations for new chevron signs, as well as the removal of the old chevron signs shown in red.

Installing snow-plowable retroreflective raised pavement markers within the centerline of the curve at the intersection may be appropriate. These could be installed along Plain Street in conjunction with a dashed double yellow centerline or in place of a marked centerline. Three to five pavement markers would be installed in this way.

NEW BUSINESS

15. AMES STREET AND N. MONTELLO STREET

Requested by: Councilor Lally

Request/Issue: Would like the Traffic Commission to review the safety and traffic at this intersection. Specifically to ban right hand turns for westbound traffic on Ames Street turning northbound onto N. Montello Street.

16. FIELD STREET (BETWEEN SAWTELL AND SPARK)

Requested by: Councilor Lally

Request/Issue: Requesting speed/look out for children signs for Field Street between Sawtell and Spark Street at the request of a constituent.

17. BERNARD ROAD

Requested by: Councilor Lally

Request/Issue: Would like to request "Autistic Child" Signs for 89 Bernard Road.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Install an AUTISTIC CHILD sign on Pole #9 (between 85 and 87 Bernard Rd.).

18. 29 LINWOOD STREET

Requested by: Councilor Phillip Griffin on behalf of Ayanna Cooks for her uncle Lindell Cooks

Request/Issue: The individual that lives at 29 Linwood Street is visually impaired. Requesting a Visually Impaired sign in front of the home and also asking if the volume of the Audible Pedestrian Signals along Belmont Street, from Papa Gino's to McDonald's, could be increased and if the pedestrian crossing time could be extended.

19. ARLENE STREET

Requested by: Brianna Calderom

Request/Issue: Cars are parked on top of the grass/property. They are parking close to the fences on S. Leyden for both properties in that area and this risk damage to the fences. If they park on the street, they block the view of the intersection when turning out of Arlene Street. Requesting a No Parking on this side sign to be located on South Leyden Street in between Arlene Street and Riverview on the right side (facing south) where the wooden and chain link fences are.

20. INTERSECTIONS OF N. MAIN STREET/OAK STREET AND OAK STREET/BATTLES STREET EXTENSION.

Requested by: Debbie McBride

Request/Issue: Suffering from temporary blindness and can no longer see the crossing sign at the intersection. Requesting that there should be a beeping sound to assist those who are visually impaired.

21. 812 NORTH MONTELLO STREET

Requested by: Manuel DePina

Request/Issue: My house is located at a 4 way stop intersection. There have been numerous accidents at that corner and there have been 3 car accidents on top of my yard. Recently a car went into my side yard and knocked down my entire fence and my grandkids playground. Requesting a guardrail for my home.

22. LENOX STREET

Requested by: Meaghan Arnold

Request/Issue: My daughter uses the school bus stop at Lenox/Monson Streets. It is extremely uncomfortable. The state of the intersection of Pleasant and West Street has added frustrated traffic driving inappropriate speeds through our neighborhood to avoid it. Requesting a Slow Children sign.

23. PROSPECT STREET

Requested by: Theresa Selman

Request/Issue: Within three months two different vehicles have run into the pillars on the property. If there were metal guards and signage this would minimize injury and property damage. Requesting a guardrail with reflective sign to slow down. **(Traffic Commission members see attached photos)**

24. 741 N. CARY STREET

Requested by: Kevin O'Gorman, 741 N. Cary St.

Issue/Request: Would like a new guardrail installed due to accidents.

25. CHERRY STREET AND DIVISION STREET

Requested by: Guilherme Vicente

Request/Issue: Accident Prone Area. The intersection of Cherry Street and Division Street has a history of accidents or near-misses, a stop sign can reduce the risk by enforcing stops and yielding. Requested a stop sign at this intersection.