



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, September 26th, 2024
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Traffic held its monthly meeting at the Arnone School Little Theater, 135 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA 02301, at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26th, 2024.

Present were Traffic Commission Members: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, Director Stephen Hooke, James Sweeney and Secretary Michelle Yaffe.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro at 6:00 p.m. Upon motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, to waive and approve the reading of the August 22nd, 2024 Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 95 TREMONT STREET

Requested by: London Wayne Hall

Request/Issue: Too many accidents and speeding down French Avenue over 20MPH. Requesting two (2) Stop signs at the corner of French Avenue coming from West Chestnut Street on both corners. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached crash history)**

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Add red reflective striping to all existing STOP signs at the Tremont Street and French Avenue intersection.**
- B. Add a second set of STOP signs, with sign posts and red reflective striping, on Tremont Street at the French Avenue intersection, to double-up on the STOP signs for east and westbound traffic.**
- C. Add STOP (pavement line painting stencil) for the existing STOP bars.**
- D. Increase the street light brightness for the light at the southeast corner of the Tremont Street and French Avenue intersection from its current 35 LED to something brighter.**

E. Install a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign with sign post by the guy wire to Pole #1.

F. Install a battery operated speed radar sign on French Avenue north of that intersection for southbound traffic.

Discussion: London Hall and Susan Jezierny were both present. Mr. Hall stated that he had requested a stop sign, something similar to that as Hillberg Avenue. A couple of weeks ago I was coming home and I saw that you had doubled up on the signs on each side. I've never seen it like that and we were requesting a 4 way sign coming down French Avenue going towards West Chestnut Street and going from West Chestnut towards French Avenue because they are still blowing through it and they are still going fast coming past my garage area. They stop sometimes with the double and sometimes they don't. Ms. Jezierny stated that when the next stop sign was put on the French Avenue side of Tremont Street heading west someone took down some tree branches of the trunk of the tree that is in my yard, the branches branch out over the street so they took the branches and tossed them in my garden, damaging my plants. Mr. Hall told me the chipper was there with them when they put the signs in. I can't move those branches they are heavy. I don't understand why they took them down and left them partly on city property and partly on my property. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that he does not know who would've done that but that we could certainly look into it. DPW Commissioner Hill asked if it was city personnel and she stated that she wasn't there, however, Mr. Hall stated that it was city personnel. Mr. Jezierny stated that there is also a branch covering the stop sign, they didn't even take the right branches. Mr. Hall stated that they put 4 signs but that we were looking for one on the corner of her house and then one on the corner of our neighbors house because they almost hit her house. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that one of the things we did when we were looking into the four way stop request was we contacted the Brockton Police Department's Records Division and got the 3 year crash history and they only had 2 crashes. Ms. Jezierny stated that those were serious accidents and prior to that they were more fender benders. She further stated that because of the speed people are driving the accidents are getting more serious. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that he stands corrected there was a third accident on 2/14/2023 but it was so minor they didn't even do a report on it. Mr. Hall stated that coming down Tremont coming down towards the end of the corner of Tremont and Warren, two things have happened since I've been there and I have been here for 40 years. There is more and more traffic with large trucks, garbage trucks and more people cutting through this way to go to West Chestnut to go to the highway. Mr. Hall further stated that he understood that there hasn't been any accidents that have been fatal but if it's a kid that is hit it could be fatal. He further stated that one of the accidents the air bags deployed and if you have an accident were the airbags have deployed it's bad. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that it depends, you can have airbag deployment that is speed related but it's not excessive speed related. Ms. Jezierny asked if someone came down to do surveillance on traffic of which Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated no, we would usually bring in an engineer to do traffic counts but that's a bigger project. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that he had read the crash reports and in both

cases cars had stopped for the stop sign and pulled out. In one of the cases the car didn't see the car coming in the other direction and the other one drove through the stop signs, failed to stop for the stop sign. He further stated that when we look at putting up four way stop signs, there is a lot of criteria that has to be met by state standards. We can't just arbitrarily create a 4 way stop and it's number of accidents, number of vehicles per hour that go through the intersection and in our observation when we were there, we saw virtually no traffic and we were there for probably 20-25 minutes. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that we have been there but we didn't set up traffic counts but over the course of several subcommittees, I think that we have been there 3 different times. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that the regulations that we have to abide by for creating a four way stop sign, as I said is the volume of traffic that goes through there and the state is very specific to us as traffic commissioners that we shall not use a four way stop sign as a means of controlling traffic. It can't be used as a speed control device. It strictly has to be for safety. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that when we do things here at the traffic commission we are bound by these federal rules and guidelines that apply to the whole county, that's why the rules that we do here are the same in another state, uniformity across the nation and there are supplemental rules by the state through Mass DOT that we have to follow and if we deviate from that and it comes to their attention, they will order the city to correct it within guidelines. Mr. Hall stated that maybe a Slow Down sign could be put 10/20 feet before that. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that according to the two reports that we have, there were 2 crashes that resulted in actual reports and they were stop sign violations. Therefore, it's already people going through signs, I am not sure if a slow down sign, I am not opposed to it, if we vote that way but I don't know how effective it would be. There was also discussion about the speed radar signs that the city has, like on Summer Street. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro asked Mr. Hall where he thinks one of those signs would be best placed and Ms. Jezierny stated on French Avenue just before the Tremont intersection heading southbound because the kids go down that street driving way too fast. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that the No Parking Here to Corner sign is an issue that has popped back up again. Mr. Hall stated that he called into the City Councilor, after you put the sign there, they were taking the other one down on the pole and I had asked that you put it up there and now that you put it in that area they kind of abide by it. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that the woman that was at last months meeting in opposition of the sign we had told her to come back to this month meeting and she's not here tonight. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked what we are going to do with the sign on the post? Remember we said we were going to put a separate post up? We agreed we were going to put it just west of the walkway. We were going to prohibit parking from his front walk to French Avenue. That left room for one car between his walkway and the reason for that was the neighbors said that they lost their parking spot. We agreed to prohibit parking from the front of his walk to the corner and it would open up a line of sight so you can see to the right of French Avenue. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that it also confirms with the city ordinances that there is no parking within 20 feet of an intersection. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that by putting a No Parking sign on the telephone pole it would eliminate one parking

space that probably could be misused. He further stated that the problem we heard last time was that someone was parking in front of his walk. Mr. Hall stated that his neighbors are using his space in front of his walk to park and Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated what needs to be understood is that it's a public parking space so from the telephone pole to the corner of the intersection can handle at least two vehicles, right now, with the No Parking all of that parking has been lost. He further stated that the dirt in front of Mr. Hall's house is a public sidewalk. Mr. Hall asked if you could park on the sidewalk and Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that you can not park on the sidewalk but you can park on the street and it was unregulated up until the time we put the No Parking sign up and now it is regulated that there is No Parking from the telephone pole to the corner. Mr. Hall stated that they don't abide by it. Retired Fire Chief Galligan further stated that it was the understanding from the last time that we were there that there was room for 1 vehicle to park between the telephone pole and your front walk. It was impressed upon us that parking is critical in the neighborhood and by losing that parking space, it had a direct negative effect on the neighbors that live there. Upon further investigation, we determined that from your front walk to French Avenue nobody should park there because you complained that they were parking in front of your walkway and we handled that and secondly, it was creating a blind intersection for people going west on Tremont Street that couldn't look to the right to see cars coming down French Avenue. Therefore, it made a lot of sense to prohibit parking at the corner. What we discussed was taking the No Parking Sign off the telephone pole and moving it about 10 feet so that it's near your walkway. So this would allow them to regain one parking spot between your front walk and the telephone pole and it would prohibit parking from your front walk to French Avenue.

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: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE AS AMENDED WITH "F"

2. 41 RUSSELL ROAD

Requested by: Patricia Phillips Adams

Request/Issue: I have a brain injured child and I would like to have a handicap spot in front of my home.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Need more information. The requester must appear at a meeting. Take no action until the requester appears and explains.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 5 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO TAKE NO ACTION.

3. 684 PLAIN STREET

Requested by: Deborah DeLima

Request/Issue: I would like to request a sign indicating that there is an autistic child because I have a 5 year old autistic son and car pass at a high speed on my street. I believe having a sign near my house will help people pay more attention.
(medical documentation received)

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Install an AUTISTIC CHILD sign with sign post and yellow reflective striping in front of 708 Plain Street for the northbound traffic.**
- B. Install an AUTISTIC CHILD sign on Pole #73 near 671 Plain Street for the southbound traffic.**

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 5 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

4. 39 ANNE MARIE DRIVE

Requested by: Freddie Milligan

Request/Issue: People from other towns close to Brockton consistently not only cut through but speed through without any concern for residents walking so we need these signs asap. Along with police handing out tickets consistently. Requesting speed limit signs

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. There are already sufficient 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT signs (both entrances), NO TRUCKS, NO THRU TRAFFIC (both entrances), and CAUTION CHILDREN signs already posted. Recommend traffic enforcement, when manpower permits.**

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

5. MAPLE AVENUE

Requested by: Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan

Request/Issue: To allow general thru traffic on Maple Avenue from Crescent Street to Main Street westerly.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Subcommittee visited this location, and although no formal recommendation is ready and we will be reaching out to various neighbors for their input, some possible ideas appear below:

- a. Remove the DO NOT ENTER and BUSES ONLY signs at the southern end of Maple Avenue near where it turns westerly and allow for general thru traffic southerly and westerly toward Main Street.**
 - b. Make Maple Avenue from its southernmost point where it turns westerly ONE WAY ONLY westerly to Main Street.**
 - c. Install a DO NOT ENTER sign on Maple Avenue where the pavement and the so-called "brick road" meet to prevent traffic from going east on Maple Avenue (road is not wide enough to support two-way traffic).**
- Note that we spoke with Tommy Williams of the Brockton Parking Authority as he made his rounds and he agreed with our general concept to allow general thru traffic on Maple Avenue westerly to Main Street.**

Discussion: Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that Maple Avenue was set up the way it is when the buses were there. The buses are gone. So it is our thought that we should make Maple Avenue a through street, Crescent Street, as you get to the bend, it would become one way out to Main Street. That portion of Maple Avenue is not wide enough for two way traffic. That section of Maple Avenue is a major route for the bus that goes to Campello. We talked to the traffic enforcement officer who thought it was a great idea and if you come around the corner and come up to Maple Avenue you can take a right to go behind Joe Angelo's to go back out to Crescent Street. If you came in by Joe Angelo's you could take a right to go out to Main Street but you can't take a left to go back down Maple Avenue. So the whole thing made sense but I think what we were going to do was to have a conversation with BAT to see if they had anything to add and whatever other city agency you could possibly think of. DPW Commissioner Hill stated maybe the School Department because they have their main offices there. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that they were going to make the old BAT into a park or something and Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that was the Sycamore Grove project. James Sweeney stated the Planning Department controls that project but it died because there is no funding for it. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked DPW Commissioner Hill if he had any objections to what we have discussed and he replied no. DPW Commissioner Hill also stated that we don't have to speak to the Parking Authority about this as it doesn't change any parking spots or anything of that nature and it has no effect on them at all. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that it's a courteous conversation with BAT to let them know what is going to happen. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that it will help the Parking Authority because the cars will be able to pull out and then just pull down the street on to the Main Street opposed to having to go up and around. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked Traffic Commissioner Porcaro if he would still like to reach out to BAT and Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that he would like to reach out to these agencies and see what they have to say. They may have an idea or two that may be helpful as well. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we can take a vote on this next month. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that we can continue this to next month for a final vote and in the meantime I will reach out to BAT.

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: CONTINUE TO OCTOBER AND REACH OUT TO BAT

6. SPRING STREET

Requested by: Leon Sealy

Request/Issue: Card love to speed down my street. My nephew was hit by a car last night (7/28/2024) and was flipped in the air. There are a lot of kids that are at the laundromat. Also, my wife had a home daycare. It's for safety of everyone buy mainly the children in the area.

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: TO TAKE NO ACTION.

7. CLARENCE STREET

Requested by: Aunnakalia Boyce

Request/Issue: I have an autistic nonverbal son and people tend to speed up the street even though it is a one way street. I am hoping this sign will make people more aware and more cautious of their choices. My child has wandered down the street in the past. Requesting a Caution Autistic Child sign.

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

VOTED: TO TAKE NO ACTION.

8. HILLBERG AVENUE

Requested by: Cheryl Sclar

Issue/Request: Concerned about flow of traffic, speed and the trash, especially where the road narrows between Longwood and Echo.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Replace the four current 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT signs with larger signs.

B. Repair/replace the damaged NO PARKING sign in front of 106 Hillberg Avenue.

C. Traffic enforcement;

D. Battery operated speed radar sign on Hillberg Avenue

Discussion: Cheryl Sclar, Matt Stanton and Shareefah Mapp were all present. Cheryl stated that she lives on Hillberg Avenue and she walks her dog and we have a lot of children that live on the street. Hillberg going down to Longworth to Echo onwards it narrows and the speed picks up onto the hill. It picks up right at the stop sign and they go zooming down the road. Ms. Mapp stated she was in an accident at the end of her driveway last May and it has almost happened again. They are not adhering to the 30MPH signs. Ms. Sclar stated that 30 MPH on this

street is way too much. Maybe lowering the speed limit would work. She further stated that she works at Roxbury Community College and there is speed bumps everywhere. They don't have to be that high but more so like they have in Easton. They seem to have them in other towns without any issues. They don't have to be that high to stop somebody. She stated that she has spoken to the neighbors and they are not opposed to putting speed humps or lowering the speed limit. Mr. Stanton mentioned that the speed increases coming down Hillberg from Longwood. James Sweeney stated that we have talked about this one a few times and we decided at one of the meetings that we were going to put a speed radar sign up at some point. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated I believe at that point we only had one or two that worked and that they were already committed elsewhere. The other one or two that we had didn't work. I just bought three brand new ones. Two were committed and another one was just committed tonight. He stated that he could buy a few more. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that this is a temporary measure and we could look into a permanent measure. Ms. Sclar stated why would we spend money on what might work if we can spend money on what would work and Traffic Commissioner Porcaro asked what do you think would work and Ms. Sclar stated speed humps and they don't have to be high. They have them right by the Farmers Daughter in Easton they slow the people down. It works and it will deter people. DPW Commissioner stated that on a road with the elevation coming down like that I don't know if putting a speed hump there creates more of an issue. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that he was familiar with the speed table in Easton, like the DPW Commissioner said, it's there because of the pedestrian crossing. That's its' primary reason. There was discussion about the speed tables at Roxbury Community College and whether or not they were there to slow people down and if there was pedestrian crossing there. Ms. Sclar stated that they are primarily there to slow people down. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that when it comes to speed bumps, speed humps or speed tables, we as the Traffic Commission, this commission's main function is the regulation of traffic or the flow of traffic . When you are talking about speed bumps or things of that nature, that's more roadway design and roadway engineering. That's something we really don't cross the line into. That's a completely different thing. We are more into regulating how you drive, speed limits, don't park here, crosswalks, things of that nature. But when it comes to altering a roadway like this , it's more of a road design things. Have we dabbled in that a little bit here and there, yes, but we really don't go onto that side of the fence that much because it departs from what we are suppose to be doing. Ms. Sclar stated that when she spoke to an officer it was stated that there would be more police presence in this area and I haven't seen any. We don't have police presence and if we do they are just driving by, no one is waiting to see what is happening.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 5 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED WITH "C" AND "D".

NEW BUSINESS

9. NORTH AVENUE

Requested by: Councilor Lally

Request/Issue: Would like to request that No Parking signs be placed on the north side of North Avenue from Lynn Road to Hillstrom Park. There are existing parking regulations in place but due to the frequency of violations, it might be better to spell it out. The neighbors are also looking to get a new "Dead End" sign

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 5 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

10. LEWISTON STREET

Requested by: Lynn LeBlanc

Request/Issue: People drive down my street like it's the Indy 500. Requesting speed bumps.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 5 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO OCTOBER MEETING AND REACH OUT TO RESIDENT TO APPEAR AT MEETING.

11. HANCOCK AVENUE

Requested by: David Burwell

Request/Issue: Speeding on the street during school hour morning and afternoon arrivals and exits, people cutting down the street to avoid the light (terrible). Have almost gotten hit leaving my driveway. Kids walking to school have to be careful, school buses cut through too. Requesting 25MPH sign- two signs would be nice. We have a sign in front of our house but no one follows instructions.

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: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

12. MILDRED ROAD

Requested by: Councilor Thompson on behalf of James Dillion of 74 Mildred Street

Request/Issue: Looking for options to reduce speeding on Mildred Street from cars coming off of Court Street.

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: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND TO SEND A LETTER TO
CARDINAL SPELLMAN**

13. NILSSON STREET AND MAIN STREET

Requested by: Gloria Anderson Armstrong

Request/Issue: Ongoing traffic issues at this location. Requesting a traffic light for the intersection.

Discussion: Ms. Gloria Anderson Armstrong was present and stated that this is not new and you haven't helped me. I have been here every year for the same thing. You did put the oversize stop signs and that seemed to help. You put the white lines down for the corner and up until a couple months ago that did not work. Only reason it is working now is because all 3 of the stores burnt down. A couple weeks ago there was a 3 car collision a block in a half down the street from us with pedestrians included. The whole thing is about speed. I heard what you said about you can't control people and their speeding. A traffic light, that helps and it's better than all the things you have tried that didn't help. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that a while back we voted to approve a study that was done by the Old Colony Planning Council and we forwarded a letter of support to the Mayor's office. He further stated that the Traffic Commission does not have the funds or ability to install traffic lights. All we can do is approve things and then move it along to another city department that actually implements it. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked if she has spoken to her City Councilor and Ms. Armstrong stated that she has spoken to almost everybody. He further stated that there is a whole list of intersections in the city that this commission supports the installation of traffic signals. The problem is putting traffic signals at the intersection probably could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Ms. Armstrong asked what is the difference between putting them up at other locations opposed to putting it up on Main Street? You're saying hundreds of thousand of dollars for other areas. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that it could cost 1.2 million dollars. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated one million dollars for one intersection and we have voted over the years that we support for traffic signals and now it becomes probably the most important intersection that requires a traffic signal. So if there was 1 million dollars to be invested in traffic signals that would probably cover one intersection and we have a list. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that what we typically do because we don't have the funds and we don't install these types of things. Once we approve something of this magnitude, we will send a letter to the Mayor's office informing the Mayor that this meeting we approved a, b and c and we ask the Mayor's office to find the funding to implement this and then it's up to the Mayor in his discretion and the funding situation that he may have to implement it. Ms. Armstrong asked if we did that of which Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated he was pretty sure that we did do this and he further stated that this intersection has gotten a lot of scrutiny. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that they are still waiting on the funding. There was a grant given to us for temporary measures at this intersection as a trial run to see how these temporary measures hold up without the installation of the light. It's a Mass DOT grant for \$175,000 dollars. The funding was approved but we have

not received it yet. He further stated that as soon as those funds get released we will proceed. Ms. Armstrong stated that on the weekends there is traffic all over the place at this intersection. The kids come from the school that is further down across this intersection. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that in the grand scheme of things it was part of a grant that we put into the federal government called Safe Streets for All, it was one of 4 intersections that were identified for traffic lights and unfortunately we did not get that grant so we will proceed with the temporary measurers until the money is available and we will try to seek more federal funding. Ms. Armstrong asked what the criteria is for getting on track for some of the places that you did approve for traffic lights. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that since he's been on the Traffic Commission we have not installed a new traffic light. We have approved traffic lights but there have not been any new traffic lights installed. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that he's been on the Traffic Commission for 4 years now and like the DPW Commissioner has said we have approved many traffic signals, the installation of many traffic signals based on studies and we have sent many letters to the Mayor's office indicating our approval of that but I don't recall any traffic signals being installed as a result of that.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 5 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO TAKE NO ACTION

14. COPELAND AND MARKET STREET

Requested by: Jean Basile

Request/Issue: There are issues with speeding and going up the wrong way at this intersection. Looking for any/all suggestions that the Traffic Commission may have.

Discussion: Ms. Jean Basile was present. She stated that the reason I am doing this again because it has been an ongoing problem since the last one I read, I believe that was in December of 2023 it was before the Traffic Commission but for me it's been longer than that because not only am I having problems with the speeding on Copeland Street and Market Street but also on Donald Street. I am right at the corner of Copeland and Market Streets and my fence has gotten hit 4 times since 2006. This last time they hit it, the woman was coming down Copeland Street, she was going so fast that she lost control of her car, twisted around and went right into the corner of my fence. So the speeding on Copeland, Market, Donald, West Chestnut, Tremont, they are just driving and no matter how many signs you put up, and then they go the wrong way and that night that they hit my fence there, I was standing there for 10-15 minutes before they hit my fence right on the corner. If we had stayed there we would have gotten either killed, hurt or the dogs definitely would've been hit. The speeding is unbelievable and the wrong way, it's not just people that are living somewhere else, these people actually live on Market Street. They are coming out of their driveways and they are too lazy to go down to West Chestnut so they go out their driveway they

come up the wrong way and there are so many close calls. I don't know what else can be done, there are a hundred signs up there. There's even two huge DO NOT ENTER signs and I saw a van come up from Warren Avenue the wrong way. I was wondering if we could put the poles on Market Street like they have on West Chestnut Street. So that people can park on the left hand side instead of the righthand side because the one way goes from Copeland Street from my house down. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked what her house number was and she stated # 3 and he stated so you are on the southwest corner. There was discussion about 168 Market Street which is owned by the Brockton Housing Authority and the bush that is about 10 feet high right on the corner of their property. James Sweeney stated that that is a blind spot. I traverse that street quite often and when you take Donald to take a left onto Market Street, it's a complete blind spot. You have to be out in the street. Ms. Basile stated that if you go down Copeland Street taking a right to Market Street, it's that house right there. James Sweeney stated so that one too but also Donald Street and Market Street. She further stated that everyone keeps saying it's my fence and I've said if I can see, after I took all the slabs out, how come you can't see it? I know that the road sorted goes, on the side of Market Street where my house is, it goes out a little bit and then Market it's sort of like a tiny curve. So I can see when people pull out a little but you don't have to pull out all the way into the middle of the street. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that it's not impeding your vision to traffic because it's a one way. Ms. Basile stated that when people are walking on the sidewalks the cars that are coming down Copeland Street can't see the people on the sidewalk. I have almost gotten hit coming up that street because when I come around the corner, it's like the bush is so big, it hangs over the sidewalk and they have the tall grass and that's all hanging over the sidewalk. You really can't see until you are at the edge of the sidewalk to see if a car is coming down. She further stated that you have the telephone pole and stop sign right there. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that pedestrian traffic is actually not supposed to cross Copeland Street right there. They should be using the crosswalk. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that one of the big issues that has been down here for years is if you are traveling north on Copeland Street, when you get to Market Street, directly across is a double wide driveway and it looks like Copeland Street continues right across when it's in fact a driveway. One of the options that we have used at an intersection like that is to put up a sign that's about 2 feet by 4 feet that's reflective. So if you are coming down Copeland Street you will see that reflective sign in front of you which indicates that it's the end of the street. The problem is that the driveway is directly where that sign would go. I think the best things to do is to send this to sub and we go down and look at it. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we can not control the way that people are driving and it's very frustrating to us because you come in and we try to help you the best that we can but there's only so much that we can do. Ms. Basile asked about a guardrail and whether or not it could be placed on Donald Street. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that that will be one of things that we will consider when the subcommittee goes out to the location.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 5 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

15. SOUTHFIELD DRIVE

Requested by: Amanda Allen

Request/Issue: I am wondering if a crosswalk with a crossing sign can be installed across East Street from Southfield Drive.

Discussion: Amanda Allen was present and stated that there are multiple bus stops. I always see parents and kids or people with their dogs trying to cross the street and there are always cars speeding. I have had them tailgating me or trying to pass me. The cars just fly by and I've seen some of them unfortunately passing school buses that have their lights on. The way that the bus stops come from Southfield and East some of them will come from one side of Southfield and stop on the street. Some of them will go onto Southfield Street on the other side of where I am so then I have to personally stand in the middle of the road and tell the kids to run across. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked if the kids were crossing East Street of which Ms. Allen states sometimes, it all depends on how the bus shows up. He further stated that East Street is a thru street and Southfield has stop signs. Ms. Allen stated the ones on Southfield Street are mostly the parents that are driving their kids that also stand on the outside of the roads with me to help wrangle the kids into one area to get them to go over to where they need to go over if needed. Sometimes I will just drive my son to the other side of the bus itself depending on how the bus is coming. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked if there were sidewalks anywhere there and Ms. Allen stated that on my side of Southfield there is a sidewalk on the other side of me. On the other side of Southfield, it's on my side of the street. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that with the amount of issues that we have on East Street and the way that it's designed as a straight shot coming in from Plain Street, to me, this is something that I think would be beneficial to get a four way stop. It may resolve a lot of the other issues that we have here as well. Ms. Allen stated that I do notice right where you guys have that speed limit tracker right near Edson, that has gotten people to slow down in that area a little bit but not going the other way. There was also discussion about putting up Pedestrian signs like the commission had put up on Pearl and Lancaster Street. James Sweeney asked if this street is one that we might want to get a study done on and Traffic Commissioner Porcaro agreed. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that he believes that we had a study done on this whole section for sidewalks and crosswalk from Edson Street to Plain Street at Councilor Nicastro's request. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that he will pull out that study and see if this particular intersection was addressed regarding, hopefully, a crosswalk and then we can take it from there.

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: REVIEW OLD FILE, IF STUDY NOT DONE, SEND TO CDM SMITH FOR AN ENGINEERING STUDY AND SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

16. 1200 MONTELLO STREET

Requested by: Michael Martin, Project Manager NEI Construction
Request/Issue: We are constructing a 94 unit affordable housing, transit-oriented development with underground parking and first floor retail space. We are requesting approval for jersey barriers on the roadway throughout the duration of the project. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached Construction Management Plan)**

Discussion: Brian Porter, Michael Martin and Tim Doherty were all present relative to this item. It was stated that in order to build this building we have to take the sidewalks, so if you look at the drawing CMP005 that shows the rerouting of the pedestrian traffic away from this block where the building is being built. In order to get the siding done once the building is erected, the earth support in to get in the foundation, we need to have a fence that is far enough away for our equipment and we need to take a small portion of the perimeter of the site and that is on Riverside, Montello and Terminal. On the construction plan we outline a plan as far as the pedestrian direction as far as safety signage approaching from different directions on the street. That's for the consideration of pedestrian traffic. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that he has been at this site quite a few times and there is a new RRFB that had been installed there in front of the project at the crosswalk southerly of Riverside for pedestrian traffic. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that RRFB is going to have to be removed and asked if it will be replaced at some point? DPW Commissioner Hill stated that they are working on a relocation. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated once you find the right location the RRFB will be relocated and stated that he had a question regarding the fence, we recently went through this with the Public Safety Building downtown, where they put up a fence that was pretty close to the gutter line that they needed to preserve the sidewalk over and one of the concerns that we had was that there needs to be someone from the construction company that is available 24/7 in case something happens to that fence, if someone crashes into the fence or if we get a bad storm and the fence goes over, it can't be laying in the street. Once that fence has been placed it's going to be up to the construction company to maintain that fence. We have to have an emergency number where someone would be in the event that the fence gets knocked down and it needs to be put back up immediately. NEI construction stated that what they are proposing is a little more stable. We are looking to place the fence on top of the jersey barriers so the poles are actually inserted into the jersey barriers verses some type of sandbag at the bottom of the structure of the fence. We do plan on having scrim on the fence and we will have a drop box inside the fence for emergencies that we will work with the Fire Department on. We will distribute emergency numbers and we typically have at least 3 personnel that are available to answer that phone call. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated the jersey barrier will be sitting in the street at the edge of the curb of which was answered correct. He also asked if they put reflectors on the jersey barriers and it was stated yes, we put some type of reflective tape verses a flash, maybe we could put flashes on the end. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that what he was thinking was that you could attach it to the fence where it's 90' to the fence so when you're driving

down the street and your headlights hit it. DPW Commissioner Hill stated like a triangle. It was stated like a fire extinguisher sign. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated because if you put the reflector on the fence it's never going to show up. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that you can actually buy reflective jersey barriers. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we had a concern with the fence at the public safety building and he does not believe we have had any problems with it of which DPW Commissioner Hill stated that we have not had any issues with it besides that we had to move it because of a vision issue on the corner of Warren Avenue and West Elm, other than that it has held up. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked if they put scrim on the fence and it was stated that the do, Retired Chief Galligan stated that can be a wind catcher and NEI Construction stated that it gives a little extra security. DPW Commissioner Hill asked if there will be lighting that faces the barriers that will make them clearly seen at night and it was stated that there is lighting on the opposite side of the street. It was further stated that as the site progress we look at security cameras and we will have multiple security cameras at 4 locations so that we have a 360 degree view of the building 24/7 and this system monitors and we will receive emergency calls on this system as well and the site has to be lite, on what pole is to be determined but it is a requirement. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that you also have a fire hydrant on the north side of Riverview Avenue that you don't want to obstruct. DPW Commissioner Hill stated for the purpose of snow, obviously it's a public way but if there is any kind of clean up that needs to be done and also picking up trash to have it kept clean the construction company will maintain that. James Sweeney asked how long construction will take and it was answered that he believes the barriers will be in place for a least 16 months and he further asked when do they look to start and it was stated that they are hoping to start within the next couple of weeks. DPW Commissioner Hill asked if the barriers would remain for the entire length of the project and it was stated yes they will. DPW Commissioner Hill asked about the corner of fencing, like the corner of Riverside and Terminal Place for traffic coming in and out of Riverside and Terminal Place. Someone wants to turn left and the fence is up there and they can't see and basically have to pull into the public way and it was stated that they will hold back the scrim and devise something that will not obstruct the view. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that at Terminal Place it has a lot of traffic because of the company down the alley. What we do with the fencing is created a triangle with 20 feet back, 20 feet back and then a long angle and that's suppose to be a site on a blind corner, you might want to consider pulling that back so that when coming out of Terminal Place you can look left. James Sweeney asked if they had a plan for the concrete trucks, are they going to be sitting idle on Montello or is it going to be on site and it was stated that most likely they should be working on site. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that on page 5 you have emergency vehicle access and it states " access from the site for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times through construction site personnel or by Knox box access". That's probably something that the Fire Department uses right? Therefore, how to police get in there at night? It was stated that that's something that we like to work out with the Fire Department, the Knox box everyone is familiar with and then we have the jog box inside where we need to leave plans and so forth as the building progresses. Traffic

Commissioner Porcaro asked if they were comfortable with that as far as police access overnight and it was stated yes, absolutely and Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated in the event of a real emergency and it was also stated absolutely. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro further stated that our option is to contact the Fire Department to let us in and it was stated yes and Traffic Commissioner Porcaro also stated that you can get up here in a timely manner and it was stated that they could get here from Rochester and Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that you know where I am going with this right? In an emergency a minute counts and coming from Rochester is not going to cut it and this is something that we have to work on. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro asked DPW Commissioner Hill if after we do what we do here tonight will the DPW have continuing involvement with this project of which DPW Commissioner Hill stated yes. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro further stated that no matter what we do here tonight the traffic commission reserves the right to modify this plan as the project's going on, if we discover that it's not working out right, if we have to tweak it here and there, if there are lines of sight issues or anything like that we reserve the right to bring this back to the Traffic Commission. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that after the barriers are put up I can receive a phone call so that I am able to go down there and do a quick inspection.

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: APPROVED BY TRAFFIC COMMISSION

17. FROST AVENUE

Requested by: Jeff Fowler

Request/Issue: We've had an uptick (last couple of years) in cars driving at high rates of speed on Frost Ave, trying to beat the light at Forest/Ash, but also in general. Younger residents have moved in, parents are concerned, we've had two near misses with pedestrians. Councilor Farwell has suggested a Speed Hump, but we are open to any suggestions the commission may have to deter speed.

Discussion: Mr. Fowler was present and stated that our street connects to Ash Street and parallels to Forest Avenue. It has become more of a cut through road for us over the years as far as that it has become busier. I think drivers are a little surprised on the length of the road and I think it's shorter than they think it is. So they ride their brakes pretty heavy as it goes to the end of the road. Councilor Farwell suggested speed humps, I am sure it would solve it but I am not sure how practical it is. I am really open to anything. The character of the neighborhood has changed quite a bit over the years and residents are younger and we have younger children. There is one house on the street that has an RV parked in the driveway. Kids like to ride their bicycles. The vision is blocked because of the RV in the driveway. This morning on my way to work I had someone riding right on my tail who tried to pass me before realizing it's a dirt road.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 5 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

18. 20 UNION STREET (GODDARD SCHOOL)

Requested by: Matthew Campbell, Brockton Community Schools, Adult Learning Center

Request/Issue: Vehicles are constantly blocking the fire hydrant in front of the school. Requesting a Do Not Block Hydrant sign.

Discussion: Mr. Campbell was present and stated that this summer the Community School and Adult Learning Center shifted to the Goddard School which was renovated and good to us but parking is at a premium, especially on a one way street. There's actually more parking then they had at its last location but it's a one way street. It's very crowded and if you drive over there we have traffic cones and barrels of various sizes and shapes. On a couple of occasions we have had to ask people to move. They either pick up to the cone and move it, but we have a fire hydrant located by the parking lot to the right of our first driveway, it's probably about a table walk away from the driveway. We have a couple cones there now but the cones are not permanent. They move, they take them down. We would like to get a sign that states not to park here that there's a fire hydrant. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked if any of the cars that are parking in front of the school, are they there for any length of time or are they just dropping somebody off? Mr. Campbell stated that they are parking. It could be 20 minutes to half an hour. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that the people that live on Union Street park on the south side or the right side. Mr. Campbell stated I would assume so. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked so the people that are going to the school are parking on the left side and right now that's unregulated. There's no No Parking signs there? Mr. Campbell stated that there are no No Parking signs there that I have seen and they park there. Mr. Campbell stated that that was part of the moving of the building that there was parking on both Union and Main Streets. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that what we are looking to do is prevent parking in front of the fire hydrant. You would not want to do away with parking on the north side of Union Street because you need that parking. Mr. Campbell stated that they are looking for one spot with a marker that prevents people or at least a little more visible. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we could approve the sign tonight.

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: APPROVE DO NOT BLOCK FIRE HYDRANT SIGN

19. LILLY AVENUE

Requested by: Evelyn Miranda

Request/Issue: Cars are constantly parked on both sides of Lilly Avenue close to the corner that meets with Market Street. Requesting parking be limited to one side of the street and/or prohibit parking to the corner. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached photos)**

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

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Motion was made by James Sweeney, seconded by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Yaffe

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Secretary to the Traffic Commission

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 2024 AND ALL REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 2024.