



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, March 27th, 2025**  
**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, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Present were Traffic Commission Members: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, Director Stephan Hooke and James Sweeney.

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 James Sweeney, seconded by Director Hooke, to waive and approve the reading of the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by DPW Commissioner Hill to take items with individuals present out of order and properly seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale. The motion carried by a hand vote, 6 in the affirmative.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. COURT STREET BRIDGE**

Requested by: James Sweeney

Request/Issue: Box trucks frequently get stuck under the bridge. Requesting a flashing chevron or any other measures the Traffic Commission deems appropriate.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Mount a COURT ST. BRIDGE 13'6" sign on Pole #16-1 on N. Montello St (for southbound traffic) at Elliot St.**

**B. Mount a COURT ST. BRIDGE 13'6" sign on Pole #22 (in front of 240 Pleasant St.) for Pleasant St. eastbound traffic.**

- C. Request DPW GIS Technician attempt to update GPS apps.**
- D. Request DPW explore lowering the roadway surface under the bridge.**
- E. Send correspondence to MBTA for a brief summary of their report on the bridge;**
- F. Approve a Flashing Chevron sign by the Verizon building for westbound traffic.**

**VOTED: TO ADD E & F AND ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion: DPW Commissioner Hill stated that he hasn't spoken to anyone at length about lowering the profile of the road yet. At some point in the near future when CDM is out here, I can ask them if they can take a look at the profile based on the record cards. James Sweeney asked if we had a structural integrity report on the bridge? It's getting struck by pretty sizable vehicles. If there's nothing I think it's worth at least seeing when the last one was done. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that he thinks they should do them annually. It was stated that it's something that the MBTA gets. He further stated that the bridge belongs to the MBTA, it's MBTA property. He further stated that he was sure we could do a request to see what the structural integrity of it is but I don't suspect that there are any issues with it now. He also stated that we have had a lot of discussions about all of the bridges not just this one. There was discussion about sending a letter to the MBTA for an brief update on their last inspection of the bridge. Geoff Keenan spoke about the GPS apps and whether or not we can put information in the GPS app to let vehicles know what the height of the bridge is prior to so they can reroute the vehicle and that is not something that is currently offered. They do not have any data fields that they are able to collect data about bridge heights. Waze is not for commercial use and having bridge heights they choice to avoid this all together. He stated trying to get the navigating companies to reroute is not something this is feasible. James Sweeney mentioned placing a flashing chevron. He stated that there are three signs leading up before when you are heading west on Court Street. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that some of these bridges are posted in a location where's it's too late to make a change in the route. That's why we picked North Montello Street and you're coming south on Montello. It will tell you ahead that if you're going to use Court Street, this is what the bridge is. If we post it on Court Street between Montello and the bridge, when you get to Court Street and start to make the left when they see it, it's kind of too late. James Sweeney stated that most of the strikes that he has seen are coming west. So before they even hit it there would be a flashing chevron, say in front of the Verizon building, at least they would have another option before they get to the bridge.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

## **2. N. BYRON AND ELLSWORTH STREET**

Requested by: Chevonne Little

Request/Issue: I am requesting Stop signs and Slow Children Signs at the intersection of N. Byron and Ellsworth Street. There are houses around this intersection that have kids playing outside all of the time and there is way too many times that cars drive fast down both of those streets.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. Install a STOP sign, with sign post and red reflective striping on N. Byron Ave. at Ellsworth St. for northbound traffic.**
- B. Install a STOP bar and STOP pavement line painting stencil on N. Byron Ave. at Ellsworth St. to go along with the new STOP sign.**
- C. Install a CAUTION sign with sign post and yellow reflective striping on Ellsworth St. approximately 20-30 feet easterly from Ash St. for the eastbound traffic.**
- D. Install a CAUTION sign on the utility pole closest to 149 Ellsworth St. for the westbound traffic.**

**VOTED: REPLACE "CAUTION" SIGN IN RECOMMENDATIONS C & D WITH WATCH CHILDREN SIGNS (24X24) AND ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED.**

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

## **3. 111 GREEN STREET**

Requested by: Malcom Shanks

Request/Issue: I am handicap and would like a handicap spot in front of my home. (Handicap placard provided)

### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**Councilor-at-Large Derenoncourt spoke to property management and off-street parking will be offered to Mr. Shanks. No need for any city-installed signs. Take no action at this time.**

**VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO APRIL MEETING FOR AN UPDATE FROM MR. SHANKS**

Discussion: Traffic Commissioner Porcaro asked Mr. Shanks if the property management had reached out to him and Mr. Shanks stated no. He further stated that Councilor-at-Large Derenoncourt reached out to the property manager and he was able to secure one of the three spots in the front of the property for Mr. Shanks. He told Mr. Shanks that he should reach out to the property manager and the Traffic Commission will not install a handicap sign on the street at this time for on street parking because we are under the belief that you will receive off street parking.

Traffic Commissioner Porcaro told Mr. Shanks if this doesn't happen he can come back to the Traffic Commission.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

**4. LISA DRIVE**

Requested by: Councilor John Lally

Request/Issue: Would like to follow-up regarding the speeding concerns on Lisa Drive

**PREVIOUS SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (approved at 12-12-24 meeting)**

- A. Install a 30 MPH sign on Pole #24 (near 285 Lisa Dr.) for westbound traffic.**
- B. Raise the existing 30 MPH sign on Pole #21 (near 260 Lisa Dr.) for westbound traffic.**
- C. Install a 30 MPH sign on Pole #14 near (near 166 Lisa Dr.) for westbound traffic.**
- D. Install a SLOW sign on Pole #10 (near 104 Lisa dr.) for westbound traffic.**
- E. Install a 30 MPH sign with signpost and yellow reflective striping by the stone wall between 29 and 35 Lisa Dr. (for eastbound traffic).**
- F. Remove the old and faded 30 MPH sign on Pole #4 (near 22 Lisa Dr.).**
- G. Install a 30 MPH sign with signpost and yellow reflective striping between 205 and 211 Lisa Dr. (for eastbound traffic).**

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. Install the previously-approved signs (see prior recommendations).**
- B. Traffic enforcement, when staffing permits.**
- C. Request an engineering study of the entire road.**

**VOTED: ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

**5. BOURNE STREET AT HOVENDON AVENUE**

Requested by: Councilor John Lally

Request/Issue: Would like a No Parking Here to Corner sign on Bourne Street at Hovendon Avenue.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. Install NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER signs on Bourne St. approximately 20-25 feet southerly from Hovendon Ave. (both east and west sides of the street).**

**VOTED: ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

**6. 51 MULBERRY STREET**

Requested by: Janiky Fernandes

Request/Issue: I would like a sign in front of our house because there is an auto body shop down the street that keeps parking random cars in front of our house and I don't feel comfortable with the cars parked in front of our house.

Requesting a Resident Parking Only sign.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**A. Amend the current RESIDENT PARKING ONLY regulation on Mulberry St. to extend to 51.**

**B. Add Resident Only Parking Sign near 51 Mulberry Street.**

**C. Have Code Enforcement speak with the Auto Body Shop owners and do parking enforcement.**

**VOTED: TO ADD B & C AND TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED.**

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

**7. CORAL STREET**

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicaastro on behalf of the residents of Coral Street

Request/Issue: Would like a "No Commercial vehicles over 15,000 GVW" sign to address the parking on the street of a tow commercial vehicle being operated from a residential property and such other relief as the Traffic Commission deems appropriate to address the issues encountered by the neighborhood as the result of this.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Install/replace the missing NO PARKING signs on the north side of the road from Auburn to Summer Streets.**

**B. BPD Lt. Schlieman (QOL/Code Enforcement) has already spoken to the tow operator and indicated he is cooperative.**

**C. Take no action on the truck exclusion sign as this requires prior state review and approval.**

**VOTED: ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

## **8. HOWARD SQUARE**

Requested by: Chief Brian Nardelli or designee, Brockton Fire Department.  
Issue/Request: BFD apparatus is having difficulty traveling on Howard Square due to an increase in parked vehicles.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. Install a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign with sign post on the property line between 11 and 15 Howard Sq. for southbound traffic (blue X).**
- B. Install a NO PARKING sign on the utility pole opposite 24 Howard Sq. (blue X).**
- C. Install a NO PARKING CORNER TO HERE sign with sign post opposite 28 Howard Sq. (blue X) for the westbound traffic.**
- D. Install a PARALLEL PARKING ONLY with bi-directional arrows sign with signpost in front of 24 Howard Sq.**

### **VOTED: ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Discussion: Fire Chief Nardelli was present and stated he is present tonight in the event that there are any following up questions. He appreciates all of the assistance of the Traffic Commission.

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

## **9. NORTHFIELD STREET**

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicastro, on behalf of Adilson Pina of 4 Northfield Street

Request/Issue: Northfield Street is a short street parallel to Montello Street between Snell Place and East Chestnut Street. Mr. Pina is having issues with parked vehicles blocking his driveway and their access to the other streets. There is a public safety issues relative to parking of these vehicles hampering emergency vehicles responding to this location as well as snow plowing operations or routine utility work.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. Site visit indicated ample and newer-looking NO PARKING BOTH SIDES signs installed for both sides of Northfield St. and Snell Pl.**
- B. Install a NO PARKING BOTH SIDES sign and signpost on Snell Pl. in front of the white fence belonging to the property at 4 Northfield St.**
- C. Install a NO PARKING BOTH SIDES sign and sign post at the end of Snell Pl. (westernmost point).**
- D. Parking Enforcement & Directed Patrol**

### **VOTED: ADD "D" AND ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion: Mr. Pina was present and stated every time I try to access my house there are cars parked on both sides of the street. I want to see if there's a solution to fix this issue. My wife and I want to be on time for work but sometimes we can't because the cars are parked there.

Upon duly motion made by Director Stephan Hooke, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **10. CARROLL AVENUE**

Requested by: Paul Maraglia, 100 Carroll Ave.

Issue/Request: Speeding issues. Would like speed limit signs. (He won't be at the meeting, but will meet the Subcommittee at his house).

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

### **11. BREWSTER AND YARMOUTH, SAGAMORE AND YARMOUTH, DENNIS AND HARWICH, BREWSTER, SAGAMORE, DENNIS AND HARWICH ENTRANCE**

Requested by: Jeffrey Barnes

Request/Issue: Traffic has increased in the neighborhood along with the size, this has caused an unexpected premature failure of the road with the key placement of weight limit/stop signs will help prevent the premature catastrophic failure.

Requesting stop signs and weight limit signs.

**VOTED: CONTINUE TO THE APRIL MEETING PER THE REQUEST OF MR. BANES**

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

### **12. TINA AVENUE**

Requested by: Kaitlynd Grasso

Request/Issue: Would like a Caution/Hard of Hearing Child at Play sign to be posted on both ends of my street for my almost 3 year old daughter who has fluctuating bilateral hearing loss and wears bilateral hearing aids.

Discussion: Kaitlynd Grasso was present and stated that her daughter looking to have signs place don both ends of my street. I have a almost 3 year old . It's quiet area but with summer coming obviously kids are going to be playing outside. Not many people in the neighborhood know that she is hard of hearing just my immediate neighbors. I'm just looking for awareness of her. She does

have fluctuated hearing loss. Some days are better than others. With excess noise her hearing tends to decrease. She had a functional listening test yesterday and it assesses her hearing in quiet and loud environments. So in the quiet environment three feet away she heard perfectly at 100 %. When you added noise her hearing decreased to 80 % then they backed up 6 feet from her and in quiet environment her hearing was 80% but then when they added noise it dropped down to 60% and that's only 6 feet away imagine a car 30-40 feet away.

**VOTED: APPROVE SIGNS & SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE FOR DETERMINATION OF THE LOCATION OF THE SIGNS.**

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

### **13. INTERSECTION OF LYMAN STREET AND CRESCENT STREET**

Requested by: Vanessa Boatwright

Request/Issue: Requesting the crosswalks at the intersection of Lyman Street and Crescent Street (by Cumberland Farms, N-Gon Viet Subs and Fire Department Station 4) to be improved for pedestrian safety and accessibility, especially during the winter weather.

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale stated that at this intersection there are pedestrian buttons but there are not dedicated lights. So the only thing it does is control the traffic lights. So you hitting the button is requesting a red on your side so that you're able to walk across. Other than that, it would have to go to engineering. This is on the state list to be done, however, it got bumped because of the Grove Street bridge. When the Grove Street bridge failed that became their priority. DPW Commissioner stated that one is programmed for 2026 construction, which means that it won't be under construction until 2026. It won't be advertised until after September of this year. This is Grove and Summer and then Centre and Plymouth is going to be in 2027 and that's already on the TIP schedule as well. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that if we vote to send this for an engineering study, CDM Smith would be aware of what's going on. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that it's already being studied and we may just be able to ask for where they are at in the review process. He further stated that this is already being looked at. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we could ask the BFD Signal Division to give us a report on the situation with the traffic light pedestrian. He further stated that he remembers going to this location 7/8 years ago and the pedestrian buttons will allow you to cross Crescent Street and when they activate the lights turn red but there is nothing that says you have the right to cross the street. So people stood there waiting and by the time they figured it out what they had to do the lights turned back to green.

**VOTED: SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO MASS DOT FOR AN UPDATE ON THEIR REVIEW OF THIS INTERSECTION, SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO BFD SIGNAL DIVISION FOR AN UPDATE FROM THEM, CONTINUE TO THE APRIL MEETING AND SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

**14. FOSTER STREET**

Requested by: Manuel Goncalves

Request/Issue: Requesting a Caution Watch for Children or Slow Down Children at Play sign on Foster Street as there is speeding on the street and we have a lot of kids playing outside and there are no signs on the street.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Director Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

**15. NADINE ROAD**

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicastro, on behalf of a resident

Request/Issue: Would like a “Not A Thru Way” sign or a similar message to be erected on utility pole # 2 on Nadine Road to reduce the number of vehicles traveling and turning around on Nadine Road.

Discussion: Patrick Mulvey was present and stated that he is a resident of Bailey Road for 53 years, it’s a dead end off of Nadine and it connects. We’ve had a Dead End sign put on the street sign but it’s not seen. When they come down Southfield Drive, they do have a dead end sign there. So you take a left and the first right and Nadine is a cut through back to East Street onto Thatcher Street. We have a lot of traffic that just comes down and turns around and they aren’t driving slow.

**VOTED: APPROVE THE SIGN AND SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE TO DETERMINE ITS’ LOCATION.**

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

**16. THATCHER STREET**

Requested by: Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro and Rosemary and Mark Tonelli of 336 Thatcher Street

Request/Issue: This area of Thatcher Street has had some speeding issues since it was paved a hundred years ago. It’s been this way for a long time (generations). There are 3 toddlers 4 and 3 year old that like to elope/run and the traffic flies by at 45-70MPH. Especially flatbeds. Requesting 30 MPH speed limit signs/radar x 2 and Go Slow Children Signs x2.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

**Motion was made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle Yaffe*

Michelle Yaffe

Secretary to the Traffic Commission

***PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 AND ALL REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THURSDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2025.***