

City of Brockton

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CITY OF BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA

Board or Committee		Traffic Commission	
Day & Date		Thursday, April 24th, 2025	
Time of Meeting		6:00 p.m.	
Meeting Location:		Arnone School Theater 135 Belmont Street Brockton, MA 02301	
Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro			Date: 4-18-2025

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Quorum
- 3. Reading or Waiving and acceptance of the March 27th, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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

2. 147 CENTRE STREET

Requested by: Jed Hresko

Request/Issue: On behalf of our 64- unit condominium trust. Requesting modification of the winter parking ban to allow parking on some of the downtown streets where parking is currently banned. In particular Commercial Street and Centre Street. (Letter has been sent dated 4-8-2025)

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Send a letter to Mayor Sullivan and the BAT Bus Board asking that the BAT Bus parking garage located at Commercial and Centre Streets be opened up to the public for off-street parking during the Winter Parking Ban months for the overnight parking convenience of people in the area.

3. <u>BREWSTER AND YARMOUTH, SAGAMORE AND YARMOUTH, DENNIS AND HARWICH, BREWSTER, SAGAMORE, DENNIS AND HARWICH ENTRANCE</u>

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.

4. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Take no action (Dep. DePasquale will follow-up).

5. 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).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Install a yellow 20 MPH sign on Pole #13 (near 107 Carroll Ave.) for eastbound traffic.
- B. Install a yellow 20 MPH sign on Pole #9 (near 71 Carroll Ave.) for westbound

6. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Install a CAUTION DEAF CHILD sign on Pole #11 for westbound traffic (this has already been done).

B. Install a CAUTION DEAF CHILD sign on Pole #6 for eastbound traffic.

7. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Install a WATCH CHILDREN sign in front of 23 Foster St. for westbound traffic.
- B. Install a WATCH CHILDREN sign on Pole #8 for eastbound traffic.
- C. Install a NO PARKING sign on Pole #2A for the northside of the road.

8. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Install a DEAD END sign with signpost at 11 Nadine Rd.

9. 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 olds 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Install a 30 MPH sign on Pole #25 for eastbound traffic.
- B. Install a 30 MPH sign on Pole #53 for westbound traffic (remove the old, faded sign).

10.QUINCY STREET

Requested by: Anthony Bassett

Request/Issue: There appears to be a protected left turn phase for the E/W traffic and not the N/S traffic. Centre Street is Route 124 but Mass DOT indicates signal changes can be permitted, if approved and requested by the appropriate city representatives. Requesting modification to the traffic signal timing to add protected left turn phase at Centre and Quincy Street.

MASS DOT'S RESPONSE FROM DAVID SOARES, P.E., MASS DOT DISTRICT TRAFFIC ENGINEER IS AS FOLLOWS:

"Thank you for the phone call this afternoon. As discussed, there is a Mass DOT improvement project that is scheduled to advertise for construction in 2029 that will make improvements to the signalized intersection of Centre Street (Route 123) and Quincy Street. The project will provide better sidewalks and bike accommodations, and will also change the lane configurations on Centre Street to include dedicated left turn lanes for each direction."

NEW BUSINESS

11. GARFIELD STREET

Requested by: Carolyne George

Request/Issue: On 3/19 a large truck came down Garfield Street and took out lines. We had no service for 3 hours. The truck was too tall and caught the powerlines. National Grid services the outage, replaced a corner pole at Montello and Garfield Street. Requesting a No Commercial Truck sign on the corner of Montello and Garfield Street.

12. BURROUGHS ROAD

Requested by: Marguerite Sheridan

Request/Issue: Cars speed and pass each other on a daily basis on Burroughs Road, which is right up the street from the Kennedy School and has many children walking to and from schools. They often go right through the stop sign on Burroughs and Emory Street as well. Requesting speed limit or slow down signs.

13. CAIRN ROAD

Requested by: Karinelis Ayala

Request/Issue: Cars daily flying down Cairn Road in excess of 50MPH. Neighborhood has brought to the attention of the city and have been told nothing can be done because this is a through way for police and EMS. Children and pedestrians need to be protected. Requesting speed bumps to curb speeding as signs will not help. Stop signs at either end of the street are ignored. Can provide video surveillance of cars flying down the road.

14. BACKLUND DRIVE AT EAST STREET

Requested by: Kenneth LeGrice

Request/Issue: cars are parking at the top of Backlund Drive where it meets East Street. It makes it difficult to make the turn onto Backlund Drive and makes it so two cars can not pass at the sometime.

15. WEST CHESTNUT AND LINWOOD STREET

Requested by: Jaime Berrezuta

Request/Issue: This is a very dangerous intersection. It is also very time consuming as it takes between 10/15 minutes everyday to turn especially when it's busy. The light at this intersection doesn't change color, it only flashes. Requesting a traffic light that changes color (red, yellow, green).

16. COLONEL BELL DRIVE

Requested by: Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of the Brockton Housing Authority @ Sullivan Towers.

Request/Issue: Would like No Parking signs placed along the Colonel Bell Drive side of the tower as it is interfering with the bat bus stop and tenant's ability to enter their building. A few months ago, there was a major accident with a tenant and the bus and we are looking to rectify the safety issue and possibly get a side walk (commissioner Hill was asked for the sidewalk).

17.39 SILVER ROAD

Requested by: Johnnie Rabelo

Request/Issue: I am requesting a handicap street sign because I can never find parking close to my house. I have an amputation below my knee and I also have short cold foot on my other foot and I can't walk a far distance because I get short of breath.