



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Traffic held a Special Traffic Commission meeting via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 15<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, Councilor Lally and James Sweeney.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro at 6:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. NEWBURY STREET BRIDGE PARKING REGULATIONS**

Requested by: Lisa Sherman, CDM Smith

Request/Issue: Discussion relative to the Newbury Street Bridge Closure and Parking restrictions.

Discussion: Lisa Sherman and Jason Fliestra from CDM Smith were both present. Jason stated that the Bid has opened on this project. There is currently 4 bidders and an apparent low bidder. They will secure the ROW through City Council in 2 weeks with the hope of issuing the intent to award on 5/30/2025 and a notice to proceed on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The Engineers estimated cost of this project is \$1,785,400. He stated that this bridge carries NB/SB Newbury Street traffic over the Salisbury Brook. The construction project is going to require a complete closure of the intersection. They would like no parking on the culvert west of the bridge while construction is going on. James Sweeney mentioned the possibility of having no parking permanently on the culvert and that if that is feasible we should notify residents in the area. DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill

stated that the condition of the culvert is no great- west of the repair. Construction vehicles travel it all the time and we need to discourage people from parking there. Jason mentioned that he was not sure of the exact thickness and that Mass DOT had inspected it years ago, it was built in the late 90's. Jason stated relative to Ellsworth Street they would like to post no parking on the culvert (sidewalk), restrict 70 feet of parking near the intersection, approximately 4 parking spaces) and on Newbury Street that would like to restrict parking 100 feet south of bridge approximately 6 spaces as well as restricting parking about 60 feet north of bridge approximately 3 parking spaces. It was further discussed that there will need to be a detour route in place which is going to need coordination with the current Warren Avenue two -way conversion project. Goddard Road and Warren Avenue may be converted and completed before the start of this project. There was discussion about both detour plan # 1 and detour plan #2 if the two-way conversion is not completed at the time that this project begins in July. There was also discussion about the no parking restrictions for both Goddard Road and Highland Street and restricting parking on both sides of Goddard Road once the two way is in place and also restricting 60 feet east and west on Highland Street. It was also stated that there will need to be coordination with the Warren Avenue contractor if the two way isn't complete on Goddard Road by the start time of this culvert replacement project. It was further stated that the Goddard Road/Highland Street conversion should be placed on the May Traffic Commission Agenda for further discussion and a formal decision of the parking restrictions that will take place once the two way conversion is completed.

**VOTED: TO PLACE ON THE MAY 22, 2025 TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA FOR REVIEW OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS.**

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

## **2. GROVE STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Requested by: Lisa Sherman, CDM Smith

Request/Issue: To discuss the detour plan relative to this project.

Discussion: Lisa Sherman and Jason Fliestra from CDM Smith were both present. Lisa stated that this bridge carries both NB and SB Grove Street traffic over the Salisbury Plain River. The reconstruction and demo of the Grove Street bridge is going to require a complete closure of the bridge during construction. The anticipated start date of this project is April 2027- November 2028. Grove Street and Lyman Street is currently used to bypass the center of the City. The detour would allow southbound traffic on Lyman Street to have the option of turning left on Perkins or Montello Street, they are currently both signalized intersections with a left turn queue space. The detour would allow Grove Street traffic to turn left onto Montello Street for a

signalized intersection, which is not designated left, to turn left onto Perkins and there are currently signalized right turns onto Crescent Street. DPW Commissioner Hill stated you could also detour Perkins Street to Clinton to Crescent. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that you could go east on Grove left onto Lawrence and send everyone to Crescent Street. DPW Commissioner Hill stated or from Grove to Crescent/Summer Street and stay on Montello to Crescent Street. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated when Grove is closed go straight and detour right on Crescent Street. Lisa stated that we could have the cars that live on Grove Street take Lawrence to Montello Street. Retired Chief Galligan stated we could sift everyone to Montello Street and that there are a lot of buses that travel Montello Street and we would need to have the school department make some changes in their bus routes that currently exist on Grove/Lawrence Streets. James Sweeney stated that we would need to work with the GPS systems of which Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated Geoffrey Keenan gets copies of the meeting minutes and could coordinate with the GPS systems to have them updated in regards to the detours that will be in place. Retired Fire Chief Galligan mentioned was it's closed a lot pf people will figure out where to go. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale mentioned to go down Perkins, they've been going Parker to Summer. The Commission would like to place this project back on an upcoming agenda as the project progresses so that the detour plans can be discussed again as we are nearing the start date of the project.

**VOTED: THIS PROJET WILL BE MONITORED AND PLACED BACK ON AN UPCOMING TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA AS THE PROJECT PROGRESSES.**

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**Motion was made by James Sweeney, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle Yaffe*

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Secretary to the Traffic Commission