



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, September 4th, 2025
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Traffic held a Special Traffic Commission meeting via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4th, 2025.

Present were Traffic Commission Members: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, Director Stephan Hooke, and James Sweeney. Also present was Erik Akersson, Director of the Parking Authority and Deputy Fire Chief Brendan Weeks.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro at 6:02 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AMC TV Filming

Requested by: Matt Melia, Assistant Location Manager, AMC Films
Issue/request: This is for the upcoming filming of Dead City Season 3 on Frederick Douglass Avenue. L Street is currently ONE WAY from Warren Avenue to Frederick Douglass Avenue. Would request that L Street be ONE WAY in the opposite direction (from Frederick Douglass Avenue out to Warren Avenue) on filming days only. This will allow for traffic to be routed away from the filming location. NOTE: shutting down Frederick Douglass Avenue from Main Street westerly to the Liberty Tree has already been approved.

Discussion: Matt Melia from AMC TV Filming was present and stated that for our safety and for our crew's safety to accomplish this filming and we are going to be doing a couple visits to Brockton, which our crew and director are very excited about. Loves the look of the building at 11-15 Frederick Douglas Way. We are going to turn it into a Manhattan, New York City, shut down bar and post apocalypse and to do this on every filming visit we would be requesting to shut down Frederick Douglas Avenue at Main Street for safety and with the help of police details. As well

as the L Street to Frederick Douglas, junction there. So if we were able to push any traffic coming towards us from L Street, up L Street towards Warren Avenue. This will be helpful for the safety of our crew, as we will have equipment and cameras, 80-100 crew members, background extras dressed up as zombies in the street. To do this safely that would be the request. James Sweeney asked how many details and for how many days? Mr. Melia stated that our first visit is this Monday, September 8th for our camera test. We are going to go out on site in front of 11 Frederick Douglas, test the equipment, get some test shots. It will be a little bit of a smaller crew and we won't have any extras. It will be about 60 people, still a sufficient number and for that I asked Captain Porcaro what he thought and he suggested one detail officer should help us that day. We don't plan on reversing traffic on L Street that day if we don't need to. Maybe intermittent traffic holds with our detail officer, just to make sure that nobody is coming right at us. If we shut down Frederick Douglas at Main and then have our detail officer set back, closer to Frederick Douglas L Street junction, for safety purposes I think that we can make that work for our first day on this camera test. Then our first big visit for our big filming, a 12 hour day with over a 100 person crew is currently scheduled for Monday, September 29th. That is where we would want to have two police details, one up top, somewhere in that junction of Frederick Douglas and L Street and another at our closure there at Frederick Douglas at Main Street. Any further visits have not been scheduled yet. There could be the possibility of another couple of visits, late October/early November and late November/early December. James Sweeney also asked where is your holding for extras and how many people are going to be on that location. Mr. Melia stated that we are working with Neighborworks to rent their second floor office space as well as working with the Brockton Beer Company to rent that tap room hall from them. So anytime people are not directly working in the street on the site whether we are in the process of filming or setting up for scenes to start rolling, people will be inside those places that I just mentioned. Also renting some spacing from PK Beauty Supply as a gear staging space as well as working with Erik and Paula over at Parking to rent some space behind Stadelman Electric, over in the L Street lot. So that we can have our trucks and gears over there as well. We went to avoid having people spread out all over and make sure safety is our number one priority. We have several areas that we can push people towards when they are not in the active working on the street. James Sweeney further stated that with all of these locations you may have up to a 100 people of which Mr. Melia stated yes definitely, our film crew is can be 80-100 people and a show that is so heavily involved with special effects, visual effects, special effect makeup that can add to our total number. I know for our first big visit on September 29th, we have about 30-35 background extras, so people that will be dressed up in full costumes, with the zombie makeup on, that will be working in our street. In between scenes we bring them inside to the holding space, which will likely be the Boston Beer. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that the building that Boston Beer is in their parking garage is on the street where you are going to be working, so I presume you have made notification to those people, if they have to get in and out of that garage, what will happen. Mr. Melia stated for this first visit for the camera test, we have notified the building and we are going to work with police on site to get people in and out of that building when we are visiting for a few hours on Monday September 9th. But we future filming visits when we have a crew of over 100 people

in the road, I am working with Erik and Paula to rent space from the municipal lot, so I can displace those people, I think its about 36 cars, resident cars in that garage, that way they can go back over in that back lot and walk to and from to the Sycamore, where they live and that way we don't have vehicles coming in and out. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated we should also consider, in the past, whenever we have shut down Frederick Douglas Avenue, the old High Street, the cars coming up School Street from the eastside of the city, School Street is a major thoroughfare to get from east to west. So a lot of cars that go up Frederick Douglas, they are going to be forced to take a right on Main and then a left on Legion Parkway. During construction in the last several years, Legion Parkway backs up from Warren Avenue to all the way to Main Street and the problem is the corner of Warren Avenue and Legion Parkway becomes a bottleneck. Now with all of the construction going on up there, if the traffic light is giving a green light to Highland Street , there's nothing coming out of Highland Street and everything is stopped. I would suggest that one of these police details should be at Warren Avenue and Legion Parkway so the cars can come up Legion Parkway and take a left on Warren Avenue, there will be no cars coming out of Frederick Douglas so they should be able to go right down to West Elm and go west or go down Belmont and go west. But the problem is going to be at Warren Avenue and the top of Legion Parkway. Mr. Melia stated that is understood and makes sense. If we need to put on another detail for that I would have no problem having our production pay for that as well. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stating we have seen cars stuck on Main Street trying to take a left onto Legion Parkway. When Legion Parkway is jammed all the way to Warren Avenue, it's because the light up there won't let them go through. A detail can keep flushing them out. The other thing to consider at the top of Frederick Douglas is that there is a little street called Patty's Lane and if a car comes out of the parking lot between L Street and Frederick Douglas, they can go over across Frederick Douglas over to Legion Parkway. You may want to consider putting some kind of cones, so that people that go through that parking lot, they may take a left on Frederick Douglas to get out to Warren Avenue because that will be wide open. Just realize that cars can come from Legion Parkway the other way also. Mr. Melia stated I have only been in Brockton for a couple of weeks now, I am local, I am from Dedham but in preparation of this I have been down on site most days throughout my workweek and I have noticed that myself, people coming down Patty Lane and cutting over, whether to go to the back parking lot on L Street or the Harbor One Bank and Neighborworks, so I have definitely noticed that as well. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated I believe you are going to have to consider flushing those cars out of Legion Parkway because that really log jams downtown. Cars can't get out of School Street because the cars on Main Street are not moving because they are trying to take a left on Legion Parkway. Mr. Melia stated that I will continue to work with Captain Porcaro regarding the details and if we need to add a police detail there for traffic control, that's no problem. James Sweeney asked how many production systems when you have the full crew out there because I know that they help with crowd control and bringing people from location to location. Mr. Melia stated that it depends every day, usually there is anywhere from 5 to 10 that are on the staff and when they have a lot of background extras they are going to hire additional production assistants, so I think that there will be a few extra bodies as well for a day with 30-35 background extras. When we are working in the road, when the crew is working, our

Assistant Director, who is the first maid of the ship and running the whole thing on schedule and organizing people and getting things done. They want people to get out of the way as well. So when people aren't actually there working, we try our best to clear out, let the people that are there working that need to get things done be there, everyone else go back to your truck or by craft services or snacks or go inside to the holding areas. James Sweeney stated sometimes we deal with people blowing red lights , so hoarding people up, crossing them one time, stuff like that is important. Mr. Melia stated that we also have security on site that helps with crowd control too. We have a lot of fans of the show and people come out and crowds gather, so the help between our production assistants, security and local police, we are used to bouncing around and push people off to a safe area to make sure that we are not jamming up foot traffic as well. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated when you are going to shut this down for the day, a day or two before you are going to do that, make sure that you have a conversation with the contractor that is working on Warren Avenue. It would be a disaster if all of a sudden, they had to shut down Warren Avenue for something, it will just gridlock downtown. I think that's important to have a face to face with that contractor to let him know what you are doing so that you can coordinate. Mr. Melia stated that I will go by tomorrow and talk with them. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale stated because the project is a public safety project we have been closely monitoring it and are involved in quite a bit of it. Larry Rowley, our project manager, the former DPW Commissioner is on site everyday and if you also reach out to me by email, I can also get you the contact. They are very easy to work with. The only thing that ask for is a little bit of notice and I don't think they will be having issues working with you. Mr. Melia stated that he has some meeting in Brockton tomorrow and I will definitely coordinate a time to swing by. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale also stated that Resende is the contracting company, so anyone with the Resende cloths on, they can get you the right person.

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE CLOSURES AS REFERENCED.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, the motion carried by a hand vote; 5 in the affirmative.

Motion was made by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, seconded by James Sweeney, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary to the Traffic Commission