



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, October 8th, 2025**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Traffic held a Special Traffic Commission meeting via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday October 8<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. Also present was Ward 3 Councilor Phil Griffin.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro at 6:01 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. WARREN AVENUE AT MARKET STREET**

Requested by: Darcie Edwards

Request/Issue: The school year for Huntington School us being used again at 1121 Warren Avenue. I am the nurse at the school and there have been 10 car accidents since September at this intersection that require cars emergency service and cars being towed. Requesting that this intersection be a 4 way stop for the safety of the kids crossing the intersection. **(Traffic Commission members please see CDM attachment)**

Discussion: Traffic Commissioner Porcaro states that the one and only item that's on our special agenda tonight is the Warren Avenue at Market Street study that we had asked for a while back, where the engineers had recommended signaling that location as the primary way of handling the traffic issues we had presented to them. But they also said that if the city had chosen, if they wanted to proceed with a plan B, a more cost-effective short-term solution, we could explore making that intersection an all-way stop and condensing the two lanes on Market Street eastbound towards Warren Ave

into one lane. We proceeded with that option because we're not sure when the city may signalize that location. So what you have is a map prepared by the engineers at CDM Smith, with their recommendations for making that location an all-way stop and for reducing Market Street from two lanes eastbound to one lane eastbound as it approaches Warren Avenue. If anybody has any comments on this, please feel free to let us know. Basically, I'm just bringing this to your attention so for your own information, and there are some new traffic regulations, as I'm sure you noticed in this plan. So if we accept this engineering plan on the map, we would be accepting the new traffic regulations that go with it. DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill stated that I think if we're going to consider the plan and there's new regulations, then obviously I think the new regulations should obviously be considered and there's no sense in going backwards. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked what are we referring to as the new regulations? Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that one of the new regulations would be taking Market Street from two lanes down to one lane. We're adding new stop signs and stop lines on Warren Ave where they've never existed before to help make that intersection an all-way stop. We're adding signs that would say, not only stop signs, but stop ahead signs as well on Warren Ave. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated on that one thing that I would think we might want to consider is during the day when the buses are letting the kids off the bus or picking the kids up, there's a time span when the buses line up on the west side of Warren Avenue. Oftentimes, the buses pull down close to Market Street. So if you're coming out of Market Street, it makes it very difficult to see to the left. We might want to consider to prohibit parking on the west side of Warren Avenue for a distance north of Market Street, like a hundred feet because when those buses are there, as you're sitting on Market Street, it's very difficult to see to the left. DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill I think the only concern I have is that putting a four-way stops sign there, or an all-way stop sign there, while I think it's a good idea, may create a traffic issue with having the southerly traffic stop at the intersection because there's a lot of cars that do drop-offs there, and there's a lot of cars that are coming from South Street as well. I hope if we do this, that the school does understand that this may create as much chaos as it does resolve issues. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that I think we got the support of the schools on that too. DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill stated that we absolutely do. I just think that it's a great intersection for a four-way stop, but there's a lot of southerly traffic, especially during drop-offs when this tends to be an issue. Warren Ave is heavily traveled and every single vehicle having to stop at this intersection, it is likely going to create some congestion in that area. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that the other thing they talk about is it may back up Market Street a little bit too, but with the problems that we face down there that may be something we're just going to have to live with for now. DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill stated that I agree. I think the pros probably outweigh the cons. I think whenever you change something people will find the negative in the change as opposed to the positive which should very well be just the safety of everyone down in that corridor, whether it be the cars or the children walking. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that keep in mind this is only supposed to be the short-term solution per the engineers. What does that mean? How long is this going to be in place for? I don't know. I should hope at some point in the near future, this intersection will be signalized like the engineers said. We're just doing this at their recommendation as a quick fix for this intersection.

DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill stated that I agree and I fully support it. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale stated that maybe this might help maybe push a little bit to get it signalized too. If this does create any complaint at all, which I'm sure we'll get some but maybe it'll help to push this along a little bit and say, "Listen, we really didn't have a lot of choices because safety was becoming a high priority down here and we had to take action to do something. With limited funding this is what we were left with. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we have the support of the Ward Councilor. One other group that may want to get notified on this is the Campello Businessmen Association. I know they meet probably once a month. They maybe want to be tipped off that this is coming. And the other thing, if we do vote to do this, we really should think about how it would be implemented. What comes first, what comes second. Director Stephen Hooke stated that you and I spoke about putting sign boards out. I would recommend that we just don't show up one day to put stop signs up, that we give a little notice. They recently did this in Abington on Linwood Street and for a couple of weeks they had notices, so you knew it was coming. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that's an excellent point. In the fine print to the right of the map, with those message boards, they'll be placed at the locations on the map, one to the very north and one to the very south on the map on Warren Avenue. But they're recommending, for two weeks in advance of construction, so two weeks prior to us doing what we're going to do there, probably to give the public some advance notice, and for three months after the fact, to leave those message boards up, just letting people know there is a new traffic pattern at that intersection. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro asked Mr. Hooke if he had one or both message boards available? Director Hooke stated that we have two and Commissioner Hill, I believe, is using one for hydrant flushing. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale stated that Fire also has one. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that hydrant flushing is over. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that if we do vote to approve this plan and accept it and put it into motion, I would like it to happen sooner than later, just because we're losing warm weather. Winter's fast approaching. Line painting is being done during the day now, which buys us more time. We probably can paint right into November during the day. I'll have access to not two, but three message boards if I need them. I'll reach out, because I have to figure out when we're going to put this all together. Signs and line painting and message boards. It'll probably be on a weekend. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that we can put the signs up and just cover them until the line painting has been done. It can be done pretty quickly. Of which Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that's a good idea. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that we only need three, right? Because there's only three pieces of that intersection that come in this all-way stop with Market Street being a one-way anyway, maybe one southbound, one northbound and one on Market Street for the sign boards. We could put the signs up at the intersection, wherever we choose to do that, and then just cover the signs with rag bags or trash bags or something temporarily until we release the intersection. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that it's an excellent idea and we will do that. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we should look at the lighting at night down there to see how well that intersection is lit. Of which DPW Commissioner Hill stated that it's very well lit. He further stated that the other thing to consider is if we put flashing stop signs, do we want to put two in each direction or just one? So, should we purchase three or should we purchase six? DPW

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Commissioner Hill stated my thought is if you're going to purchase those stop signs that it may not be necessary for the stop ahead signs because I mean that in essence, those flashing signs should be enough. The stop ahead is to get your attention, but if the sign is blinking, if that doesn't get your attention, then the stop ahead signs certainly are not going to. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated so you think one in each direction would be more than enough? Of which DPW Commissioner Hill stated yes. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale stated that you're also going to have the blinking red too. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that if we find that we need them after the fact, then it's certainly easy enough to go back and install stop ahead signs, but if we're going to go with those blinking stop signs, then it should be enough to get people's attention. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked if all these improvements can be done by the DPW? DPW Commissioner Hill stated minus the line painting, sure. I mean, there's the signs. I think we just have to acquire the signs. I don't think that's a huge hurdle. I'm sure there's a vendor that has something available. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that the blinking signs I can buy those from Marlin Controls. DPW Commissioner Hill stated they're just mounted, right? You don't necessarily need to be an expert to mount the sign because they're likely going to be solar-powered, right. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that if we vote to do this, do you think we should get the sign boards in place pretty quick? DPW Commissioner Hill stated that I think they should go out right away. Just because it says two weeks doesn't mean it can't be three or four or on the other end, a week and a half. We can leave the signs out on the latter end if we need to, but I think the signs need to go up sooner rather than later. Of which Retired Fire Chief Galligan agreed. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro asked Director Hooke if that is something you could take care of for us? According to the map, just position those sign boards with the message they're supposed to indicate to the public? Of which Director Hooke responded yes, we just have to know what the message should be. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that I will email the engineers and ask them what the message should be. Actually it's right there, do you have a copy of the map? Director Hooke stated, I do. I just noticed the notes on the right. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated go to number five. Director Hooke stated I got it. One, two and three. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated yes, exactly and then once the intersection goes live, then it'll be the three month one, two and three after that. But the initial one, two and three. Director Hooke stated that we'll take care of it. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that keeping those signs out there will obviously be weather pending, right? So, if we get snow, we'll have to yank those signs out. Director Hooke stated that number two, it says starting on a particular date. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated soon and maybe just new traffic pattern starting soon, use caution and once we have a date, we can plug the date into the advance notice. DPW Commissioner Hill made a motion to put the three solar powered blinking stop signs at the intersection of Warren and Market Street and to accept the engineer's recommendations and to put up three solar-powered blinking stop signs at the intersection of Warren and Market. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked DPW Commissioner Hill if he wanted to get this published in the paper real soon? Of Which DPW Commissioner Hill stated that to publish it, we're going to need a date, so do you want to make it two weeks from Monday? This coming Monday? The 27<sup>th</sup>, which would be two weeks from Monday. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale stated that you

could also have IT put it on the city website as well. Ward Councilor Phil Griffin stated that he wanted to thank Traffic Commissioner Porcaro personally for the effort you put into getting this done. I want to thank the members Traffic Commission also, Ms. Yaffe. But there's two ladies I definitely want to say thank you to, because they were with us, and I know, Captain, you met both these ladies. The first one is Francesca Santiago, who lives down at 1154 Warren Ave. She was very instrumental in pushing this initiative forward and I want to give her some thanks and credit for getting this done. The second person was Darcy Edwards, who at the time was a nurse at that school. She still works for the Brockton Public Schools but now is at a different school. But she still stays in contact with me to see this thing getting through. So I just want to thank both of them personally. I want to thank you as a body for getting this done. It's definitely one of the worst intersections in the City of Brockton, so even a short term fix is going to hopefully save lives and thank you all again. I really appreciate it. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that we appreciate your support with this whole project as well. You've been right beside us the whole way, so thank you so much.

**VOTED: TO PUT THE THREE SOLAR POWERED BLINKING STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF WARREN AND MARKET STREET AND TO ACCEPT THE ENGINEER'S RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by Director Stephen Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**Motion was made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by Director Stephen Hooke, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary to the Traffic Commission