



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, January 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2026**  
**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, January 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2026.

Present were Traffic Commission Members: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, Director Hooke, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, Councillor Marlon Green and Councillor at Large Carla Darosa

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro at 6:01 p.m. Upon motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by Director Hooke, to waive and approve the reading of the 12-11-2025 Traffic Commission Minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. N. QUINCY AND EAST ASHLAND STREET**

Requested by: Ednaida Teixeira

Request/Issue: A pedestrian crossing signal is needed because three schools and bus stop are nearby. Many children cross daily and a signal will protect them, reduce accidents and ensure drivers stop, keeping students and families safe. Requesting a Pedestrian Crossing sign.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**Check on the status of the previously-approved PEDESTRIAN signs for the northbound and southbound lanes of N. Quincy Street near this intersection and the school. If the signs have been installed, continue to monitor the situation, but take no further action. If the signs have not been installed, then do so.**

Discussion: Councillor Lally was present and stated that for the new commissioners, this matter has been before the commission before. It is the intersection of North Quincy and East Ashland, which just came up the last time I

was up here as well. There are a lot of problems with that intersection. One of the big problems is that it is very difficult to cross as a pedestrian. There are kids who could conceivably travel across that intersection to reach three separate schools: Ashfield, Baker and Cardinal Spellman. It's not built for that. It's not built for people to successfully cross. My constituent was here requesting some attention, some relief to that. It was recommended that signage be installed. That signage was not installed. She reached back out to see what else can be done to make this situation safer, and it was sent back to the commission for further review. So, the question really does come to when can we get the signage installed? I understand the commission is in a position where the sign guy, the position is open. And this may be something that needs to be resolved by myself as the counselor, working in concert with my colleagues, to request relief from the mayor, see if the mayor is able to instruct the DPW to devote some more resources to this matter until the position is filled permanently in order to get that gap closed. I would request that the commission consider another measure, which I did discuss with my constituents, which is some kind of line painting or signage on North Quincy Street at that intersection. Specifically, the northbound lane of North Quincy Street at that intersection to further restrict the lane of travel. One of the biggest problems that we see at that intersection is people forming two lanes. A lane to go left down East Ashland Street and a lane to go straight or take a right. It is one lane by cramming two cars into it. But it does create a more unpredictable situation. It creates a more dangerous situation if you are trying to get through that intersection from any other direction and you cannot fully see what you are up against. So, I don't know if the commission, how the commission wants to handle that, but the concern and complaints that I have received through phone call and email from my constituent are basically, hey, where are these signs? They're very important to me. She's unable to attend. She's ill this evening, but she is very concerned about the response time. I know that the Commission has made the appropriate recommendation, but I would ask that there be a review. I personally will take this to the mayor's office and make that request. Mr. Hresko was also present and stated that I also spoke with the applicant and the issue of the no turn on red sign. I know that was brought up at the last meeting and I appreciate that the Commission's gone out there twice, but that was brought up at the last meeting and it seemed like we were heading in that direction because I remember that Councillor Lally and other people talked about it, so her initial issue was that the kids may never get a chance to cross because when the light's green, they attempt to cross but cars are turning right on them or left as it were. But she also made a remark at one point that cars turn on red. You think about it then, there might be a break in East Ashland traffic, but they still don't get a chance to cross. It seemed like, I'm curious as to why the Commission didn't consider that. I was hoping that you would come back from sub making that recommendation. Particularly because it was also said that cars coming up either side of East Ashland have a visibility issue. If they try to take a turn on red, they can't really see the cars flying up North Quincy, either from the VFW or from Court Street. She also sent me her statement, which I am not going

to read because it's long. But she did specifically ask for no turn on red sign. One line stands out to me. She said drivers continuing to turn while children are waiting to cross creates an unsafe situation and stronger signage would prevent this. And then finally, in terms of the installation issue, the manpower issue, I have reached out to the Captain about Otis Street, which the commission had ordered signs to be put up in front of GG's and Stella's and I asked what happened to the signs and it was the same issue that that position's been empty and for that case I think that was July that that was recommended so I'm going to underline the urgency of getting that position filled. Another resident that was present stated that he was wondering, is there an issue with why you can't have a button to press walk so they have walk both at East Ashland and North Quincy on the lights, these little walk buttons that way they students can cross the street, they have a walk on both ways. Because right now you can't. Because I noticed it turned green, but it turns red. The bottom line is nobody can actually get across the street. If somebody's taking a right on red, you're stuck. So is there a way to install a button that you can press so they can walk for both ways. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that he was going to have Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale answer that question because Brockton Fire Department's Signal Division oversees those. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale so the short answer to that is we can do a lot of things. It just requires funding and because they have to be all wired together, depending on the status of the intersection, if you can run through the conduit you have to retrench it and it can get quite extensive and quite expensive. We would do it in a heartbeat. It's the funding.

**VOTED: TO SEND BACK TO SUBCOMMITTEE TO DETERMINE IF A RIGHT TURN ONLY SIGN SHOULD BE INSTALLED.**

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

## **2. WEST STREET**

Requested by: Stephen O'Malley

Request/Issue: Reynolds Memorial Highway crossing Pleasant Street onto West Street southerly the 2 lanes abruptly turn into 1 lane and the left lane ends near Palmer Street. No signage or pavement markings are present. Requesting Lane ends/merge sign along with required pavement markings. **(previously on 9/24/2025 Agenda and sent letter to Mass DOT)**

### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Install a new street light on Pole #48, which is on West Street (southbound lane) and opposite Palmer Street.**

**B. Remove the current NO PARKING sign on the sign post in front of 13 West Street, and in its place install a MERGING TRAFFIC sign.**

**C. Replace the street light on Pole #71 on Pleasant Street (eastbound) near Walgreens.**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND SEND LETTER TO DPW RELATIVE TO THE STREET LIGHTS.**

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

**3. BREER STREET**

Requested by: Malinda Weiss

Request/Issue; Speeding everyday all day and night. Breer Street isn't a main road, it's a cut through. This is a school zone. Why is there no school zone sign anywhere for Brockton High. No Flashing Blinking light. There should be speed bumps on Breer Street. Requesting School Zone sign and speed bumps as other towns have them.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. This area does not appear to be in any school zone. Take no action on the school zone or speed bump requests.**

**B. Remove the 30MPH sign and replace it with a yellow Slow sign.**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION WITH THE ADDITION OF RECOMMENDATION "B"**

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by Director Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative

**4. 125 OAK STREET**

Request by: Captain Mark Porcaro (BPD/Traffic Commission) on behalf of Principal Leah McKetty, Raymond Elementary

Request/Issue: Dismissal time traffic exiting the Raymond School and turning left onto Oak Street prevents the other existing traffic from leaving until Oak Street traffic allows the vehicles out. Requesting RIGHT TURN ONLY sign (with time restriction). Location of sign- One sign on Oak Street facing each of the school's exits.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Recommend making the school's main exit driveway onto Oak Street into two lanes, one lane for LEFT TURN ONLY and the other for RIGHT TURN ONLY.**

**B. Install LEFT TURN ONLY and RIGHT TURN ONLY signs, with corresponding pavement lane and arrow markings, at the school driveway's exit at Oak Street (Traffic Commission will handle).**

- C. Install the same signs and pavement markings on the school's driveway further in (north) from Oak Street near the third light pole to have the exiting vehicles begin to get into the proper turning lanes.**
- D. Continue to monitor the school's exiting traffic should further adjustments be needed.**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by Director Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative

**5. 900 ASH STREET**

Request by: Captain Mark Porcaro (BPD/Traffic Commission) on behalf of Principal Kelly Kistler, Kennedy School

Request/Issue: Principal Kistler would like a review of the current crosswalk location that extends from the school over to Michael Drive to see if it can be relocated so that it will no longer interfere with the school's driveway.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Request a crosswalk relocation study from the engineers.**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

Upon duly motion made by Director Hooke, seconded by Councillor Green, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative

**6. GARFIELD STREET**

Requested by: Maria Sinord

Request/Issue: The newly installed No Parking Corner to Here sign takes up 3 parking spots. Would like the sign removed.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Install the previously-approved NO PARKING CORNER TO HERE sign in accordance with letter "C" (20-25 feet in from Montello St.).**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

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

**7. OAK STREET (near V Mechanic and the Saab gas station)**

Requested by: Johanne Rameau

Request/Issue: On this stretch of Oak Street, there is no pedestrian push-button at the crosswalk, and there is also no “No Turn on Red” sign. In addition, across Chatham West, another pedestrian push-button is needed for safe crossing.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Recommend adding a pedestrian signal on Oak Street at Campanelli Industrial Drive to complement the existing crosswalk.**

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND SEND LETTER TO BFD SIGNAL DIVISION.**

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

**8. OAK STREET- (Walmart entrance / Cumberland Farms area)**

Requested by: Johanne Rameau

Request/Issue: Near the Walmart entrance, along the same lane as Cumberland Farms, there is no pedestrian cross-button. This makes crossing unsafe, especially during busy hours.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Take no action.**

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND SEND LETTER TO BFD SIGNAL DIVISION TOGETHER WITH ITEM # 8.**

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

**9. SPLIT HEADING TOWARD THE MALL (Near Wow and Big Lots)**

Requested by: Johanne Rameau

Request/Issue: on the split heading towards the mall- coming down from WOW and passing Big Lots, there is no pedestrian crosswalk or pole. A designated crosswalk with proper pedestrian signals is needed for safe passage.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. This location is Westgate Drive and Campanelli Industrial Drive.  
B. Install a CROSSWALK AHEAD sign, with sign posts and yellow reflective striping, on Westgate Drive (westbound) approximately 60 feet before the intersection.**

- C. Install a **CROSSWALK** sign, with signpost and yellow reflective striping on Westgate Drive (eastbound) near the existing crosswalk at the intersection.
- D. Remove the current **STOP AHEAD** sign in Campanelli Industrial Drive (southbound) near the Westgate Drive intersection.
- E. Relocate the **STOP AHEAD** sign previously removed to the area near pole # 7 on Campanelli Drive (southbound) with its own sign post with yellow reflective striping.
- F. Add red reflective striping to all **STOP** signs at this intersection

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH THE CHANGE MADE TO RECOMMENDATION “E”.**

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

**10. TALBOT AT PARTRIDGE DR., PARTRIDGE DRIVE AT EMORY ST., AND COLLEEN DRIVE AT EMORY STREET**

Requested by: Theresa Shearer

Request/Issue: Stop signs are missing. They were there and they are gone now.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Talbot St. @ Partridge Dr.**

Relocate the current Talbot St. street name sign post to the eastside of Talbot St. at Partridge Dr., add a **STOP** sign, with red reflective striping, and a new **DEAD END** sign to this sign post. This will be for the Talbot St. northbound traffic.

**B. Partridge Dr. @ Emory St.**

Install a new **STOP** sign, with sign post and red reflective striping, for Partridge Street westbound.

**C. Colleen Dr. @ Emory St.**

Install a new **STOP** sign, with sign post and red reflective striping, for Colleen Drive eastbound.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by Director Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative

## **11. OAK HILL WAY**

Requested by: Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale

Request/Issue: Would like the parking and signage situation at the end of Oak Hill Way to be evaluated as vehicles frequently block the gate to the EOMS facility preventing BFD vehicles from entering.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Install a NO PARKING and DO NOT BLOCK GATE sign on Pole #18 on Oak Hill Way near the dead end EOMS gate past UPS.**

**B. Install the same on a sign post on the opposite side of the gate and street.**

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **12. 228 NORTH QUINCY STREET**

Requested by: Wayne Straffin

Request/Issue: Speeding and animal strikes. Requesting Deer Crossing signs and Digital speed radars. **(Traffic Commission please see the attached request for details)**

Discussion: Councillor Lally was present and stated that I know the area and I can testify to the fact that we do have quite a lot of wildlife, quite a lot of deer and North Quincy Street especially is kind of a border to the back of the neighborhood. So I'm here with my constituent and I would argue that this is a very prudent measure. Mr. Straffin stated that it's actually twofold so there's the animal crossing or the deer crossing signs that I would love because I've been on this plot of land, my property abuts Ashfield School and what I was just telling Jack a few minutes ago, the woods that I'm in now, I actually played in 60 years ago. We saw squirrels and birds, now we've got deer, coyotes, fox, whatever. I mean, I know this is the same everywhere with just the uncontrolled whatever. I mean, you can't shoot deer or anything, so they're just everywhere. I actually feed them in my woods now. But back in December, one got hit in front of my house. And I know this happens, if it's mating season or whatever with the increase in the population. These things are going to happen. I was out there in my slippers and t-shirt directing traffic with a spotlight standing over a dead deer. And it was just so traumatizing. And I know that the deer crossing signs, it won't prevent anything, but it's just a subconscious. Someone sees it and they think, or maybe they don't think. But where I am, if you know North Quincy Street, go from Christos all the way

into Holbrook, once you hit East Ashland and come down that hill, I'm down on the left. And like Jack just said, there are hundreds of acres of conservation land across the street where the VFW is. And so now all the deer, they're coming across the street. So maybe just to scatter a half dozen signs or so in when going down, they could be randomly, probably from East Ashland all the way to the Dunkin Donuts in the plaza on the Abington line, just to put them up as a visual would be great. I don't see it being a great expense. And again, I don't think there's a single deer crossing sign in Brockton, but they're just so plentiful and again, because of that conservation land and they come across the street. Another thing that ties into that is the speeding problem. Again, if you go North Quincy and East Ashland and start going down North Quincy north towards Holbrook before the VFW, that's where I live, that's where my family's house has been for 60 years. The average speed now is over 40 MPH an hour and I clock, I'm semi-retired, I've got a video screen in my house that looks right up the street. I clock cars doing 50 and 60 MPH all day long, not just at night, not in the summer, but all day long. And I've actually left a message here or there, Captain, I think for you, about to have somebody in the VFW parking lot with a radar gun pointing south, because I've seen that maybe twice in the 28 years that I've been in my house now, but it's just insane. And I know, I think the city as a whole, there are seldom, if ever, traffic units that use the radar and just people on their cell phones. My neighbor that lives across the street from me going slightly south, he's not on a corner, he's right on a straightaway. Three times in the past five years, cars have come down the hill and just gone into his yard and destroyed whatever fence or whatever. There's a big problem. That section of road in Brockton, and I know most of every road in Brockton. Again at the intersection on North Quincy at East Ashland, and you're going down the hill, around the bend, past the VFW, it's like a one mile straightaway that you can just gun it. There's never any traffic enforcement and people just know it. 90% of the people that travel that road, they do it every day and they know it's safe. And they know the little turns and like that and then you get the little kids with their noisy race cars. It's the speed and again to tie that in with the deer crossing and I personally I've had probably eight cats. I care for feral. I've had eight cats hit by cars in the past maybe eight or ten years. And I know again animals they don't look they just cross. But when a car is doing 20 to 50% higher than the speed limit their chances of survival are less. So along with the deer crossing signs I would really love to have one of the radar speeding things. And Jack was just telling me about the problems with those signs now and I understand their fatality, but I would love to have one of those signs coming down the hill and maybe another one coming in the opposite direction because people, and again that's not going to prevent anyone from speeding, but just as a little visual that maybe someone sees it and slows down because there's 3,000 cars a day that go by my house. You've got the kids running from Cardinal Spellman. It's a major route for bicycles. You know, I'm surprised that more people haven't been killed or whatever because again,

and when you're home all day, I've got nothing better to do, so here I am just hearing them all day long. So I think the deer crossing signs and then if possible whenever the city, the technology permits something more reliable than the units you use and now I'd love to have some of those digital radars and also on occasion some units sitting in the VFW parking lot with their radar gun aiming up because you'll make tons of money getting the speeders. And maybe the word gets around. And that's another thing, in 20 seconds or less if I may, I would love to see units in the city unmarked, patrol cars just randomly going and randomly pulling over cars or speeders, something like that because as anyone who lives in Brockton and who has driven in Brockton knows, it's pathetic. Green doesn't mean go, green means stop, look, look, pause and then go. The traffic in Brockton is horrendous. Councillor Lally stated that the houses across the street back up two ways. And this is on a blind corner, taken at high speed. The whole stretch of road backs up to the woods. I would request that the subcommittee take a look with an eye toward any kind of speed signage, any kind of deer crossing or animal crossing warning, and just a general enforcement if we can, if we can recommend any officers. Sam Dottin was also present and stated that the digital speed sign may slow them down. There's one that goes from Quincy Street into Holbrook. And every now and then the Holbrook police are the shooting range. Yeah. So I know what I'm going down. I make it, making a point to slow down because it's 30-35 miles per hour speed limit. It makes people slow down. I know people in front of you will slow down when they see it start flashing when you're going about 30-35 MPH. Councillor at Large Darosa stated that she has lived on that side of town for over 16 years. So about a year ago, I was driving up that area, going towards Dunkin' Donuts, almost to the Abington line. And luckily, I missed it by a minute. A deer came crossing right in front of me, and I just bought a brand new car. I have seen deer there all the time. Mr. Straffin stated I think the digital radar would help. Councillor Green stated that you say that you see roughly 3,000 cars per day? Of which Mr. Straffin stated that I know if I do the math, yeah, just with the rush hour traffic. The rush hour traffic now in front of my house, never seen it in 60 years. It's just not from East Ashland all the way north past the VFW sometimes. To rush hour. It's such a congested area and again you get these people that they know the area and they know it's going to be safe. They're speeding 50-60 no problem in a 30 mile an hour zone. Councillor Lally stated to Councillor Green that the traffic commission a couple of years ago had a road safety audit done by the Dunkin Donuts further up the street to review a rapid route change with flashing beacon for a crosswalk there. And the road safety audit at that time measured North Quincy having an average daily traffic of 12,000 vehicles. It's an artery. It's very similar to Pearl Street in the sense of speed that people take on it and in the sense of its utility. You know a lot of people will take that to move north and south throughout the city but also, it's a huge access point for Holbrook, Braintree and Abington to get further down to where they need to go. So it is similar to Pearl in that way and it handles quite a lot of traffic.

Mr. Hursey stated that it is a shame that we have so many wild animals. It's not their fault. We keep moving them out of their habitat. And between Brookside Ave and Haywood Ave on the south side, we have a lot of foxes now. There's raccoons all over the place. I haven't seen many deer, although there is a lot of deer up off the Copeland Street. That's golf course that's closed down. And there is a lot of deer up in there. And they're running all over the place. It's just a shame because they're not doing anything wrong. And it's just a shame because we're knocking them out of the habitat. Another resident stated that in regards to the traffic pattern coming up from East Ashland on North Quincy, the intersection of North Cary and Quincy, when you're trying to get from North Cary onto North Quincy it's horrible. There's a flashing yellow light there, but if somebody's trying to cross there, they're in their own peril because I'm just trying to get on from North Cary onto Quincy, it's like playing chicken. Mr. Straffin stated that we all know those of us that have been driving for decades, the temperament of drivers now with the texting and then I think in all due respect with the lack of enforcement, they're just, I'm driving by someone and he's doing this and doing this, you have to fight fire with fire and I think just more aggressive measures within the city, like I said, to have unmarked cars going around, you see a guy I don't know what the law says. That's distracted driving. Give them a ticket. It's going to get worse and as we get older and, you know, the grumpy old man syndrome here, these kids nowadays, but they have no fear of consequence. They know they can speed, they can text, and they'll live another day.

### **VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

#### **13.4 FERN AVENUE**

Requested by: Claire Gibson

Request/Issue: Every winter cars drive through our fence. A Stop sign was even put up and they still drive through the fence. Requesting a guardrail.

Discussion: Christine, Claire's daughter was present and stated that we bought the house in 1990 and starting in '91, the cars have blown down the street. There used to be an extra-large, like a really large tree right on the corner there. They hit it so much that the city came and took the tree down because they damaged it so much it was dead. My parents begged them to keep the stump just in case, you know, the stump would stop them. And they said they couldn't do that. They had to take the stump as well. So we put up a fence. We had boulders all the way around to prevent the cars from sliding into the lawn almost into the house. Every single winter, even the very first sign of snow this past December, right through her fence. I have pictures. They petitioned for a stop sign. They put a stop sign there. Not one person stops at that stop sign. They

fly down Fern Street to go cut through to go to West Street because they don't want to deal with the traffic and the Westgate Mall, that new traffic. So 40, 50 miles an hour, flying down the street, the curve is right there. My mom tries to brake there. They go right over us. Every single time. She showed her pictures to the Traffic Commission members. She further stated that we need a guardrail because like I said, if they put the stop sign up, nobody stops, not UPS, FedEx, mailmen, city workers, the only people that use that stop sign are residents. It's getting dangerous, we lost pets because they fly over the pets, the dogs, the cats. They just don't care. We did, I think back in '92 when the police were at the house because a car went almost into the front house, in front of the house, went through the fence and almost hit the house, spoke to the police to see if we can make that a one-way so they don't cut through and they said that they can't. Councillor at Large Darosa asked where is the damage with this accident? Christine stated that that's coming from Fern Ave. That's just to show if you look at the right, the fence that's on the right, that's their house. If you look across the street, that's the street they fly down. Councillor Green stated that you have said three times since December? Of which Christine stated since the first snow. The neighbor called my mom and said, you have a car in your fence. She further stated that last year every time my mom got up. When it snowed, she'd come out, she found somebody's front fender, you know, because they do it in the middle of the night and they take off. And she has to repair the fence four or five times every winter. They suggested to take the fence down. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that when we go out to take a look at this, if we come in Fern from Pleasant, when you get to the end of Fern, you have to turn to the right. Christine stated that you have to turn to the right onto Levering and then you turn left onto Fern. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that this problem is the cars that are coming down from Pleasant? Of which Christine stated yes, coming down from Pleasant, they cut through. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that you are requesting a guardrail for the cars that are coming down Pleasant Street and Christine stated yes. She further stated that we had boulders there but when the city redid the street, they took the boulders.

**VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

**14. CORNER OF BROOKSIDE AVENUE AND MAIN STREET**

Requested by: Ward 4 Councillor Nicastro

Request/Issue: Vehicles are regularly parking on Brookside Avenue very close to the corner of Main Street, as well as around the 90\* angled corner of Main Street, impeding the flow of traffic especially vehicles turning from Brookside onto Main. These parked vehicles create a hazardous condition that will be made worse by snowy and icy streets. On the Brookside

Avenue side of this corner, there are several 'No Parking' signs posted on utility poles approaching the corner, however, the pole closest to the corner, #18-84, has none.

On behalf of a nearby resident, 'No Parking' signage and enforcement especially at night is requested where these streets intersect, and/or such other relief as the Traffic Commission may deem appropriate to address this problem.

Discussion: Mr. Dennis Hursey was present and stated this is a very dangerous corner. What happens is, cars are parked on this side, the right-hand side, and then the other cars are parked on Main Street going this way. What's happens is, the people on Brookside Ave. are coming out. If they're taking a right, it's a blind corner, because they can't see. And also, the people who are coming Main Street to take a left on Brookside Ave. They're going wide. So, what's happening is that's why we've been getting a lot of fender benders there. If we had a sign on the corner of Main Street and Brookside Avenue saying no parking from here to corner, we could alleviate some of that problem. But also, we need one on Main Street. No parking from here to corner. Now there is a problem house at 1045 Main Street. They have trucks and everything out there in the street all the time. That's going to be another issue. But if we can get those signs up, then if they're parking there, which they probably will, because I'll explain that in a second, we have that house on the corner there. They have four apartments. I've tried talking to them, but they don't comprehend it because there must be 50 people living in the four apartments. I know one block from them that the church allows people to park. There's also high rise across the street where they let the people park. So, we can alleviate that. If we can get those signs up, I think we can eliminate them. They're still going to be back there, I know that. So, we're just going to have to call the police and they're going to have to come down and put stickers on the cars all the time until it's accomplished. Councillor Susan Nicastro was also present and she stated that she appreciates us adding this to the January agenda. And it's everything that Mr. Hursey has just said. And I think between that and the write-up, it pretty much tells you the whole story. But I've gone down and seen it myself. And the intersection of Brookside and South Main is very busy, especially at drive time. You get a lot of people who are coming in from the highway, going across Main Street, going to the Plain Street area where all the neighborhoods are and with those cars there, it's very hard. It impedes traffic. Someone driving on South Main Street heading toward West Bridgewater takes a fast right. Sometimes there are cars that are over in the other lane and narrowly missing getting hit. You have to kind of go wide coming out of Brookside turning right onto Main Street. And then you have these cars parked there at the second house in. It's very difficult. And I think the snow and ice make it worse. I would be grateful if you would send it to sub and then afterwards vote to put up those signs. Now, of course, you know, no parking signs mean nothing without enforcement. And

so that's the other step of this. But I would be most grateful if you take this under consideration. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that several years ago we posted Brookside Avenue, no parking on the north side from Main Street to Copeland Street. Councillor Nicastro stated yes, that's right. The whole street. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated now this area here, probably from Main Street to what, Greenwood? And Councillor Nicastro agreed. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated so you're looking for no parking on the south side, probably from Greenwood to Main. Councillor Nicastro stated not even that far. Just along the mint green building on the corner, which I guess years ago was Italian kitchen. I think just along there would probably be enough. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated so no parking near the corner on Brookside and also on Main.

**VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

**15.86 MELROSE STREET**

Requested by: Tyiesha Fuller

Request/Issue: it's been a real problem with speeding and the winter time with the snow. Cars are not slowing down and speeding. They have run right into my fence before and also my mailbox twice now and took it out. I do have small children that live here. I am requesting a guardrail.

Discussion: Councillor Lally was present and stated that I'm here on behalf of Ms. Fuller. 86 Melrose Street is at the intersection of Melrose Street and Melrose Ave. It is at the bottom of the two hills at the bottom of the dip at Melrose Street to the bottom of the dip at Melrose Avenue. In the snow, in the ice, in the I'm on my phone and not paying attention, people do occasionally contact property. This has caused a great deal of stress for the Fuller family. The item has been brought here to this commission before. The commission expressed concern at the installation of a guardrail, both for the lack of space to install it and the role of a guardrail as more of a device built to glance or deflect cars more than just a flat wall to stop it and that was their concern. I believe the Commission in the past recommended that she look into some kind of boulder or something like that. Clearly that has not worked. Ms. Fuller is back before the Commission with a continued series of impacts to her property, her fence and her mailbox. I am asking that the Commission refer this to sub to go out and take another look at a guardrail, but also to look into some other protective measures such as a stop ahead sign for people who may not be aware that the road dips and then comes to a stop. Anything that can be done to warn drivers ahead of time that they do not have as much room to maneuver as they think they do. It is a concern for her and her family and their safety. I ask that this be presented to sub and be reviewed by the committee. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale asked that previous time, were any

measures taken do you recall? Councillor Lally stated that he believes there was some signage put up. I do not recall what the signage is off the top of my head, but it was largely focused on the fact that the Commission could not put a guardrail somewhere where the guardrail would not do what it was really needed to do. It would create more of a situation. I think the problem is persistent. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that the night she was here, when we talked about the guardrail. I don't think she was in favor of the guardrail at the time. It was going to really destroy the effects of the front of her house. And she agreed that probably the best thing to do would be to have a contractor to put some boulders on her property. Councillor Lally stated that he thought this was a different property, that she never come here, she was on Zoom. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated when you come into Melrose from Ames and come down the hill, there's a brand-new house right in front of you. That's the one we were dealing with? Of which Councillor Lally stated yes and that the Commission did not officially recommend rocks because it's not something the Commission is officially able to do. But they served a purpose and could also be less visually jarring. I do not know to what extent rocks were pursued for the property, but I do know that the house has continued to take some hits. So, when you go to the end of Melrose, there is a very short, sort of steep hill that you just kind of drop down before you reach the stop sign. People who are unprepared for the road to end that abruptly, coupled with the fact that it's just momentum, in icy conditions, may have no time to address their mistake. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we are getting requests every single month for guardrails. There's multiple requests for guardrails. The city has got to realize that if these guardrails are going to be installed, there's a cost to all of this that has got to be addressed. And the one part that never gets addressed is after the guardrail gets wiped out, if we can't find an insurance company for the car that may have been stolen or flees the scene, the city ends up eating the cost for replacing the guardrail. So, when we vote to put these guardrails up, really, they're in perpetuity. They're going to be there for a long time. And many of them, like the ones you've got at North Cary and Ames Street, they're constantly getting wiped out. And if we can't find an offender that does that, then the city is on the hook to repair these. So, I just want to make an editorial comment that even though although we may vote to put a guardrail up and there's going to be a cost involved, down the road there's a constant maintenance that's cost us involved with all these too. I don't mind putting up guardrails. If I live there, I'd put up a guardrail in front of my house. But the problem is, if we don't have the funds to maintain these things, once they get wiped out and they're lying there for month after month after month, then they've lost their usefulness and they look terrible. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated just to piggyback off of that for the benefit of the new Councillors on the Traffic Commission, when it comes to guardrails, like this, it's a request for a brand-new guardrail in a location where there's never ever been a guardrail before. It comes before for the Traffic Commission. If this request gets approved, the Traffic Commission

pays for the installation of that initial guardrail. And I contact the vendor, Bartlett Consolidated, the city has a contract with them. They come out and they'll install that brand-new guardrail for the first time. If a month later, that brand new guardrail gets smashed into and destroyed. The traffic commission has nothing to do with it anymore. It now becomes a DPW problem to repair or replace that already existing guardrail. We install the new guardrail and once they get damaged, the DPW takes care of the rest. Councillor at Large Darosa stated that in regards to the residents that own that property, once you install the guardrail, is there anything in place in regards to them having surveillance cameras to capture an offender that breaks guardrail? Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that it's a good idea, I don't know if the residents have anything in place. Councillor Lally stated that I think the police department has a program where you can inform them that you have a ring camera. And oftentimes, if there's an accident like that, the officer may kind of canvas the surrounding houses to see if anyone's got a camera they can share the data from. So, if that house has a ring doorbell camera and somebody right in front of the house slams into the guardrail and tries to get away, that footage will probably come in handy for the police. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that unfortunately, one of the biggest problems we're facing right now is a hit and run, stolen car, no insurance, so there's no way the city can get reimbursed for the damage that's been done if and we end up eating the cost. And there's got to be money in a restoration budget. It's almost liked every time we approve to put a guardrail up, that there should be a fund perhaps for repairs or whatever. Councillor Green stated but if it gets damaged it's the responsibility of DPW? Of which Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated yes. Exactly. Councillor Green asked if they have a budget item specifically for repairs and replacement of? Of which Traffic Commissioner Porcaro, I don't know. I would imagine they do because there's a gentleman at the DPW who kind of handles damaged guardrails. So, I'm sure that they have something in place. He further stated that if we get a plate number and we can figure out what car caused that damage, then the city can go after the insurance company. But oftentimes, like the chief said, some car whacks into that guardrail or whatever in the middle of the night and keeps going, unless somebody has a ring cam or somebody saw it, we're on the hook. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale stated just to piggyback on that insurance thing, unfortunately, the municipality gets the last bite of the apple, so if it's one of those insurance companies that's those bare bones type thing and there's any kind of personal injury or anything, all that has to get settled first before the city claim can go through and then if there's no funds left, we're out of luck as well. It's very challenging because the insurance companies don't want to pay out. Even if someone is at fault, there's still a pecking order in who gets what. Councillor Green asked Councillor Lally if her fence got hit once and her mailbox twice, over what period of time? Councillor Lally stated that he believes the fence and the mailbox is both twice and that is over a period of four to five years. He further stated that that's more of the

substantive property damage, but she's had the instances of tire tracks before the fence or just witnessing it out her front window that somebody's getting a little too close. It is a small distance from when somebody may realize they need to stop to when they have to stop and it's literally all downhill, which makes it pretty difficult for them.

**VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

**16. 250 HOWARD STREET**

Requested by: Lisa and Thomas Crowley

Request/Issue: To slow traffic and decrease the horrible pounding, shaking and vibrating of the area's houses caused by the Water Department's continued destruction and third-rate installation of water repairs and a fire hydrant at Franklin Avenue and Howard Street. Requesting Slow Road Hazard, Construction Ahead signs about 10-30 yards to the north and south of Franklin Avenue along Howard St. toward the Franklin Avenue manhole cover and trenches.

Discussion: Lisa and Tom Crowley were present and Mrs. Crowley stated that she lives at 250 Howard Street. This is my husband Tom and Ann Beauregard is here because she's witnessed what is happening this has been going on for two years. I've been begging the sewer, the DPW, Pat Hill and Mark Peterson to come and help us out. When it first began back on January 19th of 2024, Nick Tempesta's crew came out and ripped up the road and put in a water line. That's when the shaking under the house began. We're on Howard Street. It's kind of a main road. What is a big deal is this has been going on for a long time. They tried to fix it. A subcontractor came out and did the south side and only paved it. Fast forward, it's been pounding when the trucks come by, there's that little dip that you and I talked about maybe over a year ago, that's only part of the problem. The frame is shaking. And those water lines for some reason are shaking the house. The person across the street they're getting it as well, their table moves, the lady there and the sound when the trucks come by. It's a pretty busy road but it's not on street. They're not coming out to fix it. We need help. Maybe that dip would be helped if we could put maybe those steel plates and put steel plates ahead that'll slow down the trucks because the harder they come down, the more it pounds. It shakes the window. When the hydrant went in the end of July, two or three weeks, it took them, we thought they were going to fix it. No, it's even worse. A thousand times worse. I've rearranged my life to be away from my house. Which I have loved for 20 years. And now I have a torn ACL and an MCL. And convalescing is impossible when the floor shakes. I have a bad back. I've been laying on that floor for almost 12 years. It didn't

shake until the water department came out and did what they did starting two years ago with Nick's crew and now the water department came out again with a hydrant. It looks like it's only two feet deep. It's mounded. They've created a dip. It's horrible. We need help. Any suggestions? That's the only. That's all I've got. You've also got to look up about two tenths of a mile up where they're doing the Legacy Plex, which I am excited that it's coming. Yes, I am totally mad at the fence of the fake sports complex. And I've said it online and I'm going to say it to whoever, it's upsetting. I can't be in my own home. It starts at seven in the morning. The traffic is a lot lighter right now. But, God, if you're there when they hit, Holy God. Holy God. And it shakes from top to bottom. The beams are starting to sag in the living room, coming through the sheetrock, the entryway in my house is cracking, the plaster is coming off, and it's horrible, horrible to live with. The decibels will help. I'm in the process of hiring a vibration monitor. That's going to be fun to see. It's horrible, and the hydrant made it worse. I thought we were going to get some help, and we're not. I'm open to suggestions. That's the best thing I can come up with right now. Just totally slow down the traffic. When they actually dug up the hydrant. They actually made it a one road lane and it did slow everything down. I'd be in favor of one road lane, but of course we're not going to do that because it's not Route 37. It's a cut through for all these big trucks. We need help. Anything you guys can suggest. But we need to do something. It's been horrible. Oh, when the Legacy Plus, when they come around the corner, that when they have deliveries and they're parked on the side of the road, we could probably use some trucks entering right sides. And even with the DiRenzo, we could probably use some trucks entering left signs. We could probably use a crosswalk at Head Start to ABC where the bat bus stop is for the kids. There's a lot of things we can do, but it's horrible, it shakes the whole earth. Our house is just pounding anyway. Light trucks, little trucks, big trucks, Amazon trucks, UPS trucks. It's horrible. And any help would be super appreciated and I talked to Susan Nicastro about this two years ago, right? I was crying. I'm not going to cry anymore. I need help. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that I know you're coming here for help, but I don't know how much the traffic commission can address this particular issue. Our mandate, our marching orders, is to regulate the flow of traffic. Basically, we come up with rules and regulations that tell people how to drive and park their cars. Your issue sounds more like road structure and DPW type things. Lisa Crowley stated that they fly down Howard Street because there's nothing to stop them. We could do some slowing of traffic. Director Hooke asked if this was a temporary hybrid or is this a permanent? Are they temporary hybrids? Why would it be temporary? Director Hooke stated that it looks like it's temporary. Lisa Crowley stated that the whole thing looks like it's under construction. But in the meantime, we're getting slaughtered. It's horrible. It's horrible. But, you know, I don't know what we can do. If you guys have suggestions off the ball, talk to your friends who are in the DPW. Have them look at it. It's really unbelievable. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that he would like to make a suggestion to send a letter to the DPW indicating that Mrs.

Crowley was here tonight expressing her concerns and we believe this really is the responsibility of the DPW. So let the DPW know that we heard her case and we're recommending that it be sent to the DPW.

**VOTED: SEND LETTER TO DPW**

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by Director Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative

**17.26 BELMONT PLACE**

Requested by: Donald Payne

Request/Issue: People park next to a telephone pole which obstructs the vehicles in heavy equipment from driving down the street and from the garbage trucks picking up the trash. Requesting No Parking Tow zone sign.

Discussion: Dayne Payne was present and stated I called 9-1-1 to talk to these involved. They told me that I need to come to you guys to get a sign posted on the telephone pole, pole 25. I talked the resident about moving the vehicle. They don't want to cooperate, so I had to come here today to talk to you. To get this resolved. This has been going on since the middle of the summer. So the last straw was this snowstorm. The snowplows came down the sidewalk, pushed the sidewalk plow up into my fence. So I ended up calling 911. They came out almost right away. They towed the vehicle. A few days later, the guy parked at the same place he got towed from, which doesn't make any sense. So I would ask you guys if we can put up a no parking tow zone so I can just have the car towed anytime. I got pictures here. If you guys want to see them. Mr. Payne showed the traffic commission members the pictures that he had. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked if this was down Belmont Street side? And Mr. Payne stated yes. Mr. Payne further stated that the trash is put on that side too. I've been living here almost 20 years and no one ever parked there. So now when he leaves, people are starting to follow suit. It makes limited parking on one side of the street. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked if we limited parking to one side of the street would that help and Mr. Payne stated no doubt. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro asked Mr. Payne if he could please email me the pictures and I will forward the pictures to the secretary so she can forward them to everyone else.

**VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by Director Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative

## **18. HIGHLAND STREET**

Requested by: Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan

Request/Issue: Requesting that parking be restricted from Lexington Street westerly, mostly at night because it's down to one lane and a fire truck cannot get down the street. Also 2 cars cannot travel at the same time.

Discussion: Retired Fire Chief Galligan was present and stated that this was brought to my attention and when you come over the crest of Highland Street and you go down its bears to the left and makes a sharp right turn. For years, the cars have been parking on the north side, which left enough room for two cars to move. Apparently now there are cars parking on both sides of the street.

### **VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

## **19. 292 AMES STREET**

Requested by: Councillor Lally

Request/Issue: Would like a review of the guardrail at this location.

Discussion: Councillor Lally was present and stated that there is an existing guardrail here. This is an intersection that I do believe has been before you quite a bit. Another intersection with problems that has had some recommendations that are outside the funding capacity of the Commission and rely on a larger agency. The gentleman at 292 Ames has a guardrail. It is the house on the northwest side of the intersection. He is asking for a review of the existing guardrail. He feels it should be expanded to cover more of his property. It was not exactly clear whether that is west down Ames Street or north up North Cary. But he was very concerned at the amount of accidents and traffic that the intersection experienced and would like his existing situation reviewed, hopefully, for expanded coverage and greater peace of mind. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we've addressed this corner numerous times in the last 20 years, and the problem here is the cars that are going north on North Cary Street, taking a left into Ames Street. Unfortunately, he has a driveway on the east side of his house. So, when the guardrail went up, there has to be a break in the guardrail for his driveway. Cars are getting hung up, getting caught in a section where there is no guardrail. The only way to make that safer is to continue the guardrail around the corner. I think this driveway is going to be a problem. Councillor Lally stated that there's also a break for the crosswalk.

### **VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by Director Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative

## **20. AMARK ROAD AT N. CARY**

Requested by: Councillor Lally on behalf of Sam Ditton

Request/issue: Requesting signage such as “ Traffic Entering from Left” or “ Crossing Traffic Ahead”. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached SeeClickFix)**

Discussion: Councillor Lally was present and stated that if you were to look on a map on your phone, from the top down of the intersection of Amark Road and North Cary, you would see that the intersection is largely interrupted by an island, which separates sort of new North Cary from old North Cary Street. The problem with that is it's created a lot more problems than it has solved. We as a commission have brought this matter to the Old Colony Planning Council before. We have brought it to the engineers, CDM Smith, for recommendations. They have both come back and they have supported the complete reconstruction of the intersection into a T-shaped intersection where there would be a three-way stop at North Cary where it meets Amark and all three lanes would have to stop. As it stands right now, when you are looking at the intersection, if you are heading south on North Cary Street and you wish to enter Amark Road, you are not able to see more than 50 feet in front of you when you cross Amark Road and it is at a very busy acute angle. You kind of have to throw yourself over on the Amark Road and you are not really able to see what's coming in front of you. It is a major risk. It is a major pathway for students on their way to school. It is one of the most confounding intersections in this city. I am very relieved that OCPC and CDM Smith have agreed with my assessment and the assessment of my constituents. I hope that the city is able to, at some point, either themselves or through OCPC, able to redesign that intersection. But for now, there are still existing problems. And so that's why I have Mr. Ditton here with me to request additional signage to make the intersection a little safer and make people aware of what they are up against as they enter that corner. Mr. Ditton was present and stated that he moved there 15 years ago. The problem is when you are coming from the firehouse, and there's Winter Street and on North Cary, and then coming to the island. I come down and I try to take that left, get a left onto the island to get around onto Amark but you can't see cars come up and they come up pretty fast speed. So, what I did was I came up North Cary as I was like, I was like in the car coming up to the island. And I think you need some kind of signage until this all just worked out to let people know that there are cars entering on left or something like that. So, they know that people are coming. Those cars go entering the school, there's cars in front of the school buses, the bat bus that goes

down Amark Road. There are a lot of cars, especially at school time, in the morning, in the afternoon, and before we have any accidents because it's an accident waiting to happen. It's like playing chicken trying to take that left. Because you never know the cars are coming up that road. If I am coming from Quincy Street, I will go down Dixon to Dagmar around the backside. I think you need some kind of signage to alert cars. There are people coming in, you have to be entering and the cars entering, right, whatever kind of sign would be useful to alert people that there are cars coming. Councillor at Large Darosa stated that she lives right on Miller and she knows exactly what the constituent is talking about. Councillor Green asked where the signs would go and Councillor Lally stated that they would go before the island. Mr. Ditton stated it would be at Cynthia Road because it's the last road before you get to the island.

### **VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

### **21. NORTH CARY STREET**

Requested by: Councillor Jeffrey Thompson

Request/Issue: Would like a review of the traffic safety conditions on N. Cary Street. The motor vehicle related fatalities in 2024 and 2025 are concerning and require city remediation efforts.

Discussion: Councillor Thompson was present and stated that I've had constituents reach out to me regarding the North Cary Street, basically along the Calvary Cemetery area. We know that's a straight shot between two lights. Some of that road has been recently repaved. There are reports of kids racing up and down that area of North Cary. Unfortunately, over the last year, I believe we've had two fatal accidents. In that area. It's concerning why are these accidents occurring? Obviously, they're speed related. And so, I was just hoping that the commission and the subcommittee get out there, maybe take a look, see what we could do to mitigate the speeding. The responsibilities in the driver's hands, they should not be speeding but maybe we could take a look, maybe the solar powered radar would grab some attention, slow people down. Maybe we can take another look at the speed limit signs or some other mitigation technique to slow people down along that road. We've lost four people over the last year and that area. It's up to us to take another look, see what we can do as a city to help mitigate these fatal accidents. Mr. Hresko was also present and stated that he went to the Mass DOT crash dashboard just to try to pull up some of this stuff. Specifically, December 19th of last year, the operator and the passenger were both killed. Then there were actually two incidents last February. I always thought there

was one with a very large shrine memorial. But there was actually a second accident around that time. So, there was the accident on February 5th in which the operator and the passenger were killed, but then there was also one where the operator was killed on February 8th. And then if you go to very serious injuries, we also have on July 11th on Provost Street, so that same intersection, if you continue on Court instead of bearing left, you end up in Provost where they also have lots of complaints about cars speeding. There was a serious injury there. And then on that February 5th incident, there was also a male passenger who was seriously injured in that accident. And I feel like there was another one, or maybe that was an injury where the guy got thrown from the car close to the intersection. Councillor Thompson stated possibly. There seems to be a high number of incidents in that stretch of street. I'm just hoping that we can take a look and see if there's anything we can do to improve safety. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that we are going to focus on the area near the Calvary Cemetery north of East Ashland Street correct? Which Councillor Thompson stated yes.

**VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

Upon duly motion made by Director Hooke, seconded by Councillor Green, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative

**Motion was made by Councillor Lally, seconded by, Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle Yaffe*

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Secretary to the Traffic Commission

***PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 AND ALL REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2026.***