



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, January 15th, 2026
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Traffic held a Special Traffic Commission meeting via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 15th, 2026.

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, James Sweeney and Councillor Marlon Green.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro at 6:08 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **CAMPELLO HIGH RISE**

Requested by: Derek from J. Derenzo Co.

Request/Issue: Project at the Campello High Rise development will require a sidewalk closure. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached plans)**

Discussion: Hector Bermudez From Shawmut Design was present and shared his screen with the logistic plans for the location. He stated the address for the jobsite is 1392 Main Street and that it's the old Self Help Building. We are at the beginning stages of this project and we are going to be demolishing this building to make room for a new 7 story residential tower. The job site will be fenced off as you see on the plan and inside that fence line we are looking to take that portion of the sidewalk. Our plan would be to utilize the existing crosswalk just south of the jobsite and deviate pedestrian crossing and just north of Glen Avenue we would paint in a new temporary crosswalk so that we could deviate pedestrian traffic back across the street if they had to move that way. We will have a gate accessing the jobsite on the south side and another gate on the north side. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that there is an RRFB that we just installed in front of 1380 Main Street, that's the

crosswalk you are looking to continue to utilize? DPW Commissioner Hill stated that an RRFB is a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon that is a crosswalk that has the flashing buttons on them and flash so that pedestrians can cross. He further stated where it is so close to the site is there any protection for the RRFB so that it doesn't get hit during construction? Mr. Bermudez stated our fence line is actually well over 40 feet from the construction site, I don't believe that would be a concern. But if that is something that you require we would certainly accommodate that. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that if you are going to be that far away then what would be the necessity for the sidewalk to be shut would be the question. Mr. Bermudez stated that it's actually included in our scope of work. This stretch of sidewalk because the existing building is close to it in the demolishing phase of it we will be disturbing the sidewalk, so it needs to be included within our site space and we will be replacing the sidewalk eventually as well. DPW Commissioner Hill also asked how long do you temporarily plan on shutting the sidewalk? Mr. Bermudez stated that our scope of work is going to last two years, so our job duration is through December 2027. DPW Commissioner Hill asked if it would be necessary to shut the sidewalk down for the duration of the project Mr. Bermudez stated that's a fair question and I don't think that we necessarily studied that yet. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that he could see for this building because the purpose is to build this building and then is it to admittedly demolish the other building? Mr. Bermudez stated that the first thing that we are going to do is demolish the existing Self Help building and then erect this new building and once this new residential tower is built and then the next phase of the project is to demolish Tower A. We would relocate all of the residents from that Tower over to the new building and then demolish this building and continue the process and I think there is three phases of the whole scope. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that I am curious if after the first phase you could reopen the sidewalk. Mr. Bermudez stated that when he talks about the first phase I am talking about this tower right here and that's a two year duration. This sidewalk will be completely open after this phase. DPW Commissioner asked what will you be blocking the sidewalk with, will it be fenced off? Mr. Bermudez stated that we will have some jersey barriers along Main Street with fencing and then going back into the perimeter that will be 6 foot fencing. DPW Commissioner Hill asked if the barriers will be in the sidewalk not in the road. Mr. Bermudez stated there is a little bit of green space in between the road and the sidewalk and our intent isn't to block off any of the road. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated on the new temporary crosswalk by Glen Avenue, can we put up a sign in each direction that says "Crosswalk"? Mr. Bermudez stated that we will have signage that directs traffic in both directions, I don't have an image of what that would look like but it will be standard job site signage. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that the traffic going north and south on Main Street, just a standard fluorescent yellow sign that says crosswalk because everyone will not be use to this new crosswalk. Mr. Bermudez stated understood. DPW Commissioner Hill asked if the temporary crosswalk will have ramps? Mr. Bermudez stated yes. Retired Fire Chief Galligan The fire department's system that feeds the sprinkler system and the standpipe is that going to be enclosed behind the fence, it's a key piece of equipment? Mr. Bermudez stated we have our FCD connection, we will be extending it to the construction site through the fence. He further stated that what the DPW Commissioner brought up about the flashing crosswalk lights if there should be a mishap or a truck takes one down, I

would expect that you would immediately put that back up and that it doesn't stay down for months at a time. Mr. Bermudez stated that we don't intend on causing any damage and any interruptions that we do cause knowingly then we would obviously we would replaced anything that we need to replace and make as it was before. For example, the temporary crosswalk, we would redo that whole entire the way that we found it and if we caused any damage to the existing infrastructure we would replace it as well. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that the crosswalk will get a lot of walkers because they walk from this High Rise to the store. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked about access to the front door, the A building during this construction period? Mr. Bermudez stated that we are building a temporary access road. The traffic enters through the south and comes through the front entrance of the building and it exits, so that will be part of our jobsite. In order to accommodate for that we are going to be creating the temporary road with a curb cut onto Main Street so that we can continue the flow of traffic. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked about the bus stop area and Mr. Bermudez stated that the plan is to temporarily move the bus stop area so that the access the bus. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that it would be a good idea for you to put up a good size sign down by the traffic near Brookside Avenue, by the driveway that goes into the bus yard, in large letters "Entrance for 1380 Main Street" because a lot of people are not use to using that entrance. Mr. Bermudez stated that the intent would be to have it be a single direction so that we could traffic entering and exiting. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that signage would be very important. Mr. Hresko stated that he is a member of the public and anything that I state I am hoping to express upon the Traffic Commission and I have no authority. He stated that you answered one of the questions, even though there is no formal bike lane, obviously cyclist would use the breakdown lane and you stated that the barriers will be up on the curb. He further stated that we are also involves with road safety work and advocating for pedestrians. So my wish would be if the temporary crosswalk could get zebra lines in it because they are much more visible to cars and further if the existing crosswalk zebra lines, that would be great. He also stated that as other members of the Commission have stated there has been a lot work done on this stretch of road to try and make it easier for people to cross the road, as it can be difficult at times. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that it's a good point to enhance the interior of the crosswalk, with the ladder design or maybe diagonal lines. Normally the Traffic Commission handles all the pavement line painting but we have suspended that for the season, however, that wouldn't resume that until late spring or early something. That's something that we could do but it wouldn't be done until June or July. He asked if that was something you could get done sooner? Mr. Bermudez stated that if you would like the temporary crosswalk to be a zebra stripped, I don't see a problem with that and I think what you are mentioning here, is that there is an existing one and I think it only has two lines, so you are asking us to create the zebra lines on the temporary crosswalk as well of which Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated yes. Mr. Bermudez stated that wouldn't be a problem. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked when is the fence scheduled to go up and Mr. Bermudez stated that it's schedule to go up on Tuesday next week. Councillor Green asked how long the closure is for and Mr. Bermudez stated right now it is the duration of the project which is two years but if we are able to open it up sooner I wouldn't be opposed to it, however, our only access to the jobsite is crossing those sidewalks. He further stated that it

would be difficult for us to change that layout mid project. So my answer for today would have to be for the two year duration. DPW Commissioner Hill asked if there was a fire hydrant in front of 1380 Main Street or is it just south of it? Mr. Bermudez stated that there's one south and north of the area. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that the fire hydrant is front in front of the Fire Department's connection, right where the benches are. Mr. Bermudez pulled up the google maps and showed the stretch of sidewalk that would be closed and the fire hydrant is to the right. He further stated that the fence line would end at the entrance by the Campello sign. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that those two hydrants will not be in the affected area of which Mr. Bermudez stated correct. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale asked if the fire alarm box would be accessible? Mr. Bermudez stated that we can make it accessible. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale if you need any accommodations with it you can reach out to the Fire Department. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that when you make and put up these signs make sure that all of the signage that you are going to use are federally complainant with the manual on traffic control devices, it's MUTCD. He further stated that the federal government tells everyone how traffic signs are supposed to look, that way the stop sign here in Massachusetts looks like that in California. He also stated that you don't want to put up a sign that is not MUTCD complainant because if something happens someone could rise an issue with it. Mr. Bermudez stated no problem. Councillor Green stated, Glen Ave, there's a crosswalk correct? Of which Mr. Bermudez stated yes and our intention would be to have the temporary crosswalk be just north of the existing crosswalk. DPW Commissioner asked if it would make sense to make it a little but more north so that you are not crossing people right in front of a driveway? Mr. Bermudez stated sure, wherever it makes more sense. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that the developer should have an emergency number that the DPW can contact in the event that there's an accident or something happens to the fence. Mr. Bermudez stated that there is will be project signage on the fence line and it will have all the contact information for both the contractors, the developer, City of Brockton, every stakeholder will be listed on it.

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE SIDEWALK CLOSURE AS PROPOSED WITH THE MODIFICATION TO RELOCATE THE TEMPORARY CROSSWALK EVEN MORE NORTH.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by Director Hooke Hill, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

Motion was made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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