

Needham Traffic Management Advisory Committee (TMAC)

Minutes of August 8th, 2018 Meeting 7:00pm

Needham Town Hall, Great Plain Room

TMAC Members in attendance: Stephen DeLisi (Chair), Justin McCullen, Anthony Del Gaizo, Lt. John Kramer, Seth Bauer, Donna Mullen, Suzanne Stein.

7:01pm Call to order

1. Intersection of Lawton Road and Green Street., M. Grande

No Show, Tabled until next meeting

2. Signage on Second Ave, E. Starobin

The Committee listened to the concern submitted from Ms. Starobin about parking in front of Second Ave @ the driveway of Charles River Landing. She claims limited sight distance from the right due to parked trucks that she believes are owned by construction workers working on an adjacent apartment complex currently under construction.

TMAC Action: Motioned to have DPW reach out to Zoning Board of Appeals to contact developer of new complex to install "No contractor Parking" signs in front of Charles River Landing intended to limit their construction workers from parking there. UNANIMIOUSLY APPROVED

3. Traffic Signals on Great Plain Ave. by Hazel's Bakery

Ms. Devaney brought her concern of speed on GPA by Hazel's Bakery. She mentions that speed is a hazard in the area from Hersey to the crosswalk at Wilshire due to limited sign line. Commuters and students cross and she asked for a stop sign or traffic signals to reduce speed and increase safety.

TMAC Action: Traffic Study at to relocate Crossing by Wilshire park as well as placement of Solar Powered Pedestrian Crossing signs . UNANIMIOUSLY APPROVED

4. Speed Bumps, Traffic Calming measures on Nehoiden St. W. Lenahan

Mr Lenahan is very concerned about speed of motorists travelling down both directions of Nehoiden and requests to install speed bumps on Nehoiden Street.

TMAC Action: Motion to authorize a Traffic Study of Nehoiden UNANIMIOUSLY APPROVED

5. Intersection, Signage at Great Plain Ave and Webster- D. Haggerty

No Show, Tabled until next meeting

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6a. Speed, Crosswalks on Webster st near Dedham Ave, South Street

The committee listened to residents speak about speed of motorists driving down Dedham Ave at the area between intersections of Webster/Dedham and

Howard/Dedham. Their concern was about children crossing from a school walking route and speed of motorists

TMAC Action: Motion to authorize a Speed Study of Webster/Dedham area as well as a Crosswalk evaluation of Howard Street Crosswalk. UNANIMIOUSLY APPROVED

6b. Speed, Crosswalks on Webster st near South Street.

The committee listened to residents concern about speed and limited sight lines at the intersection of Webster and South. The geometry of the intersection creates a limited sight line for pedestrians crossing wets across

TMAC Action: Motion to verify if intersection of South/Webster/Fox Hill is in scope of Pedestrian Safety Study UNANIMIOUSLY APPROVED

7. Speed, and signage on Hillcrest St

Ms. Recco spoke to the committee about her concern of speed of motorists on Hillcrest street area and requested signage alerting of children in area. The committee discussed that signs aren't effective and it was noted that that area may be in scope of the ongoing town wide pedestrian safety initiative.

TMAC Action: Motion to verify if intersection is in scope of Pedestrian Safety study.

8. Crosswalk and Signage at Nehoiden St near Lewis- L. Abeles

Ms. Abeles brought a concern of the crosswalk at Nehoiden and Lewis streets. She mentioned speed and motorists failure to yield for pedestrians at crosswalk. She requested solar powered pedestrian flashing signs. The committee noted that that area is heavily shaded and solar signs may not effectively work as intended. Also, due to double utility poles, there is limited visibility of pedestrians waiting to cross. Ms. Abeles also requested green painted crosswalk. The committee learned that the high visibility green pain is limited to bike paths as per MUTCD.

TMAC Action: Motion to authorize

1. a Reflective Post before crossing travelling north on Nehoiden
2. DPW to request to Eversource to remove double poles in area that obstruct visibility.
3. Evaluation of Solar powered Crosswalk flashing sign (Shade may limit effective placement
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9. Other Business/ Status Report

Approval of FY2019 meeting dates with one change –

October meeting will be cancelled due to special Town Meeting

10. Approval of Minutes of June 2018 TMAC Meeting – Delayed until September meeting

11. Discussion of strategy over TMAC response to solar flashing pedestrian crossing signals

Committee discussed a measured response to the predicted requests for solar powered flashing pedestrian crossing signs

Adjournment 8:51pm

Respectively Submitted,
Justin McCullen