

Minutes
Traffic Management Advisory Committee
Wednesday, November 13, 2019
7:00 P.M.
Public Services Administration Building – Charles River Room
500 Dedham Avenue
Needham, MA
Adopted December 11, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen DeLisi; Seth Bauer; Justin McCullen; Donna Mullin; Susanne Stein; Rhain Hoyland, Town Traffic Engineer; Lt. John McGrath; Rebecca Tarantino; Robert Wilson, Traffic Liaison Engineer; Thomas Ryder, Assistant Town Engineer; Daphne M. Collins, Recording staff.

PUBLIC PRESENT: See TMAC Sign-In Form of November 13, 2019 attached

Stephen DeLisi, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

1. MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 16, 2019

Vote: Justin McCullen moved to accept the Minutes for September 18, 2019. Seth Bauer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

2. OTHER BUSINESS/STATUS

Robert Wilson reported the following:

- Highgate Street at Arch Street/Rybury Hillway – Traffic Study completed. The car count at Highgate was 700 vehicles. Arch/Rybury was 425 vehicles. Results do not support a 4-way stop at the intersection.
- Kingsbury Street/Pickering Street Intersection – Traffic Study completed. The car count at Kingsbury was 2269 vehicles. The care count at Pickering Street was 316 vehicles. Results indicate a stop sign at Pickering.
- Noannett Road – Traffic counts completed. Speed was found to be below the 30mph limit.
- Crescent Road – Five *No Parking Here to Corner* were installed.

3. WARREN STREET AND GREAT PLAIN AVENUE – Signage Follow-up

PETITIONER: Kimberly McCollum, 843 Great Plain Avenue

Ms. McCollum provided the neighborhood petition supporting *No Parking* signs as requested by TMAC at the October 16, 2019 meeting.

4. FOREST STREET– Signage Follow-up

PETITIONER: Laura Doyle, 230 Forest Street

Ms. Doyle reported that cars speed beyond the speed limit on Forest Street which is very windy. There are no speed limit signs on the street. Studies indicate speeds over 30mph on the street. Evan Wells, 226 Forest Street, noted that cars can be found speeding at 100mph. They requested Police presence for enforcement and that Babson College be contacted to educate their students about speeding in the neighborhood. Both Ms. Doyle and Mr. Wells offered their driveways for police enforcement.

They requested that a speed limit sign be located in the residential section of the street where there is good visibility.

Vote: Mr. McCullen moved to install both a *Speed Sign* and a *Curve Sign* in each direction of Forest Street on a location to be determined by the Engineering and Highway Departments. Ms. Tarantino seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously **approved**.

Lt. McKnight suggested the placement of a speed trailer. Mr. Wells countered that the device tends to incentivize offenders to see the speeds they can achieve.

5. MARSH STREET – Parking Signage

PETITIONER: Rosemary McGuire, 30 Marsh Road

Petitioner did not show. Item was tabled.

6. WYOMING AVENUE BEND INTO ARDEN STREET– Guardrail safety

PETITIONER: Ned Rightor, 111 Fairfield Street

Mr. Rightor noticed that there was a misalignment between a metal guardrail and timber railing on Wyoming Avenue. He was concerned that the misalignment was a safety concern that could lead to a fatality.

Rhain Hoyland and Thomas Ryder will conduct a site visit. Mr. Hoyland thought either a realignment of the two railings or the placement of a buffer cap would resolve the safety issue. The item will be corrected operationally

7. OTIS STREET BETWEEN WEBSTER AND MANNING STREET – Signage

PETITIONER: David Willett, 75 Otis Street

Mr. Willet was concerned about the traffic and speed on Otis Street by drivers who were bypassing the Great Plain Avenue and Webster Street traffic light at morning and after school commuter hours. He noticed school buses and trucks using the street as a cut through as well. He requested that a street sign be installed to prohibit the use of the street as a cut through during commute hours.

Mr. McCullen noted that any limitation would just push the traffic to another street and not solve the problem. He added that the TMAC cannot limit the use of public streets.

Lt. McGrath will reach out to Shane Marchand, Director of Transportation, Needham School Department to request that buses not use Otis Street.

Mr. Hoyland questioned if the use of Otis Street as a cut through was a timing problem with the traffic signal at Webster Street and Great Plain Avenue.

The Board suggested that Mr. Willet get together with his neighbors about parking their cars on the street which has a natural traffic calming effect.

Mr. Willet inquired about a *No Parking here to Corner* across the street from him. The house has been reconstructed and the sign no longer makes sense. Mr. Hoyland said that the sign could be removed or placed further down the street operationally if the affected neighbor submits a letter in support of the sign removal.

8. OAK STREET BETWEEN LINDEN AND CHESTNUT STREET – Speed

PETITIONER: Michelle Ripperger, Oak Street

Item to be rescheduled.

9. FALCON STREET & BOND STREET INTERSECTION

PETITIONER: Donald Salvucci, 103 Falcon Street

Petitioner did not show. Item tabled.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



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