

The monthly meeting of the Malden Traffic Commission was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room #105 at City Hall.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Kevin Molis, Chairman  
Chief William Sullivan, Fire  
Mr. William Coleman, DPW  
Mr. Charles Ioven, Planning  
Mr. Yem Lip, Engineering  
Kathleen Hannan, Clerk

**PRESENT AND HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:**

Counc. Stephen Winslow, Ward 6  
Counc. Jadeane Sica, Ward 8  
Mr. John Alessi, Transportation Planner  
Mr. Ron Hogan, Parking  
Mr. Ernie Ardolino, Parking  
Lt. Evan Tuxbury, Traffic  
Mr. Kevin Duffy, Mayor's Office  
Mr. Patrick Sherman, 36 Central Ave, Malden  
Mr. Ralph Tagliamonte, 100 Trueman Drive, Malden

Accept minutes of the December 21, 2021 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Chief William Sullivan and unanimously voice voted to accept the minutes of the December 21, 2021 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

HANDICAPPED PARKING:

Jean Damascene Pierre                      92 Devir St

After discussing this request and based on the recommendation of Lt. Evan Tuxbury, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Chief William Sullivan and unanimously voice voted to deny the installation of a "Handicapped Parking" sign at this location.

Transportation Planner                      Ron Hogan, Parking  
Winter Parking Review Committee

Requests the Traffic Commission add the city Transportation Planner to the winter parking review committee.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Yem Lip and unanimously voice voted to approve adding Mr. John Alessi, Transportation Planner, to the "Winter Parking Review Committee".

**Valet Parking  
Commercial Street**

**Ron Hogan, Parking**

That the traffic commission approve the designation of a 'valet parking drop off zone' on Commercial Street in front of 110 Grille and Eviva Trattoria, on Thursday through Sunday from 4pm to 9pm.

Mr. Ron Hogan presented the need for these designated spots on behalf of the businesses located in this area explaining that due to the limited parking, the businesses are struggling. He recommended the Traffic Commission approve a pilot program designating an area in front of the restaurants on Commercial Street as a "Valet Parking Drop Off Zone".

Mr. Kevin Duffy also spoke on behalf of the restaurants supporting this request noting that these restaurants have been successful at all their other locations and would like them to be successful here also.

Mr. Ron Hogan also noted that Counc. Ryan O'Malley supports this request.

Chief Kevin Molis expressed his safety concerns in regards to this request due to the pedestrian traffic in the area and the heavy traffic flow. He also noted, that changing Commercial Street to one lane would have a negative impact on the traffic flow.

Chief William Sullivan also expressed his concerns in regards to safety if this were to be approved.

Mr. William Coleman discussed the possibility of installing a cut-in in front of the restaurant so as not to interfere with the free flow of traffic.

Mr. Charles Ioven discussed the possibility of having the "Valet Parking Drop Off Area" moved to Exchange Street.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Yem Lip and unanimously voice voted to table this request for further study and to determine if there are any other alternatives possible to accommodate these restaurants.

**Lane Modifications  
Commercial St**

**Ron Hogan, Parking**

That the Traffic Commission approve modifications to the eastern most travel lane on Commercial St. between Centre Street and Pleasant Street to convert the travel lane to a parking and valet service lane to support the area businesses.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Yem Lip and unanimously voice voted to table this request for further study.

**Stop Signs  
Central Ave**

**Lt. Evan Tuxbury, Traffic**

Request the traffic commission discuss/investigate the stop signs on Central ave (Truman Drive and Kennedy Drive).

After discussing this request and hearing from Lt. Evan Tuxbury, Counc. Jadeane Sica and residents of the area, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to table this request for further study.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Half Marathon**

**Kevin Duffy, Mayor's Office**

Mr. Kevin Duffy supplied the Commission with a map of the Malden Half + 5 Mile - Updated Course for the road race scheduled for Sunday, March 13, 2022.

**TABLED INDEFINITELY:**

**965 Main St to Pine Banks          Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5  
Resident Parking**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve adding resident permit parking on the odd side of Main Street wherever possible between 965 Main Street and the entrance to Pine Banks Park.

**(Tabled June, September and October, 2019, January, 2021 meetings until construction is completed in the area)**

**MBTA Sign Installation                  Yem Lip, Engineering**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the proposal as submitted to reinstall 9 bus stop signs as follows (Stop ID # 5424, 5386, 5416, 5343, 9030, 9340, 5447, 9025, 5459)

**(Tabled June, September, October and November, 2019, January, 2021 meetings)**

**Speed Safety Zone                          Neal Anderson, Counc. Ward 7  
Lincoln Commons/Suffolk Manor Stephen Winslow, Coun-at-lge**

Requests the Traffic Commission study the appropriateness of designating a speed safety zone of 20 miles per hour as allowed by Chapter 90 Section 18B of the Massachusetts General Laws next to Lincoln Common and Suffolk Manor. Such study shall also consider the placement of a pedestrian impact recovery sign and other signs necessary to better alert motorists of the presence of the crosswalk from Suffolk Manor to the bus stop on Bryant Street by Lincoln Common.

**(Tabled September, October and November, 2019, January, 2021 meetings)**

**Speed Safety Zone  
Devir Park**

**Paul Condon, Counc. Ward 2  
Stephen Winslow, Coun-at-lge**

Requests the Traffic Commission study the appropriateness of designating a speed safety zone of 20 miles per hour as allowed by Chapter 90 Section 18B of the Massachusetts General Laws next to Devir Park along Malden Street and Emerald Street. Such study shall also consider the placement of speed monitoring signs to alert motorists of their speed in relation to the posted speed.

**(Tabled September, October and November, 2019,  
January, 2021 meetings)**

**Resident Parking  
Richardson Street**

**Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve adding Richardson Street to the resident parking program.

**(Tabled December, 2019 and January, 2021 meetings)**

**Bus Stop Changes  
Highland Ave**

**Yem Lip, Engineering**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve creating a new stop at Highland Ave and Malden Street. This would be a consolidation of the stops located at Highland and Thacher and Highland and Oakland.

**(Tabled November, December, 2019 and January, March,  
and September and October, 2020, January, 2021 meetings)**

**Automated Speed Limit Signs Ryan O'Malley, Coun. Ward 4**

The residents of Autumn, Kenmore, Rosemont, Wedgemere and Fairlawn Streets would like automated speed limit signs posted on the streets entering from Main and Winter Streets.

**(Tabled June, September, October and November, 2021  
meetings pending funding)**

**Oak Grove Station  
Safety Issues**

**Sylvia Chin, Resident**

Requests the Traffic Commission review the area around Oak Grove Station to prevent potential car accidents.  
Recommends removing the parking spaces so drivers can get a better view from cars on the curve.

**(Tabled October and November, 2021 meetings)**

**Crosswalk  
143 Main St**

**Peg Crowe, Counc. Ward 1**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the installation of a crosswalk across Main Street at Bell Rock Park, in front of 143 Main Street where the bus stop is located.

**(Tabled October and November, 2021 meetings)**

**Traffic Calming Initiatives  
Lebanon Corridor**

**Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5**

Counc. Murphy would like to discuss the Lebanon corridor, from Sylvan Street to the Melrose Line, to determine what can be implemented in the way of traffic calming initiatives.

**(Tabled October and November, 2021 meetings)**

**A motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Yem Lip and unanimously voice voted to adjourn this meeting at 5:45 p.m.**