

The monthly meeting of the Malden Traffic Commission was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room #105 at City Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Glenn Cronin, Chairman
Mr. Charles Ioven, Planning
Mr. William Coleman, DPW
Mr. Yem Lip, Engineering
Kathleen Hannan, Clerk

ABSENT MEMBERS:

Chief Steven Froio, Fire

PRESENT AND HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

Counc. Amanda Linehan, Ward 3
Counc. Stephen Winslow, Ward 6
Sgt. David Franzese, Traffic
Ari Taylor, Resident

Accept minutes of the March 21, 2023 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to accept the minutes of the March 21, 2023 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

HANDICAPPED PARKING:

Evan Davie

61 Claremont Street

After discussing this request and based on the recommendation of Sgt. Franzese, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to deny this request for a "Handicapped Parking" sign as the resident has access to a driveway.

**2ND Annual Maplewood Fest
Street Closure**

Stephen Winslow, Coun. Ward 6

Requests the Traffic Commission approve closing Maplewood Street from Salem Street to Webster Street during the 2nd Annual Maplewood Fest.

After discussing this request and hearing input from Council Winslow, a motion was made by Mr. Charles Ioven, seconded by Mr. William Coleman and unanimously voice voted to approve closing Maplewood Street, from Salem Street to Webster Street on May 20, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the 2nd Annual Maplewood Fest.

**Handicapped Parking
Removal
17 Garland Avenue**

Ernie Ardolino, Parking

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the removal of the Handicapped Parking sign located at 17 Garland Avenue as the resident has moved and the sign is no longer required there.

After discussing the request, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to approve the removal of the handicapped parking sign in front of 17 Garland Avenue.

**Pride Crosswalks
John Alessi Proposal**

Amanda Linehan, Council Ward 3

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the proposal as presented by John Alessi, former Transportation Planner.

After discussing this request and hearing input from Council Linehan and Ari Taylor, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Yem Lip and unanimously voice voted to approve painting the designated crosswalks as follows:

#1 - Pleasant Street, between Tous Les Jours and Citizens Bank

#2 - Malden High School crosswalk connecting Malden High School and the Malden Public Library

#3 - Salem St crosswalk at Maplewood Square

OLD BUSINESS:

**Guardrail
100 Rockwell Street**

Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5

The resident of 100 Rockwell Street requests the Traffic Commission approve the installation of a guardrail at the corner of Bainbridge St and Rockwell Ave as there have been two incidents at his home regarding motor vehicle accidents at his home.

(Tabled March, 2023 meeting for further study)

**No Turn on Red
Forest St @ Main St**

Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5

A resident of 34 Forest Street requests the Traffic Commission approve installing a "No Turn on Red" sign at the corner of Forest Street and Main Street.

(Tabled March, 2023 meeting for further study)

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, 2020 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, 2020 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, 2020 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, 2020 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, 2020 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)

**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.

(Tabled February and March, 2022 meetings for City Engineer and Transportation Planner to evaluate the area)

**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.

(Tabled February and March, 2022 meetings for City Engineer and Transportation Planner to evaluate the area)

**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).

(Tabled February, 2022 meeting for study to be conducted by City Engineer)

American Legion

43 Wigglesworth St

Requesting (2) Additional Spots

(Tabled March and April 2022, meetings)

**Resolve Final Paper 63-22
Traffic Lights
Franklin St @ Eastern Av**

City Council

Resolve: That the Traffic Commission conduct a feasibility study on installing traffic lights at Franklin Street and Eastern Avenue.

(Tabled until the June 21, 2022, meeting to determine Councillor who sponsored the request and funding if approved)

Resolve Final Paper 64-22 City Council
No Parking
110 Rich St to 102 Rich St

Resolve: That the Traffic Commission install "No Parking" signs from 110 Rich Street to 102 Rich Street.

(Tabled until the June 21, 2022, meeting for review by Traffic Dept)

Signage and street paint Lt. Evan Tuxbury, Traffic
Broadway @ Salem Street

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the proposal to paint and add signage for right turn only lane on Broadway (southbound) at Salem Street.

(Tabled until the June 21, 2022 meeting)

No Parking Boxes Kevin Duffy, Mayor's Office
Salem Street

Requests the Traffic Commission approve painting "No Parking Boxes" at the corner of Salem Street and Church Street and at the corner of Salem Street and Spruce Street for safety reasons.

(Tabled October 18, 2022 meeting pending complete list of streets)

No Parking Joseph Mandarini
Devir Street Field Rep, Local 22

Requests the Traffic Commission approve extending the "No Parking" restriction on Devir Street near Highland Avenue an additional 25 feet. This restriction would be in the area of the Laborers' Local 22 building, not on the residential side of Devir Street.

(Tabled October 18 and November 15, 2022 meetings for more information from Mr. Ron Hogan)

**Central Avenue
Traffic Issues**

Brianna Lutz, Resident

Requests the Traffic Commission consider methods to reduce speeding, improve street visibility and reduce non-residential traffic on Central Avenue.

(Tabled September 20, October 18 and November 15, 2022 meetings to have Engineering complete a study and make recommendations to address these concerns and the "Stop Signs" on Central Avenue. Tabled December 20, 2022 to allow Council time to work together with the residents and determine any recommendations and bring them before the Commission for consideration.)

**No Trucking Signs
Medford Street
(Main to Green)**

Peg Crowe, Council Ward 1

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the installation of "No Trucking" signs on Medford Street between Main St and Green St.

(Tabled December 20, 2022 meeting pending a study and approval by the Department of Transportation)

**Winter Parking
Dutton St between
Glen Rock Cir/Beltran St**

Amanda Linehan, Council Ward 3

Requests the Traffic Commission discuss a change to the winter parking rules to be presented at this meeting.

(Tabled December 20, 2022 and for more information from Council Linehan)

**Granite St at Olive Av
Elwell St at Beachview Av
Semi-truck notifications**

Yem Lip, Engineering

Requests the Traffic Commission accept a vehicle length limit or post advisory signs at these locations advising semi-trucks of the inability to navigate these corners.

(Tabled September 20, October 18 and November 15, 2022 and January 17, 2023 meetings for Engineering to review the area.)

**Highland Avenue
Safety Issues**

**Marina Jokic, Resident
740 Highland Avenue**

Requests the Traffic Commission consider ways to make Highland Avenue safer either through extra signage such as "Slow" or "Children" or narrowing the street.

Also, would like the issue of noise pollution from motorcycles and cars with modified mufflers to be addressed.

(Tabled September 20, October 18 and November 15, 2022 meetings to have Engineering perform a study of the area)

A motion was made by Mr. Charles Ioven, seconded by Mr. William Coleman and unanimously voice voted to adjourn this meeting at 5:08 p.m.