

The monthly meeting of the Malden Traffic Commission was held on Tuesday, May 17, 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. Charles Ioven, Planning
Mr. William Coleman, DPW
Mr. Yem Lip, Engineering
Kathleen Hannan, Clerk

PRESENT AND HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

Craig Spadafora, Counc-at-large
Peg Crowe, Counc. Ward 1
Paul Condon, Counc. Ward 2
Ryan O'Malley, Counc. Ward 4
Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5
Stephen Winslow, Counc. Ward 6
Chris Simonelli, Counc. Ward 7
Jadeane Sica, Counc. Ward 8
Maria Louise, Mayor's Office
Kevin Duffy, Mayor's Office
Lt. Evan Tuxbury, Traffic
John Alessi, Transportation Planner
Eric Burkman, MBTA
Jason DeGray, Toole Design

Accept minutes of the April 19, 2022 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Charles Ioven, seconded by Mr. William Coleman and unanimously voice voted to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2022 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

HANDICAPPED PARKING:

Gloria Speranza

7 Prentiss St

After discussing this request and based on the recommendation of Lt. Tuxbury and the fact that the applicant has access to off street parking and installing a sign in front of the residence would have a negative impact on the neighborhood, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to deny this request.

Ann Marie Ferreira

71 Newhall St

After discussing this request and based on the recommendation of Lt. Tuxbury and the fact that the applicant has access to off street parking and installing a sign in front of the residence would have a negative impact on the neighborhood, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to deny this request.

**Resident Feedback
Centre Street/Route 60**

**Craig Spadafora, Coun-at-lge
Peg Crowe, Counc. Ward 1**

Request that the Traffic Commission establish a process to gain resident feedback through a public hearing and measure the positive and negative impacts on traffic and pedestrian safety of the temporary lane markings done on Centre Street/Route 60. Such feedback and measurement shall be completed no less than 90 days from the passage of this order and no more than 120 days from the same.

Chief Molis discussed the concerns of the City Councillors and residents regarding the traffic flow on Route 60 since the temporary lane markings have been installed.

Counc. Spadafora addressed Mr. Burkman from the MBTA and said that, per the agreement, the lane markings were not to be installed until the traffic lights were regulated to assure that traffic would flow smoothly. Mr. Burkman said that they got approval from City Engineer Lip to proceed with the markings because the traffic lights needed more work than they thought and will take longer to complete that part of the project.

Chief Molis requested an approximate time line as to when the traffic light project will be completed. Although, Mr. Burkman and Mr. DeGray from Toole Design could not give an accurate time line, they did assure that it would be addressed immediately and will have it completed in the quickest way possible.

Counc. Crowe, Condon, O'Malley, Murphy, Simonelli and Sica spoke in regards to the several complaints they are receiving from residents and the impact the line markings have created on the neighboring streets due to motorists trying to avoid the traffic backups created by the line markings.

Mr. Alessi, Transportation Planner explained to the Traffic Commission that the existing traffic lights need extensive work and he will work with the MBTA to assure this project is completed as soon as possible.

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

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

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to table this request to determine which Councillor sponsored this resolve and where the funding will come from 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.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to table this request until the June meeting to allow Lt. Tuxbury to review the area.

Handicap Sign Removal Ernie Ardolino, Parking
168 Bryant Street

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the removal of the "Handicapped Parking" sign located at 168 Bryant Street.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to approve this request.

Summer Festivals

Kevin Duffy, Mayor's Office

Kevin Duffy would like to discuss the layout for the Summer Festivals this year as well as answer any questions regarding the upcoming Phantom Gourmet Food Festival. The Summer Festivals are slated for June 4th, July 16th and August 13th and the Phantom Gourmet Food Festival is June 25th.

After discussing this request, Kevin Duffy requested permission to close Washington St at Pleasant St in front of the Senior Center for 6-7 hours during the festivals. A motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to approve this request.

**Signage and street paint
Broadway @ Salem Street**

Lt. Evan Tuxbury, Traffic

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

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to table this request until the June 21, 2022 meeting.

**Paint Sidelines
Eastern Av (Broadway to Franklin)**

Lt. Evan Tuxbury, Traffic

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the proposal to paint sidelines on Eastern Ave from Broadway to Franklin Street.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to approve this request.

**Repaint Right Turn Only Lanes Lt. Evan Tuxbury, Traffic
Eastern Av @ Maplewood St**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve repainting the right turn only lanes on Eastern Ave (westbound) @ Maplewood Street.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to approve this request.

**Repaint Right Turn Only Lanes Lt. Evan Tuxbury, Traffic
Eastern Av @ Bryant St**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve repainting the right turn only lane on Eastern Ave (eastbound) @ Bryant Street.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to approve this request.

**Pilot Project Peg Crowe, Counc. Ward 1
Green St/Converse Av/Bell Rock St**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the pilot project as presented by Counc. Crowe.

After discussing this request and reviewing the presentation made by Mr. Alessi and Counc. Crowe, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Chief Sullivan and unanimously voice voted to approve this Pilot Project.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chief Molis requested that Canal Street be designated "Wounded Veterans Way" on Saturday, May 21 in recognition of the Boston Wounded Vet Ride to be held that day. A motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to approve this special designation.

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)

**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 Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5
Lebanon Corridor**

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 Ron Hogan, Parking
Commercial Street**

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 Ron Hogan, Parking
Commercial St**

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 Lt. Evan Tuxbury, Traffic
Central Ave**

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)

A motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to adjourn this meeting at 6:05 p.m.