

The monthly meeting of the Malden Traffic Commission was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room #108 at City Hall.

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

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

PRESENT AND HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

Steven Winslow, Counc-at-large
Lt. Evan Tuxbury, Traffic
Mr. Ernie Ardolino, Parking

Accept minutes of the May 16, 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 May 16, 2023 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

HANDICAPPED PARKING:

Gwen Pankowski

67 Granville Ave.

After discussing this request and based on the recommendation of Lt. Tuxbury, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Yem Lip and unanimously voice voted to deny this request.

Stop Sign
Eliot St @ Glen Rock Av

Amanda Linehan, Coun. Ward 3

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the installation of a "Stop Sign" on Eliot St at Glen Rock Avenue to address an uptick in cut-through traffic utilizing Glen Rock as an alternative to Washington Street near the Oak Grove MBTA Station.

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 September 19, 2023 to allow the Engineering Department to perform a traffic study.

**Bus Stop Lengthening
769 Salem St (stop #9024)**

**Steve Winslow, Coun. Ward 6
Robert Guptill, MBTA**

Requests the Traffic Commission lengthen the bus stop located at 769 Salem Street (stop #9024) on a temporary basis to determine if the change has a positive impact and to get community feedback on the change.

After discussing this request and hearing input from Council Winslow, it could not be determined exactly which bus stop the MBTA would like lengthened. Council Winslow will reach out to the MBTA for clarification. A motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to table this request until the September 19, 2023 meeting.

**Remove No Parking Both Sides Ernie Ardolino, Parking
Bellrock St (Medford-Converse)**

Requests the Traffic Commission remove the "No Parking Both Sides" restriction on Bellrock Street from Medford Street to Converse Ave.

After discussing this request and hearing input from Mr. Ardolino, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to approve removing the "No Parking Both Sides" signs from Bellrock Street between Medford St and Converse Avenue.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Dexter St
Parking/Safety Concerns**

**Christopher Fallon, Resident
49 Dexter Street**

Requests the Traffic Commission address Drivers Education companies from outside the City of Malden using Dexter Street as a training area.

Also would like the Traffic Commission to address vehicles parking impeding the use of his driveway during drop off and pick up times for the schools.

(Tabled May 16, 2023 meeting)

**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)

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 further notice to allow the Engineering Department time to study the area and determine if a guardrail is feasible at this location.

TABLED INDEFINITELY:

**965 Main St to Pine Banks
Resident Parking**

Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5

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 **Paul Condon, Counc. Ward 2**
Devir Park **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 **Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5**
Richardson Street

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 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)

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.

(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
Salem Street**

Kevin Duffy, Mayor's Office

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
Devir Street**

**Joseph Mandarini
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 Counc. Sica 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, Counc. 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, Coun 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 Counc. 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)

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**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)

A motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Yem Lip and unanimously voice voted to adjourn this meeting at 5:19 p.m.