The monthly meeting of the Malden Traffic Commission was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the Malden Senior Center, 7 Washington Street, Malden, MA.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Kevin Molis, Chairman
Charles Ioven, Planning
Mr. William Coleman, DPW
Mr. Yem Lip, Engineering
Mr. Ron Hogan, Parking
Kathleen Hannan, Clerk

PRESENT AND HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

Counc. Paul Condon, Ward 2
Counc. John Matheson, Ward 3
Counc. Ryan O’Malley, Ward 4
Counc. Barbara Murphy, Ward 5
Lt. Evan Tuxbury, Traffic
Mr. Ernie Ardolino, Parking
Marian Bertone
Jim Troiano
Paul Bertone
Tayna Brito
Francisco Silva
Joseph Gil
Jennifer Spadafora
Jennifer Psallidas
June Shrewsbury
Accept minutes of the September, 2019 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Ron Hogan, seconded by Mr. William Coleman and unanimously voice voted to accept the minutes of the September, 2019 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Crossings
Northern Strand Trail

Stephen Winslow, Coun-at-large

Requests the Traffic Commission improve the safety of crossings of the Northern Strand Trail located at Broadway near Eastern Avenue.

(Tabled June and September, 2019 meetings)

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. Ron Hogan, seconded by Mr. William Coleman and unanimously voice voted to table this request pending a reality study of the area. It was also discussed to contact Mr. Bob Knox and have him restore the area to its prior condition.

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 and September, 2019 meetings)

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. Ron Hogan, seconded by Mr. William Coleman and unanimously voice voted to table this request indefinitely until the construction is complete in this 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 and September, 2019 meetings)

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

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, 2019 meeting)

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. Ron Hogan, seconded by Mr. William Coleman and unanimously voice voted to table this request indefinitely.

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, 2019 meeting)
After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. Ron Hogan, seconded by Mr. William Coleman and unanimously voice voted to table this request indefinitely.

Crosswalk
99 Crystal Street

Kevin Molis, Chairman
Requests the Traffic Commission approve the installation of a crosswalk in front of Malden Catholic, 99 Crystal Street.

(Tabled September, 2019 meeting)

After discussing this request and based on the recommendation of Chief Molis, a motion was made by Mr. Ron Hogan, seconded by Mr. William Coleman and unanimously voice voted to table this request.

NEW BUSINESS:

HANDICAPPED PARKING:

Janine Donald
16 Rivers Lane

After discussing this request and based on the recommendation of Lt. Tuxbury, a motion was made by Mr. Ron Hogan, seconded by Mr. William Coleman and unanimously voice voted to allow the applicant to withdraw their application for a Handicapped Parking sign.
Joseph Gil 48 Perkins Avenue

After discussing this request and based on the recommendation of Lt. Tuxbury, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Ron Hogan and unanimously voice voted to approve the installation of a “Handicapped Parking” sign at 48 Perkins Avenue.

Resident Parking Paul Condon, Counc. Ward 2
Adams Street
Emerald Street

Requests the Traffic Commission add Adams Street and Emerald Street, between Pearl and Highland Ave, to the Residential Parking Program.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to approve adding these locations to the resident parking program.

Do Not Enter Signs John Matheson, Counc. Ward 3
Blomerth, McCormack, Prospect

Requests the Traffic Commission consider time-restricted “Do Not Enter” signs on Blomerth Street, McCormack Street and Prospect Street entering from Highland Ave and Fellsway East, between the hours of 6 AM and 9 AM.

After discussing this request and hearing input from Counc. Matheson and residents of these streets, a motion was made by Mr. Ron Hogan, seconded by Mr. William Coleman and unanimously voice voted to table this request pending analysis of the traffic on these streets to be conducted by the Engineering Office and to have petitions signed by the residents of these streets supporting this change.
Crosswalk  John Matheson, Counc. Ward 3
Glenwood @ Woodland Rd

Requests the Traffic Commission consider adding a crosswalk on Glenwood Street at Woodland Road.

After discussing this request and Counc. Matheson agreeing to fund the installation of the crosswalk, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Ron Hogan and unanimously voice voted to approve this request.

No Trucks  Ryan O’Malley, Counc. Ward 4
Various Streets

Requests the Traffic Commission apply to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for permission to restrict the following streets from trucks exceeding 2.5 tons: Autumn, Rosemont, Kenmore, Wedgemere and Fairlawn.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. Ron Hogan, seconded by Mr. William Coleman and unanimously voice voted to approve this request pending approval from the Department of Transportation and information from the city Engineering Department in regards to a traffic study.

Crosswalks  Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5
Bainbridge St

Requests the Traffic Commission evaluate Bainbridge Street to install additional crosswalks to allow pedestrians to cross safely.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Ron Hogan and unanimously voice voted to approve this request pending an evaluation to be conducted by the Engineering Department and to report back to the Traffic Commission with the results.
Crosswalks  
Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5  
Forest St

Requests the Traffic Commission evaluate Forest Street to install additional crosswalks to allow pedestrians to cross safely.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Ron Hogan and unanimously voice voted to approve this request pending an evaluation to be conducted by the Engineering Department and to report back to the Traffic Commission with the results.

Crosswalk  
Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5  
Salem St @ Granville Av

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the installation of a crosswalk on Salem Street at the intersection of Granville Ave.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. Ron Hogan, seconded by Mr. William Coleman and unanimously voice voted to table this request pending a cost analysis associated with the installation of a crosswalk in this area.

Speed Bumps and Speed Tables  
Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5

Requests the Traffic Commission evaluate the use of speed bumps and speed tables that are being used in Cambridge, Somerville and on Dell Ave in Melrose as traffic calming options.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. Ron Hogan, seconded by Mr. William Coleman and unanimously voice voted to take this request under advisement. Lt. Tuxbury will research options that are practical and employable. Ward 5 will be a pilot program for any choice approved by the Commission.
Stop Sign
Barbara Murphy, Conc. Ward 5
Willard St @ Pagum St

Requests the Traffic Commission install a “Stop Sign” on Willard Street at the intersection of Pagum Street.

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

Speed Bump
Barbara Murphy, Conc. Ward 5
Willard St near Pagum St

Requests the Traffic Commission install a speed bump on Willard Street in the vicinity of Pagum 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 pending an overall assessment of the area.

Slow Children Signs
Barbara Murphy, Conc. Ward 5
Willard Street

Replace the “Slow Children” signs on Willard Street which were taken down and replaced with street sweeping signs.

After discussing this request, Mr. Ron Hogan informed the Commission that this request has already been completed.
140 Eastern Ave  Pelicar Window Tinting

2 Hour Parking

Requests the Traffic Commission add “2 Hour Parking” in front of their business located at 140 Eastern Avenue.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Ron Hogan and unanimously voice voted to approve “2 Hour Parking, 7:00 am – 7:00 pm, Monday–Saturday” on Eastern Avenue from Ferry Street east to where the other parking regulations are in effect.

Handicapped Parking Removal  Kathleen Hannan, Traffic
119 Webster Street

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the removal of the “Handicapped Parking Sign” at 119 Webster Street as the resident has been displaced due to a fire at the residence.

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Crosswalk  Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5
Forest @ Main

Counc. Murphy requested the Commission review the area of Forest St and Main St to approve the installation of a crosswalk in this area.
TABLED INDEFINITELY:

Crosswalk
Yem Lip, Engineering
Medford Street
Highland Av - Fellsway

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the installation of crosswalks on Medford Street between Highland Ave and Fellsway.
(Tabled June, September, October and November, 2018 and January, February, March and April, 2019 meetings for input from Yem Lip)

Eastern Av (Bryant-Willow)
Ron Hogan, Parking
No Parking Signs

Requests the Traffic Commission clarify the parking regulations on Eastern Avenue from the MV Field House to Jack’s Ristorante.
(Tabled September, October, November and December, 2018 and January, February, March and April, 2019 meetings)

Jacob St between
David Camell, Counc. Ward 6
Granite and Dodge/Stanton

Requests the Traffic Commission make Jacob Street “One Way”, Monday-Friday between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days.
(Tabled March, April and May, 2019 meetings)

Glenwood St @ Summer St
Federico Erebija
Stop Sign
107 Glenwood St

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the installation of a “Stop Sign” on Glenwood Street @ Summer Street and “Stop Ahead” signs notifying motorists of the “Stop Sign”.
(Tabled June, 2019 meeting)

A motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to adjourn this meeting at 6:12 p.m.