

The monthly meeting of the Malden Traffic Commission was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room #108 at City Hall.

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

Chief Cronin recognized Chief Sullivan's upcoming retirement and congratulated him on his 36 years of service with the Malden Fire Department and thanked him for his service on the Malden Traffic Commission. In honor of this, Chief Cronin named Chief Sullivan honorary Chairman of the Traffic Commission for this meeting.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**ABSENT MEMBERS:**

Mr. William Coleman, DPW

PRESENT AND HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

Counc. Barbara Murphy, Ward 5  
Counc. Ryan O'Malley, Ward 4  
Counc-at-large Carey Macdonald  
Lt. Evan Tuxbury, Traffic  
Mr. Ron Hogan, Parking  
John Alessi, Traffic Engineer  
Rasha Irani, Resident  
Mr. & Mrs. Stocker, Residents

Accept minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Charles Ioven, seconded by Chief Cronin and unanimously voice voted to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

HANDICAPPED PARKING:

Stephanie McAskill

35 Richardson Street

After discussing this request and based on the recommendation of Lt. Tuxbury, a motion was made by Mr. Charles Ioven, seconded by Chief Cronin and unanimously voice voted to deny this request due to the fact that the applicant has access to off street parking and parking on Richardson Street is limited.

OLD BUSINESS:

Removable Speed Bumps  
Bainbridge Street

Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the installation of removable speed bumps/humps on heavily traveled roads in densely populated neighborhoods (i.e. Bainbridge Street).

(Tabled January 17, 2023 meeting)

Mr. John Alessi presented his findings from a study he conducted on Bainbridge Street. Mr. Alessi stated he studied the area from Crestview Dr. to Bayrd Rd (1200 feet) in regards to possibly adding portable speed bumps in this area. His recommendation is to install three portable speed bumps outside of 217 Bainbridge St, 173 Bainbridge St and 118 Bainbridge St, 500 feet apart.

Mr. Alessi also studied 500 feet of the area between Granville Av Ext and Rockwell Street. His recommendation is to install chicanes on this portion of the street, which would be allowing on-street parking on the north side of the street between 67 and 49 Bainbridge Street and on the south side between 44 and 20 Bainbridge Street.

Mr. Ron Hogan expressed his concerns in regards to implementing the chicane method as it interferes with winter parking and street sweeping exceptions.

Mr. Yem Lip discussed his findings from the speed radar installed on Bainbridge Street. He stated the statistics showed an average of 5 speeders per day.

Counc. Murphy asked Mr. Ron Hogan to recalibrate the speed radar to measure vehicles going over 25 mph.

Counc. Murphy asked that Bainbridge St be used as a pilot program for portable speed bumps and for a protocol to be implemented for future requests of speed bumps. Mr. Alessi stated that he is working with a consultant to set up protocols.

Coun. Macdonald and Counc. O'Malley both stated they are in favor of the portable speed bumps.

Counc. Murphy stated she has the funds to implement the installation of the speed bumps and the signage.

Chief Sullivan requested that these speed bumps be visible and notify motorists of the upcoming speed bumps for safety reasons.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Chief Cronin, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to approve the pilot program for a period of six months to install the portable speed bumps but not to implement the chicane system.

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)**

**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  
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**

**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 Mandarin  
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 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)

A motion was made by Chief Cronin, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to adjourn this meeting at 5:26 p.m.