The monthly meeting of the Malden Traffic Commission was held on Tuesday, March 15, 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:

Lt. Evan Tuxbury, Traffic Jadeane Sica, Counc. Ward 8 Peg Crowe, Counc. Ward 1 Barry Donovan, American Legion Kevin Duffy, Mayor's Office Accept minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Chief Sullivan and unanimously voice voted to accept the minutes of the February 25, 2022 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

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, 2022 meeting)

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 allow the City Engineer and Transportation Planner the opportunity to determine how this can be accomplished.

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, 2022 meeting)

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 allow the City Engineer and Transportation Planner the opportunity to determine how this can be accomplished in a safe manner.

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)

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 for further study by the City Engineer.

NEW BUSINESS:

HANDICAPPED PARKING:

American Legion 43 Wigglesworth St Requesting (2) Additional Spots

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. Charles Ioven, seconded by Mr. William Coleman and unanimously voice voted to table this request to allow more time to determine the best way to add additional handicapped parking spots without negatively impacting the neighborhood.

John Deschene

153 Oakland Street

After discussing this request and based on the recommendation of Lt. Evan Tuxbury, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Chief Sullivan and unanimously voice voted to approve the installation of a "Handicapped Parking" sign in front of 153 Oakland Street.

425 Lynn Street Guardrail Extension Jadeane Sica, Counc. Ward 8

Requests the Traffic Commission approve extending the quardrail which is currently located in front of 425 Lynn Street.

After discussing this request and hearing input from Counc. Sica, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Chief Sullivan and unanimously voice voted to approve extending the guardrail located in front of 425 Lynn Street. Counc. Sica said she would make sure funding was available if needed.

Sidewalk Adjustment Yem Lip, Engineer Pleasant St (Evelyn to Elm)

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the "Proposed Sidewalk Adjustment" plans presented to the Commission.

After discussing this request and hearing input from Mr. Yem Lip, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to approve the plans as presented.

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 Sylvia Chin, Resident
Safety Issues

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)

A motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to adjourn this meeting at 5:23 p.m.