

The monthly meeting of the Malden Traffic Commission was held on Tuesday, April 19, 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:

Capt. Glenn Cronin, Police
Sgt. David Franzese, Traffic
Counc. Barbara Murphy, Ward 5
Katie Moulton, WSP
Natasha Vance, MBTA

Accept minutes of the March 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 March 15, 2022 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

HANDICAPPED PARKING:

American Legion

43 Wigglesworth St

Requesting (2) Additional Spots
(Tabled March, 2022 meeting)

Based on the recommendation from Chief Molis, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to table this request indefinitely.

NEW BUSINESS:

Maplewood Fest
Street Closure Proposal

Stephen Winslow, Coun Ward 6

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the plans for the street closures during the Maplewood Fest to be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 8 am to 6 pm.

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

MBTA Bus Stop Improvements Yem Lip, Engineering

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the bus stop improvements as presented by the MBTA for several locations throughout the city.

After discussing this request and seeing the presentation from Ms. Katie Moulton and Ms. Natasha Vance, a motion was made by Mr. Charles Ioven, seconded by Chief Sullivan and unanimously voice voted to approve the plans as submitted with the understanding that the locations of Cross/High and Main/Fairlawn may need modifications.

**No Honking Sign Imene Saidi, Resident
Sylvan Street**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve installing "No Honking Unless for Danger" signs on Sylvan Street to reduce the distress caused to her autistic child whenever motorists honk their horns.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Chief Sullivan and unanimously voice voted to approve the installation of "No Honking Unless for Danger" signs. Chief Molis will consult with Ms. Saidi to determine the best design for the sign to bring awareness to the need for this sign.

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

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
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
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)

A motion was made by Mr. Charles Ioven, seconded by Mr. Yem Lip and unanimously voice voted to adjourn this meeting at 5:35 p.m.