

The monthly meeting of the Malden Traffic Commission was held on Tuesday, May 16, 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. Yem Lip, Engineering  
Kathleen Hannan, Clerk

**ABSENT MEMBERS:**

Mr. William Coleman, DPW

**PRESENT AND HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:**

Craig Spadafora, Counc-at-large  
Amanda Linehan, Counc. Ward 3  
Sgt. Dave Franzese, Traffic  
Mr. Ernie Ardolino, Parking

Accept minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Charles Ioven, seconded by Mr. Yem Lip and unanimously voice voted to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Stop Sign  
Dale St @ Poplar

Lauren Rosenbaum, Resident  
23 Poplar Street

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the installation of a "Stop Sign" at the top of Dale Street when turning onto Poplar Street.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. Charles Ioven, seconded by Chief Froio and unanimously voice voted to approve the installation of a "Stop Sign" on Dale Street at the intersection of Poplar Street.

School Safety Zone  
Salem St @ MHS

Deborah Burke  
Office of Strategic Planning

Requests the Traffic Commission approve establishing a school safety zone on Salem Street at Malden High School.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. Charles Ioven, seconded by Chief Froio and unanimously voice voted to approve establishing a school safety zone on Salem Street at Malden High School as per the plans submitted by Deborah Burke.

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.

After discussing this request, a motion was made by Mr. Charles Ioven, seconded by Chief Froio and unanimously voice voted to table this request until the June 20, 2023 meeting to allow the Commission time to research and determine if there is any way to restrict the driver's education companies from outside the city from instructing in City of Malden neighborhoods.

Chief Cronin suggested reaching out to the companies and requesting that they discontinue this practice.

Counc. Spadafora and Counc. Linehan both spoke in regards to how many of these companies are now using the streets in Ward 3 to conduct their driving lessons and the safety issues involved due to the close proximity to the schools. They are also researching a potential city ordinance restricting them from doing this.

In regards to addressing the vehicles parking impeding the use of the driveway during drop off and pick up times for the schools, Mr. Ardolino said he will have Parking Enforcement address this issue and Chief Cronin said he would also have the Traffic Department address the issue as well.

**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  
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  
Lebanon Corridor**

**Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5**

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  
Traffic Lights  
Franklin St @ Eastern Av**

**City Council**

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      Kevin Duffy, Mayor's Office**  
**Salem Street**

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      Joseph Mandarini**  
**Devir Street      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)**

**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)**

**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. Charles Ioven, seconded by Chief Froio and unanimously voice voted to adjourn this meeting at 5:13 p.m.