

Traffic Commission Minutes
September 9, 2021

Meeting was held virtually on Thursday September 9, 2021 at 5:30pm
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/993584677> (Please click this link to attend the virtual meeting)

Attendance: Lt. Polito, Mark Niedergang, Jill Lathan, Thomas Graney (joined at 5:35)

Staff: Laura Accaputo, Suzanne Rinfret, Jessica Bellow, Jacqueline Stagnari, Nancy Bacci, Adam Polinski

Other: Natasha Vance, Olivia Mobayed (MBTA), Sandra Clarey

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Meeting Ground Rules:

1. Listen to the other side
2. Focus on issues, not personalities
3. Avoid questioning motives
4. Be polite

Item #1 – A motion to Approve the minutes from the August 17, 2021 Traffic Commission Meeting was made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 3-0

Item #2 – Request for Handicapped Parking
291 Summer St

- Nancy Bacci stated she reviewed the application, there isn't a driveway and she recommends approval.

Motion to Approve was made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 4-0

Item #3 – Request for 20mph Speed Safety Zones

Street	From	To
Kingston St.	City line	Meacham Road (both directions)
Thorndike St.	Kingston St.	Dead end
Campbell Park	Kingston St.	Meacham Road (both directions)
Meacham Rd.	Kingston St.	City line
Orchard St.	Meacham Road	Russell St.
Dover St.	Elm St.	City line
Day St.	City line	Elm St.
Chester St.	Elm St.	City line
Milton St.	Orchard St.	City line

Cottage Ave.	Chester St.	Russell St. (both directions)
Bowers Ave.	Cottage Ave.	Elm St.
Russell St.	City line	Elm St.
Herbert St.	Day St.	Chester St. (both directions)

- Adam Polinski explained this is a continuation of the 20 mph Speed Safety Zone Program

Motion to Approve made by Thomas Graney, 2nd by Mark Niedergang. Motion passed: 4-0

Item #4 – Request for Valet Parking

Revolution Drive (at meter K147 and K148) Mon-Fri 6:30am-10pm and Sat and Sun 6:30a-3:30pm

- Suzanne Rinfret stated this area was previously approved as a pick up/drop off zone for the Mass General Hospital, they would prefer to have a valet zone instead. They have submitted an application and all required paperwork.
- Jill Lathan asked if there were any fees or history on valet parking requests and Suzanne replied there is a yearly fee per space.

Motion to Approve made by Thomas Graney, 2nd by Mark Niedergang. Motion passed: 4-0

Item #5 – Request As part of the MBTA’s Plan for Accessible Transit Infrastructure (PATI) program:

- Request to eliminate the stop pair of Cross St at Oliver St (#2393) and Cross St at Flint St (#2752) and replace with 2 hour parking except by permit.
- Request to lengthen the bus stop at 51 Bow St (#2574) by approximately 20 ft, resulting in the removal of one parking space that is currently 2 hour except by permit.
- Request to consolidate the stops on Main St at Broadway (#5303) and Broadway opposite Main St (#2703) into one far-side stop to be located on Broadway at Sycamore St, which is currently a no parking zone. The stop on Main St at Broadway would be replaced with 3 metered parking spaces, and the stop on Broadway at Main St would become a no parking zone.
- Request to lengthen the bus stop on Elm St at St James St (#2626) by approximately 40 ft, resulting in the removal of one parking space that is currently 2 hour except by permit.
- Request to relocate the stop on Broadway at Billingham St (#2693) to Broadway at Wallace St. This would require the removal of two parking spaces that are currently designated as 2 hour except by permit on the south side of Broadway, just east of Wallace St. The current stop location on Broadway at Billingham St would be replaced with 2 hour parking except by permit.
- Request to lengthen the bus stop on Broadway at Leonard St (#2741) by approximately 10 ft, resulting in the removal of one parking space that is currently 2 hour except by permit.

- Natasha Vance representing the MBTA gave a quick overview of the PATI Program. It is a system wide improvement program taken on by the MBTA to improve ADA compliance in all stations and bus stops. Phase 1 improved approximately 97 stops and Phase 2 will ultimately improve about 200 stops. It is an investment being made in the communities to improve pedestrian infrastructure and ADA compliance, typically improving sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks and ensuring the stops have everything needed to ensure people with mobility issues can get on and off safely such as 6 inch curb reveal, appropriately sized landing area and clear zone, and an accessible path for travel.
- Adam Polinski explained why each item needed improvements. Item 5a stop is in poor condition; 5b extends stop by 20ft; 5c consolidates 2 stops; 5d extends stop by 40ft, utilizing a driveway so there is only a loss of 1 parking space; 5e relocating stop to be directly opposite the stop on the other side of Broadway; and 5f extends the stop by 10ft.
- Mark Niedergang thanked the MBTA staff for attending the meeting and for the program for improving accessibility at these stops.

Motion to Approve Item #5 a-f, made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item # 6 – Request for Parking for Electric Vehicle Charging Only
63-67 Evergreen Av

- Vithal Deshpande was not in attendance so Suzanne Rinfret spoke on the request. She explained this station would be for use by residents to charge their electric vehicles. The location is in 2 RPP spaces on the park side of Evergreen Av and would be from 8am-6pm, for 3 hours max, with a resident parking permit. After 6pm there would be no limit on the time but the space would still be for EV only and require a permit.
- The Chair asked if the stipulation of the hours and time limit could be added and was told it could be added into the motion.

Motion to Approve with the amendment of a 3 hour maximum time limit, by permit only from 8am to 6pm and by permit only with no time limit from 6pm to 8am, made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 4-0.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm made by Thomas Graney, 2nd by Mark Niedergang. Motion passed: 4-0.