

Traffic Commission Minutes
January 9th, 2025

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Meeting Ground Rules:

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

Attendance: Chair Jill Lathan, Lena Webb, Lt. William Rymill, Assistant Chief Sean Tierney

Staff: Jackie Stagnari, Suzanne Rinfret, Anna Rebelo, Greg Hanafin, Adrienne Pomeroy, Jacob Murray

Public: Allison, Brian

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

The Chair asked for an attendance roll call to confirm a quorum.

Chair Lathan – present

Lena Webb – present

Lt. Rymill – present
Assistant Chief Tierney – present
Councilor Sait – absent

Item #1 – Acceptance of the Minutes from the December 12, 2024 Traffic Commission meeting.

Motion to approve made by Assistant Chief Tierney, seconded by Lt. Rymill. A roll call vote was taken; Chair Lathan-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Rymill-yes, Assistant Chief Tierney-yes. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Item #2 – Request for an accessible parking space at 23 Houghton St.

Adrienne Pomeroy, ADA Coordinator, stated she reviewed the application and recommends this site for approval. Chair Lathan inquired if this is a residential area, which Adrienne confirmed it is.

Motion to approve made by Assistant Chief Tierney, seconded by Lena Webb. A roll call vote was taken; Chair Lathan-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Rymill-yes, Assistant Chief Tierney-yes. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Item #3 - West Broadway Reconstruction Project: Broadway regulation changes

- a) Regarding the curb on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 210 feet east of Alewife Brook Parkway to approximately 265 feet east of Alewife Brook Parkway, request to convert MBTA bus stop to approximately 35 feet of no parking anytime and 20 feet of two-hour parking except by permit.
- b) Regarding the curb on the south side of Broadway, from approximately 330 feet east of Alewife Brook Parkway to approximately 390 feet east of Alewife Brook Parkway, request to convert three metered parking spaces to no parking anytime.
- c) Regarding the curb on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 380 feet east of Alewife Brook Parkway to approximately 440 feet east of Alewife Brook Parkway, request to convert approximately 10 feet of two-hour parking except by permit and approximately 50 feet of no stopping anytime to MBTA bus stop.
- d) Regarding the curb on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 160 feet west of North St to approximately 120 feet west of North St, request to convert two metered parking spaces to no parking anytime.
- e) Regarding the curb on the south side of Broadway, from approximately 60 feet west of Waterhouse St to approximately 25 feet west of Waterhouse St, request to convert two metered parking spaces to no parking anytime.
- f) Regarding the curb on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 80 feet west of North St to approximately 10 feet west of North St, request to convert MBTA bus stop to two metered parking spaces and 35 feet of no parking anytime.
- g) Regarding the curb on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 50 feet east of North St to approximately 70 feet east of North St, request to convert one metered parking space to one handicap accessible parking space.

- h) Regarding the curb on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 65 feet west of Barton St to approximately 45 feet west of Barton St, request to convert one metered parking space to 24-hour loading zone.
- i) Regarding the curb on the south side of Broadway, from approximately 80 feet west of Garrison St to approximately 30 feet west of Garrison St, request to convert two-hour parking except by permit to no parking anytime.
- j) Regarding the curb on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 80 feet west of Belknap St to approximately 30 feet west of Belknap St, request to convert MBTA bus stop to approximately 35 feet of two-hour parking except by permit and 15 feet of no parking anytime.
- k) Regarding the curb on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 10 feet east of Belknap St to approximately 60 feet east of Belknap St, request to convert approximately 20 feet of no parking anytime and 30 feet of two hour-parking except by permit to MBTA bus stop.
- l) Regarding the curb on the south side of Broadway, from approximately 125 feet west of Farragut Ave to approximately 30 feet west of Farragut Ave, request to convert two-hour parking except by permit to no parking anytime.
- m) Regarding the curb on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 45 feet west of Russell Rd to approximately 30 feet west of Russell Rd, request to convert two-hour parking except by permit to no parking anytime.
- n) Regarding the curb on the south side of Broadway, from approximately 30 feet east of Farragut Ave to approximately 55 feet east of Farragut Ave, request to convert two-hour parking except by permit to no parking anytime.
- o) Regarding the curb on the south side of Broadway, from approximately 55 feet west of Endicott Ave to approximately 30 feet west of Endicott Ave, request to convert two-hour parking except by permit to no parking anytime.
- p) Regarding the curb on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 115 feet west of Watson St to approximately 30 feet west of Watson St, request to convert two-hour parking except by permit to no parking anytime.
- q) Regarding the curb on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 30 feet east of Watson St to approximately 130 feet east of Watson St, request to convert two-hour parking except by permit to no parking anytime.
- r) Regarding the curb on the south side of Broadway, from approximately 55 feet west of Weston Ave to approximately 45 feet west of Weston Ave, request to convert one metered parking space to MBTA bus stop.
- s) Regarding the curb on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 85 feet west of Hill St to approximately 30 feet west of Hill St, request to convert approximately 40 feet of MBTA bus stop and 15 feet of two-hour parking except by permit to three metered parking spaces.
- t) Regarding the curb on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 30 feet east of Hill St to approximately 50 feet east of Hill St, request to convert one metered parking space to handicap accessible parking.
- u) Regarding the curb on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 85 feet east of Hill St to approximately 125 feet east of Hill St, request to convert two metered parking spaces to 24-hour loading zone.

- v) Regarding the curb on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 125 feet east of Hill St to approximately 170 feet east of Hill St, request to convert loading zone 8am-6pm to no parking anytime.
- w) Regarding the curb on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 70 feet west of Curtis St to approximately 5 feet west of Curtis St, request to convert MBTA bus stop to no parking anytime.
- x) Regarding the curb on the south side of Broadway, from approximately 35 feet east of Weston Ave to approximately 55 feet east of Weston Ave, request to convert one metered parking space to no parking anytime.
- y) Regarding the curb on the south side of Broadway, from approximately 185 feet west of Clarendon Ave to approximately 165 feet west of Clarendon Ave, request to convert handicap accessible parking to no parking anytime.
- z) Regarding the curb on the south side of Broadway, from approximately 165 feet west of Clarendon Ave to approximately 30 feet west of Clarendon Ave, request to convert six metered parking spaces to no parking anytime.

Item #4 – West Broadway Reconstruction Project: Side street regulation changes

- a) Regarding the curb on the east side of Clarendon Ave, from approximately 20 feet south of Broadway to approximately 150 feet south of Broadway, nearby 10 Clarendon Ave, request to convert resident permit parking to two-hour parking except by permit.
- b) Regarding the curb on the west side of Clarendon Ave, from approximately 85 feet south of Broadway to approximately 125 feet south of Broadway, nearby 7 Clarendon Ave, request to convert resident permit parking to two-hour parking except by permit.
- c) Regarding the curb on the east side of Hill St, from approximately 60 feet north of Broadway to approximately 110 feet north of Broadway, nearby 7 Hill St, request to convert resident permit parking to two-hour parking except by permit.
- d) Regarding the curb on the west side of Hill St, from approximately 30 feet north of Broadway to approximately 105 feet north of Broadway, nearby 10 Hill St, request to convert resident permit parking to two-hour parking except by permit.
- e) Regarding the curb on the east side of Dickson St, from approximately 35 feet north of Broadway to approximately 145 feet north of Broadway, nearby 11 Dickson St, request to convert resident permit parking to two-hour parking except by permit.
- f) Regarding the curb on the west side of Dickson St, from approximately 40 feet north of Broadway to approximately 115 feet north of Broadway, nearby 8 Dickson St, request to convert resident permit parking to two-hour parking except by permit.
- g) Regarding the curb on the east side of Endicott Ave, from approximately 35 feet south of Broadway to approximately 145 feet south of Broadway, nearby 10 Endicott Ave, request to convert resident permit parking to two-hour parking except by permit.
- h) Regarding the curb on the west side of Endicott Ave, from approximately 35 feet south of Broadway to approximately 145 feet south of Broadway, nearby 9 Endicott Ave, request to convert resident permit parking to two-hour parking except by permit.
- i) Regarding the curb on the east side of Watson St, from approximately 35 feet north of Broadway to approximately 130 feet north of Broadway, nearby 7 Watson St, request to convert resident permit parking to two-hour parking except by permit.

- j) Regarding the curb on the west side of Watson St, from approximately 35 feet north of Broadway to approximately 150 feet north of Broadway, nearby 10 Watson St, request to convert resident permit parking to two-hour parking except by permit.
- k) Regarding the curb on the east side of Farragut Ave, from approximately 30 feet south of Broadway to approximately 145 feet south of Broadway, nearby 10 Farragut Ave, request to convert resident permit parking to two-hour parking except by permit.
- l) Regarding the curb on the west side of Farragut Ave, from approximately 30 feet south of Broadway to approximately 120 feet south of Broadway, nearby 7 Farragut Ave, request to convert resident permit parking to two-hour parking except by permit.
- m) Regarding the curb on the east side of Garrison Ave, from approximately 35 feet south of Broadway to approximately 150 feet south of Broadway, nearby 10 Garrison Ave, request to convert 150 feet of resident permit parking to two-hour parking except by permit.
- n) Regarding the curb on the west side of Garrison Ave, from approximately 35 feet south of Broadway to approximately 50 feet south of Broadway, request to convert no parking anytime to two-hour parking except by permit.
- o) Regarding the curb on the west side of Garrison Ave, from approximately 110 feet south of Broadway to approximately 150 feet south of Broadway, nearby 9 Garrison Ave, request to convert 150 feet of resident permit parking to two-hour parking except by permit.

Greg Hanafin, Transportation Planner-Mobility, requested to present items 3 and 4 together since they are centered around the same project, which the Chair approved. Greg shared this is a follow up to the informational presentation that he gave at the November 2024 Traffic Commission meeting about the West Broadway project. These items are formally requesting the changes to the traffic regulations. He referenced [this map](#) of proposed changes which was shared with the Commission. He also gave [this presentation](#) outlining the scope and timeline of the project and went block by block explaining the curb regulation changes being requested at this meeting.

Assistant Chief Tierney asked if there were any plans for a loading zone for the block of stores on Broadway between Endicott Ave and Weston Ave. Greg stated that they have been in discussion with the businesses about the possibility of converting the metered spaces into a loading zone, but they are still evaluating the situation, so they are not proposing any changes at this time. If they find through their evaluation that this block needs a loading zone, they will return to the Commission and request that change at a future meeting.

The Commission voted on items 3 and 4 together.

Motion to approve made by Lena Webb, seconded by Lt. Rymill. A roll call vote was taken; Chair Lathan-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Rymill-yes, Assistant Chief Tierney-yes. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion to adjourn made at 6:15pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Lena Webb, seconded by Assistant Chief Tierney. A roll call vote was taken; Chair Lathan-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Rymill-yes, Assistant Chief Tierney-yes. The motion carried 4-0-0.