

Traffic Commission Minutes
November 13th, 2025

When: Thursday November 13th, 2025 at 5:30pm

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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, Councilor Naima Sait, Lena Webb, Lt. Michael Holland

Staff: Jackie Stagnari, Suzanne Rinfret, Adrienne Pomeroy, Josh Eckart-Lee, Anna Rebelo, Jacob Murray

Other: Marc Levy, Melissa Canu, Alex Freiden

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

The Chair requested a roll call to confirm a quorum.

Chair Lathan – present
Councilor Sait – present
Lena Webb – present
Lt. Michael Holland – present
Asst. Chief Tierney – absent

Item #1 – Acceptance of the Minutes from the September 18, 2025 Traffic Commission meeting.

Motion to approve made by Lena Webb, seconded by Councilor Sait. A roll call vote was taken; Chair Lathan-yes, Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Holland-yes. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Item #2 – Request for accessible parking spaces at the following locations:

- a) 20 Fairfax St
- b) 28 Hinckley St
- c) 27 Pennsylvania Ave

Adrienne Pomeroy, ADA Coordinator, stated she reviewed all these spaces and recommended all three for approval.

Motion to approve made by Councilor Sait, seconded by Lt. Holland. A roll call vote was taken; Chair Lathan-yes, Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Holland-yes. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Item #3 – Request to establish fire lanes at the following locations:

- a) On Lake St extending 20 ft easterly from Olive Sq
- b) On Lake St extending 20 ft westerly from Olive Sq

Jackie Stagnari, Secretary, shared [this letter](#) submitted by SFD's Chief Breen and showed a visual on Google Maps. Lena Webb commented support for the item.

Motion to approve made by Lena Webb, seconded by Lt. Holland. A roll call vote was taken; Chair Lathan-yes, Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Holland-yes. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Item #4 – Request to change parking regulations to allow the installation of six new Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations:

Teele Square (6 Newbury St)

- a) Request to convert the third and fourth meters on the east side of Newbury St at Holland St to an electric vehicle charging station. The meters will remain active but will be restricted for use by actively charging electric vehicles only.

Ball Square (131 Josephine Ave)

- b) Request to relocate the existing accessible parking space on the east side of Josephine Ave at Broadway to the west side of Josephine Ave at Broadway, and convert the space on the east side to metered parking.
- c) Request to convert the two metered spaces on the east side of Josephine Ave at Broadway to an electric vehicle charging station. The meters will remain active but will be restricted for use by actively charging electric vehicles only.

Hudson Labyrinth (139 Hudson St)

- d) Request to convert two resident permit parking spaces to an electric vehicle charging station. These spaces will be restricted for use by actively charging electric vehicles only, with a permit required, 3 hour limit, head in parking only.

Evergreen Ave (63 Evergreen Ave)

- e) Request to convert two resident permit parking spaces to an electric vehicle charging station. These spaces will be restricted for use by actively charging electric vehicles only, with a permit required, 3 hour limit.

Prospect Hill Park (Across from 51 Munroe St)

- f) Request to convert two 2-hour except by permit parking spaces opposite 51 Munroe St to an electric vehicle charging station. These spaces will be restricted for use by actively charging electric vehicles only, 3 hour limit.

Stone Ave (11 Stone Ave)

- g) Request to convert the third and fourth meters on the east side of Stone Ave at Union Square to an electric vehicle charging station. The meters will remain active but will be restricted for use by actively charging electric vehicles only.

Josh Eckart-Lee, Sustainability Planner-Office of Sustainability and Environment, shared [this presentation](#).

Councilor Sait inquired about the lack of a proposed charging station in Ward 1. Josh shared that one of the highest priority sites in East Somerville is at Foss Park, which is being pursued for fast charging through a different program. There is also potential to increase capacity at the Lombardi St lot. Since both of those locations are in off-street locations, they were not applicable for this on-street specific charging program.

Lena Webb inquired about the regulations for charging stations at parking meters. Jackie Stagnari explained that the spaces are restricted for actively charging vehicles, who also must pay for the parking meters.

Motion to approve made by Councilor Sait, seconded by Lena Webb. A roll call vote was taken; Chair Lathan-yes, Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Holland-yes. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion to adjourn made at 5:56 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Lt. Holland, seconded by Councilor Sait. A roll call vote was taken; Chair Lathan-yes, Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Holland-yes. The motion carried 4-0-0.