

Traffic Commission Minutes
February 12th, 2026

When: Thursday February 12th, 2026 at 5:00pm

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

Attendance: Chair Eric Weisman, Councilor Naima Sait, Lena Webb, Assistant Chief Sean Tierney, Lt. Michael Holland

Staff: Suzanne Rinfret, Brad Rawson, Justin Schreiber, Anna Rebelo, Jacob Murray

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

The Chair requested roll call to confirm a quorum.

Asst. Chief Tierney – present
Councilor Sait – present
Lena Webb – present
Lt. Holland – present
Chair Weisman – present

Item #1 – Acceptance of the Minutes from the January 15th, 2026 Traffic Commission meeting.

The Chair requested a roll call vote on this item.

Deputy Chief Tierney-yes, Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 5-0-0.

Item #2 – [Western Pearl Street Reconstruction Project](#)

- Regarding the curb on the south side of Pearl Street:
 - a) From approximately 160 feet west of McGrath Highway to approximately 55 feet west of Jasper Street, request to convert the existing Permit Parking Only regulation to No Parking Anytime.
 - b) From approximately 55 feet west of Jasper Street to approximately 75 feet west of Jasper Street, request to convert the existing Accessible Parking regulation to No Parking Anytime.
 - c) From approximately 75 feet west of Jasper Street to approximately 55 feet east of Walnut Street, request to convert the existing Permit Parking Only regulation to No Parking Anytime.
 - d) From approximately 55 feet east of Walnut Street to 10 feet east of Walnut St, request to convert the existing Permit Parking Only regulation to an MBTA Bus Stop.
 - e) From approximately 10 feet west of Walnut Street to approximately 60 feet west of Walnut St, request to convert the MBTA Bus Stop regulation to No Parking Anytime.
 - f) From approximately 60 feet west of Walnut Street to approximately 60 feet west of Skilton Avenue (eastern leg), request to convert the existing Permit Parking Only regulation to No Parking Anytime.
 - g) From approximately 60 feet west of Skilton Avenue (eastern leg) to approximately 150 feet west of Skilton Avenue (eastern leg), request to convert the existing Permit Parking Only regulation to Two-Hour Parking Except by Permit 8:00am-2:30am, Permit Parking Only 2:30am-8:00am.
 - h) From approximately 60 feet east of Skilton Avenue (western leg) to Skilton Avenue, request to convert the existing Permit Parking Only regulation to an MBTA bus stop.
 - i) From approximately 30 feet west of Skilton Avenue (western leg) to approximately 90 feet west of Skilton Avenue, request to convert the MBTA Bus Stop to No Parking Anytime.
 - j) From approximately 220 feet east of Medford St to 20 feet east of Medford St, request to convert the existing Two-Hour Parking Except by Permit 8:00am-2:30am, Permit Parking Only 2:30am-8:00am regulation to No Parking Anytime.

- Regarding the curb on the north side of Pearl St:
 - k) From approximately 10 feet west of Dana Street to approximately 85 feet west of Dana St, request to convert the existing No Parking Anytime regulation to Two-Hour Parking Except By Permit 8:00am-2:30am, Permit Parking Only 2:30am-8:00am.
 - l) From approximately 15 west of Wesley Street to approximately 110 feet east of Walnut St, request to convert the existing No Parking Anytime regulation to Two-

Hour Parking Except By Permit 8:00am-2:30am, Permit Parking Only 2:30am-8:00am.

- m) From approximately 110 feet east of Walnut St to approximately 70 feet east of Walnut Street, request to convert the existing MBTA Bus Stop regulation to Two-Hour Parking Except By Permit 8:00am-2:30am, Permit Parking Only 2:30am-8:00am.
 - n) From approximately 70 feet east of Walnut Street to approximately 35 feet east of Walnut St, request to convert the existing MBTA Bus Stop regulation to a Loading Zone.
 - o) From approximately 10 feet west of Walnut Street to approximately 50 feet west of Walnut St, request to convert the existing No Parking Anytime regulation to a MBTA Bus Stop.
 - p) From approximately 50 feet west of Walnut Street to approximately 20 feet east of James Street, request to convert the existing No Parking Anytime regulation to Two-Hour Parking Except By Permit 8:00am-2:30am, Permit Parking Only 2:30am-8:00am.
 - q) From approximately 65 feet east of Marshall Street to 25 feet east of Marshall Street, request to convert the existing No Parking Anytime regulation to a Loading Zone.
 - r) From approximately 25 feet west of Marshall Street to 50 feet west of Marshall St, request to convert the existing No Parking Anytime regulation to Accessible Parking.
- Regarding the curb on the east side of Medford Street:
 - s) From approximately 45 feet north of Pearl Street to approximately 110 feet south of School Street, request to convert the existing Two-Hour Parking Except By Permit 8:00am-2:30am, Permit Parking Only 2:30am-8:00am regulation to No Parking Any Time.
 - t) From approximately 10 feet south of Pearl Street to approximately 50 feet south of Medford Street, request to convert the existing Two-Hour Parking Except By Permit 8:00am-2:30am, Permit Parking Only 2:30am-8:00am regulation to a Loading Zone from 8:00am to 4:00pm on weekdays and to remain Two-Hour Parking Except By Permit 8:00am-2:30am, Permit Parking Only 2:30am-8:00am at all other times.
 - Regarding the curb on the west side of Marshall Street:
 - u) From approximately 30 feet north of Medford St to approximately 130 feet north of Medford Street, request to convert the existing Permit Parking only Regulation to Two-Hour Parking Except By Permit 8:00am-2:30am, Permit Parking Only 2:30am-8:00am.
 - Regarding the curb on the west side of Walnut Street:
 - v) From approximately 20 feet north of Pearl Street to approximately 55 feet north of Pearl St, request to convert the existing Permit Parking Only regulation to No Parking Anytime.
 - Regarding the curb on the east side of Walnut Street:

- w) From approximately 20 feet north of Pearl Street to approximately 40 feet north of Pearl St, request to convert the existing Loading Zone regulation to Accessible Parking.
- Regarding the curb on the west side of Jasper Street:
 - x) From approximately 20 feet south of Pearl Street to approximately 40 feet south of Pearl Street, request to convert the existing Permit Parking Only regulation to Accessible Parking.
- Regarding the curb on the east side of Wesley Street:
 - y) From approximately 20 feet north of Pearl Street to approximately 45 feet north of Pearl Street, request to convert the existing Permit Parking Only regulation to No Parking Anytime.
- Regarding the new intersection configuration of Pearl St and Medford St:
 - z) Request to remove the stop sign on westbound Pearl St at Medford St and request to implement a stop sign on northbound Medford St at Pearl St.

Brad Rawson, Director of Mobility-OSPCD, gave a brief overview of the project.

Councilor Sait requested to waive the reading of the full agenda item. The Chair requested a roll call vote on the motion.

Councilor Sait-yes, Assistant Chief Tierney-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 5-0-0.

Justin Schreiber, Senior Planner-Mobility, gave [this presentation](#), detailing the parking regulation changes being requested for this project. Councilor Sait asked if the parking spaces on Medford St were currently being used by teachers. Justin responded they weren't sure if the spaces were being used by teachers, and highlighted the nearby off-street parking lot that is restricted for city hall and school permits only during the day. Chair Weisman inquired about how the turning angles for side streets were analyzed. Justin shared that they use the largest fire department vehicle applicable as their design vehicle.

The Chair requested a roll call vote on this item.

Assistant Chief Tierney-yes, Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 5-0-0.

The Chair requested a roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm.

Assistant Chief Tierney-yes, Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The motion was approved 5-0-0.