

Traffic Commission Minutes
June 2nd, 2026 at 5:30pm

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Attendance: Chair Eric Weisman, Councilor Naima Sait, Lena Webb, Assistant Chief Sean Tierney

Staff: Jackie Stagnari, Suzanne Rinfret, Isabela Maia, Greg Hanafin, Sgt. Michael McCarey

Roll Call

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

Jackie Stagnari, Staff Liaison, noted that Sgt. McCarey was in attendance as a non-voting representative of SPD due to Lt. Holland's absence.

Item #1 – Approval of the Minutes from the May 14th, 2026 Traffic Commission Meeting.

A roll call vote was taken; Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0-0.

Item #2 – Request for an accessible parking space at 50 Hanson Street.

Suzanne Rinfret, Director of Parking, stated this request is from a constituent and all the paperwork was reviewed.

A roll call vote was taken; Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0-0.

Item #3 – Request for a fire lane on the even side of Central St from Somerville Ave to 52 ft. north of Somerville Ave.

Jackie Stagnari displayed the Central St Fire Lane Request letter submitted by Chief Breen of SFD. Chair Weisman asked if this was to accommodate the right turn coming west on Somerville Ave, which Asst. Chief Tierney confirmed was correct. The Chair noted that the meter was currently bagged and asked if a sign would be installed if this item was approved. Suzanne Rinfret confirmed that a No Parking, Fire Lane sign will be installed. Lena Webb asked if the image shown was pre-construction. Suzanne confirmed it was an outdated photo from Google Maps. Asst. Chief Tierney stated the trucks are unable to make the turn after the construction project was implemented, they field tested it and determined a fire lane was needed.

A roll call vote was taken; Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0-0.

Item #4 – Request for changes to curb regulations at 278-280 Highland Ave, 146-150 Highland Ave, and 147-149 Highland Ave, as detailed within, as part of the Highland Ave Clear Corners Implementation.

Isabela Maia, Traffic Engineer, gave an overview of the city's Clear Corners initiative and presented the Highland Ave Clear Corners Regulation Requests. Lena Webb shared support for the Clear Corners implementations. Sgt. McCarey inquired if the loading zones would be 24/7 or time limited. Isabela confirmed they would be full time. Councilor Sait expressed support for the Clear Corners efforts and thanked Isabela for reaching out to the businesses. She asked if the loading zones can be used as pick up/drop off areas as well, such as for the daycare. Isabela confirmed they can be, with a 5 minute limit for passenger vehicles and a 20 minute limit for commercial vehicles. Chair Weisman also expressed support for a loading zone at this location.

A roll call vote was taken; Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0-0.

Item #5 – Request to make permanent the current curb regulations of the Central Hill curbside management pilot, originally approved at the November 18, 2021 Traffic Commission meeting, as detailed within.

Greg Hanafin, Transportation Planner-Mobility, presented the Central Hill Parking Regulations 2026 slides. Lena Webb stated support for the pilot, the work that's been done since 2021, and the request to make it permanent. Councilor Siat expressed support for this work to make sure educators and city staff have a place to park in the mornings. Chair Weisman asked if staff have heard any complaints from residents or teachers. Greg noted there were concerns on both sides when this was implemented but in the years since, they have heard very little feedback regarding parking issues. The Chair commented on the flex posts on Highland Ave at Vinal Ave, and asked if there were any other anticipated changes at the corners. Greg noted that the city would be implementing Clear Corners along Highland Ave but clarified those are currently illegal parking spaces. There are no current projects planned that expect to have a significant impact on parking. Councilor Sait asked if there was data on how many city and school staff are using Blue Bikes

memberships and the MBTA passes offered. Greg confirmed they have some data but he would have to look into it more.

A roll call vote was taken; Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0-0.

Item #6 – Request for changes to the language of the Traffic Regulations Article XV Section 15-2.1, as detailed within.

Jackie Stagnari, Project Manager-Parking, presented the Traffic Regulations Article XV Section 15-2.1 Revisions document and noted that the requested changes to not alter the regulation itself, only the language. The goal is to make it more clear and transparent as the language used to describe this regulation and its standard operating procedures has evolved since the original regulation language was adopted. Chair Weisman asked about the process to obtain a waiver, which Jackie explained, and confirmed that they have to be renewed yearly.

A roll call vote was taken; Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0-0.

A roll call vote to adjourn was taken at 6:25pm.

A roll call vote was taken; Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0-0.

Referenced Documents:

- Central St Fire Lane Request
- Highland Ave Clear Corners Regulation Requests
- Traffic Commission November 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- Central Hill Parking Regulations 2026
- Traffic Regulations Article XV Section 15-2.1 Revisions