

Traffic Commission Minutes
August 4th, 2026 at 5:30pm

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

Staff: Jackie Stagnari, Suzanne Rinfret

Public: Kristen Picard, Rebecca Adams, Bill Montgomery, Anja Rauh Bresler, Joe Lynch

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

Roll Call

Chair Eric Weisman – present

Lena Webb – present

Asst. Chief Sean Tierney – present

Lt. Michael Holland – present

Councilor Naima Sait – absent

Item #1 – Approval of the Minutes from the July 7th, 2026 Traffic Commission Meeting.

A roll call vote was taken – Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0-0.

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

- a) 27 Concord Ave
- b) 30 Derby St

Chair Weisman asked if these were new locations. Jackie Stagnari, Staff Liaison, confirmed they were and the applications had been reviewed and recommended for approval.

A roll call vote was taken – Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0-0.

Item #3 – Request to convert two parking spaces at 500 Medford St, currently a loading zone from 8am-12pm and metered parking from 12pm-8pm, to a full time loading zone.

Jackie Stagnari, Staff Liaison/Project Manager-Parking, shared an image of 500 Medford St on Google Maps Street View and explained there is a recreational cannabis dispensary opening at this location. They requested more customer-focused parking with quick pick up options, so staff recommended converting the existing morning loading zone/afternoon metered parking to a full time loading zone. Chair Weisman asked for clarification on the meters and signage, Jackie confirmed the meters would be removed and the loading zone signs would be installed on new poles.

A roll call vote was taken – Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0-0.

Item #4 – Former bus stops on Grand Union Blvd

- a) Request to regulate the curb on the west side of Grand Union Blvd, from approximately 140 ft south of Foley St to approximately 265 ft south of Foley St, as No Parking Any Time.
- b) Request to regulate the curb on the east side of Grand Union Blvd, from approximately 150 ft south of Foley St to approximately 270 ft south of Foley St, as No Parking Any Time.

Jackie Stagnari showed an image of the area on Google Maps Street View and explained these spaces used to be bus stops that have been relocated to nearby areas through a couple different projects. These areas had become unregulated parking that the city would like to regulate as No Parking Any Time to prevent long term vehicle storage. Due to the current design of the street and the requirements of the Safe Streets Ordinance, the city is unable to add parking spaces in this area at this time.

A roll call vote was taken – Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0-0.

Item #5 – School bus parking area on Webster Ave for Prospect Hill Academy

Request to regulate the curb on the west side of Webster Ave, from approximately 40 ft south of Washington St to approximately 190 ft south of Washington St, as School Bus Parking Only 6:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday, Sept-June, 2 hour except by permit parking 4:00pm-2:30am, and permit parking only 2:30am-6:00am.

Suzanne Rinfret, Director of Parking, stated this request came from the Prospect Hill Academy Schools. They are trying to minimize the number of cars coming to the schools by providing school bus service. This request reallocates some of the existing arrival/dismissal space on Webster Ave to school bus spots. Chair Weisman asked if this would increase the amount of

double parking in the bike lane. Suzanne stated the goal of this bus service is to decrease the number of individual vehicles arriving at the school and rectify the double parking issue. Suzanne also confirmed there will still be some spaces reserved for arrival/dismissal parking. Lena Webb inquired if the school buses will stay parked in these spaces during the day. Suzanne responded they will be coming and going between the Webster Ave and Franklin St locations.

A roll call vote was taken – Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0-0.

Item #6 - School bus parking and arrival area on Franklin St for Prospect Hill Academy

- a) Request to regulate the curb on the west side of Franklin St, from approximately 60 ft north of Perkins St to approximately 195 ft north of Perkins St, as School Bus Parking Only 6:00am-4:00pm, Mon-Fri, Sept-June, and permit parking all other times.
- b) Request to regulate the curb on the west side of Franklin St, from approximately 195 ft north of Perkins St to approximately 270 ft north of Perkins St, as School Arrival Only 6:00am-9:00am and permit parking all other times.

Suzanne Rinfret explained the school is requesting arrival only space in the mornings on Franklin St since they have a system set up in the parking lot of dismissal time. They are also requesting space for school buses to do arrival and dismissal service.

A roll call vote was taken – Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0-0.

Item #7 – Request for fire lanes on Hooker Ave (to replace the fire lane that is recorded in the Traffic Regulations but currently not physically posted at this location):

- a) In a southerly direction on the odd side of Hooker Ave 29 ft from Endicott Ave to the dead end at the chain link fence.
- b) The width of the dead end of Hooker Ave from curb to curb for a length of 26 ft.

Asst. Chief Tierney explained this item came up because a new school is opening at this location, and emergency access needs to be reinstituted. Jackie Stagnari shared the letter from the Fire Chief detailing the request and the included images. Chair Weisman asked about the fire lane previously recorded at this location. Jackie explained what was listed in the regulations was a smaller area, it was sent to the Fire Department for review and the Chief requested this larger area to override the preexisting regulation.

A roll call vote was taken – Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0-0.

Motion to adjourn made at 6:17pm.

A roll call vote was taken – Lena Webb-yes, Asst. Chief Tierney-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0-0.