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VIRTUAL MEETING – Tuesday January 18, 2022, 4:30pm

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ASL interpreters provided

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Please note: all times listed below are approximate

1. Call to order, instructions for virtual meeting, introductions	4:30-4:40
2. Approval of December 21, 2021 minutes	4:40-4:45
3. Request for DPW to provide ongoing Apex curb cut reporting to the Commission prior to installation (Director Turchek and Mark Elbag, Worcester Director of Engineering)	4:45-5:00

References:
521 CMR 21.00: CURB CUT

21.1 GENERAL Whenever sidewalks, walkways, or curbs on streets and ways are constructed, reconstructed, or repaired, curb cuts are required. All curb cuts shall comply with the following:

21.2 LOCATION Curb cuts shall occur wherever an accessible route crosses a curb and at the following locations:

21.2.1 Curb cuts are required at each corner of each intersection, located within the crosswalk and/or the pedestrian path of travel. Curb cuts shall be perpendicular to the curb at street crossings and each shall have a level landing at the top. At marked crossings, the bottom of the ramp run, exclusive of flared sides, shall be wholly contained with the marked crossing. The crosswalk/pedestrian path of travel must also be perpendicular to the curb.

Exception: Where pedestrian right-of-way established width will not accommodate a perpendicular curb cut and landing, a parallel public sidewalk curb cut with a level landing at its bottom shall be provided instead of a perpendicular curb cut.

<p><i>21.2.1.1 Apex curb cuts: Where site constraints prevent the installation of a perpendicular curb cut or a parallel curb cut with a level landing, an apex curb cut is allowed. Site constraints include the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Driver or pedestrian line of sight to or from the front of the level landing on the ramp is impaired, preventing safe observation of crosswalks or approaching traffic at the intersection by a significant immovable or unalterable streetscape feature such as a building, structure or historic element, etc.</i> <i>b. Stop line is beyond the allowed limit as stated in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.</i> <i>c. Vaults containing electrical, telecommunications, etc. that are under or on the existing sidewalk.</i> <i>d. Large radius intersections which are 30 feet or greater</i> <p>https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/04/11/521cmr21.pdf</p> <p>See also MA Dept of Transportation Construction Standard Details (See Drawings E 107.1.0-107.9.0) https://www.mass.gov/doc/construction-standard-details/download</p>	
<p>4. Review of first six month report of Yellow Cab Wheelchair Accessible Van rides (Bill Clark, Owner of Worcester Yellow Cab)</p>	<p>5:00-5:15</p>
<p>5. Conversation with Sarah Nechamen (she/her), Outreach and Training Specialist, Disabled Persons Protection Commission</p>	<p>5:15-6:00</p>
<p>6. FY21 HP parking violation report as received from the Parking Administrator</p>	<p>6:00-6:10 →</p>

<p>7. Worcester Tercentennial Discussion: Worcester was founded on June 14, 1722. 2022 will include a series of observances to commemorate this anniversary. https://www.wbjournal.com/article/worcester-tercentennial-invites-businesses-to-celebrate-300th-anniversary</p>	<p>6:10-6:30</p>
<p>8. Notice: MA COVID-19 vaccine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccine clinics and vaccine information: https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine Need an ASL Interpreter? To request interpreter/accommodation call Michelle at 774-303-6976 or email mortizocasio.socialwork@gmail.com 	<p>6:30-6:30</p>
<p>9. Review of AAB notices and applications: (No City owned properties) <u>Notice of Action and Hearing Feb 7 at 1pm:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lutheran Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center, 26 Harvard St, (V21-208) 	<p>6:30-6:30</p>
<p>10. Suggestions for upcoming agenda items</p>	<p>6:30-6:35</p>
<p>11. Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Accessibility Advisory Commission virtual meeting: February 15, 2022 - 4:30pm • WRTA Transportation Advisory Planning Group – February 16, 2022 – 1:00 – 3:30pm <p>Emergency Preparedness Tip: Pack an emergency “Go Pack” with essential life-saving items such as medications and store several gallons of water/person at home. Click here for a list of items and other helpful tips: https://www.ready.gov/</p>	<p>6:35</p>

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