



Department of Transportation & Mobility Recommendations
Traffic and Parking Committee
Sept 20, 2023

3. Handicap Parking Petitions

- a. Ivette Navarro request installation of handicap parking space in front of 31 Oxford St. (Amended July 19, 2023)

8m CC November 9, 2021

In Committee July 19, 2023 - Held

DTM Recommendation: Hold and readvertise for opposite of 31 Oxford St

Background

- *West side of Oxford St is no-parking Anytime. Petition will need to be re-advertised for the opposite side of the street.*

- b. Scott Smith request installation of handicap parking space in front of 83 Richland St. (Amended July 19, 2023)

9h CC June 6, 2023

In Committee July 19, 2023 – Held

DTM Recommendation: Approve.

Background

- *Location is in an RPP zone, but is suitable for HP parking.*

- c. Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Jonisha Deleon request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 29 Shamrock St.

8h CC June 13, 2023

In Committee July 19, 2023 – Held

DTM Recommendation: Hold.

Background

- *DTM has been unsuccessful in reaching the applicant to obtain a HP placard.*
- *DTM will send a letter stating that the item will be filed if the petitioner does not respond prior to the next Committee meeting.*

- d. Dolores Anderson request removal of handicap parking space in front of 563 Grafton St. # 8e CC June 27, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Approve removal of HP parking at “Standish St. Adjacent to 563 Grafton St.”

Background

- *HP space is located on Standish St adjacent to 563 Grafton St.*
- *Original petition was associated with 563 Grafton St.*

- e. Anthony Perrone on behalf of Anna Perrone request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 109 Dana Ave.

8l CC July 18, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Approve.

Background

- *Location is suitable for HP parking*
- *While off-street parking is provided, the residence is a 3-family and may benefit from HP parking directly to the front of the building.*

- f. Kristen Simonelli request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 14 William St.

8p CC July 18, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Approve.

Background

- *Location is suitable for HP space.*
- *Property has limited off-street parking for a Multifamily use.*
- *There is an existing HP space at the adjacent property at 10 William St.*

- g. Miguel Galindo request removal of two (2) handicap parking spaces in front of 21 May St.

8ee CC August 22, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Approve.

Background

- *The entire frontage of #21 is currently HP designated.*
- *HP zones originally established in 2000 and 2019 are identified as associated with #21 May St.*

- h. Charles Divris request removal of handicap parking space in front of 81-83 Whitmarsh Ave.

8ff CC August 22, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Hold.

Background

- *HP zone was just established in October 2022 (Different petitioner).*
- *Current petitioner states that the HP space does not work for the original petition due to its proximity to a tree, is not being used, and requests that it be removed.*
- *DTM is following up with both petitions to determine whether adjustment to the space location or dimensions may be preferable instead.*

- i. Rebecca Asibey request installation of handicap parking space in front of 39 Litchfield St.

8gg CC August 22, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Grant petitioner Leave to Withdrawal.

Background

- *Petitioner has requested to withdraw the request.*

- j. Seth Wahlgren request removal of handicap parking space in front of 76 Arlington St. # 8hh CC August 22, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Approve.

Background

- *Petition states HP parking is no longer required at this location.*

- k. Irma Camacho request installation of handicap parking space in front of 48 Tower St. # 8kk CC August 22, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Approve

Background

- *Location is in a declared winter parking ban, meaning the vehicle will need to be parked elsewhere during declared snow events; resident acknowledges and prefers this location to one across the street.*

- l. Mundher Alzuhairi request removal of handicap parking space in front of 35 Barclay St. # 8ll CC August 22, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Approve.

Background

- *Space was ordained in 2018 at the request of the same petition; is no longer needed.*

- m.** Barbara Kelley request installation of handicap parking space in front of 11 Woodward St.

8mm CC August 22, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Hold to confirm preferred location and re-advertise.

Background

- *Petition requests 23 Cheever, which is on the side street and across the street from the subject property.*

- n.** Jhoan Do Nascimento request removal of two (2) handicap parking spaces in front of 11 Reeves St.

8ww CC August 22, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Approve.

Background

- *Space was ordained in 2020; is no longer needed.*
- *There is only a single ordained HP space at this location*

- o.** Harry Brooks request installation of handicap parking space in front of 25 1/2 Crompton St.

9e CC August 22, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Approve.

Background

- *Location is suitable for an HP space.*

- p.** Laima Cespedes request installation of handicap parking space in front of 2 Waller Ave. # 9f CC August 22, 2023

DTM Recommendation: File.

Background

- *Waller Avenue is a private way that is not under City jurisdiction.*
- *A similar petition was submitted and filed by City Council in 2016.*

4. Crosswalk and Lighted Crosswalk System Petitions

- a. Brian Underwood request installation of flashing crosswalk lights in the vicinity of Goddard School of Science & Technology, 14 Richards St.

9z CC June 8, 2021

In Committee September 30, 2021 - Held In Committee October 19, 2022 - Held In Committee May 17, 2023 - Held

DTM Recommendation: File and Chair's Order to install MUTCD compliant Pedestrian in Crosswalk signage at this location and to coordinate with the School Department to investigate ways to improve safety and access during the arrival and dismissal activities.

Background

- *Please see memorandum for detailed discussion of this request.*

- b. Sebastian Pawlowicz request installation of crosswalk on Rexhame Rd. # 9m CC September 20, 2022

In Committee January 18, 2023 - Held In Committee April 26, 2023 - Held

DTM Recommendation: File.

Background

- *DTM has been unable to obtain clarification on a specific location from the petitioner.*

- c. Sheila Bilotta et al. request installation of flashing crosswalk light on Hamilton St. at the crosswalk in the vicinity of 489 Hamilton St.

8e CC January 31, 2023

DTM Recommendation: File and Chair's Order to Install Pedestrian in Crosswalk signs.

Background

- *Please see memorandum for detailed discussion of this request.*

- d. Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Gregory Wong request installation of flashing pedestrian crosswalk lights on Sunderland Rd. in the vicinity of Roosevelt Street School.

9e CC February 14, 2023

DTM Recommendation: File.

The following Chair's Orders are also suggested for consideration:

- *Request installation of Pedestrian in Crosswalk signage;*
- *Request review and upgrade to School Zone signage along Sunderland Road in the vicinity of Roosevelt School;*
- *Request development of a plan to address sidewalks and pedestrian accommodations comprehensively along Sunderland Road between Dalton Street and Grafton Street, with particular emphasis on the section between Perkins Farm Road and the westerly driveway of Redwood Hills.*

Background

- *Please see memorandum for detailed discussion of this request.*

5. Speed and Traffic Enforcement Petitions

- a. Irene Montecalvo et al. request installation of speed monitoring devices on Lake Ave. in the vicinity of Belmont St.

9h CC March 21, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Please confer with WPD re: enforcement and/or installation of temporary speed monitoring devices.

Background

- *Statutory speed limits apply, meaning that exceeding 30 mph for 1/8 of a mile is considered a violation in a Thickly Settled area or Business District.*
- *DTM assessed speeds at this location, which show:*
 - *Estimated average travel speeds ranging from 24 mph to 37 mph depending on direction and time of day.*
 - *Estimated 85th percentile speeds range from 34 mph to 44 mph, indicating that speeding is occurring at locations throughout the corridor. However, travel speeds are lowest in the vicinity of Belmont Street. Locations south of Lake View St exhibit higher average and 85th percentile speeds and may be better locations for targeted actions.*

- a. Peter Maybay request installation of speed monitoring device on Goddard Memorial Dr. in the vicinity of Parsons Hill Dr.

8e CC April 11, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Please confer with WPD re: enforcement and/or installation of temporary speed monitoring devices.

Background

- *Goddard Memorial Dr is a 4-lane divided roadway.*
- *While statutory speed limits apply; this location is neither Thickly Settled nor*

a Business District, and therefore the typical 30 mph limit is not applicable. Instead, MGL Chap 90 sec 17 specifies that limits are 50 mph for “divided highway” or 40 mph “for other ways” outside of thickly settled areas.

- *DTM assessed speeds at this location, which show:*
 - *Estimated average travel speeds ranging from 35 mph to 42 mph depending on direction and time of day.*
 - *Estimated 85th percentile speeds range from 45 mph to 51 mph.*

6. Traffic Sign Petitions

- a. Paula and Harian Chaput request installation of Dead End signage on Esper Ave. # 8f CC January 31, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Approve order requesting installation of a “Dead End” sign at the beginning of Esper Avenue and a “No Outlet” sign at the beginning of Midgley Avenue.

Background

- *Esper Avenue is a dead-end street that is accessed from Midgley Avenue, which in turn is accessed from Mill Street.*
- *There are no other outlets from these streets.*
- *Drivers accessing Midgley Ave from Mill Street should be warned that there is no outlet for these streets,*

7. Stop Sign Petitions

- a. Peter Magerowski request installation of three-way stop sign at the intersection of Barry Rd., Barry Rd. Ext. and Toronita Ave.

9d CC June 15, 2021

In Committee December 15, 2021 - Held

DTM Recommendation: Approve All Way Stop Control.

Background

- *Please see memorandum for detailed discussion of this request.*

- b. Councilor Sarai Rivera request installation of a four-way stop sign at Southgate St. and Gardner St.

7k CC November 23, 2021

In Committee October 19, 2022 - Held In Committee March 22, 2023 - Held

DTM Recommendation: File

Background

- *Please see memorandum for detailed discussion of this request.*

- c. Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Amelia O'Brian request installation of four-way stop signage at the intersection of Gosnold St. and Andover St.

8s CC April 26, 2022

In Committee June 22, 2022 - Held In Committee August 10, 2022 - Held In Committee May 17, 2023 - Held

DTM Recommendation: File and Chair's Orders to (1) Investigate prohibiting parking on the easterly side of Gosnold St for 40 ft north of the intersection, (2) Request that the street tree on the northeast corner be trimmed, and (3) Request installation of painted stop bars on Andover St.

Background

- *Please see memorandum for detailed discussion of this request.*

8. Richland Street Items

- a. Rosie Fayard, on behalf of Learning First Charter Public School, request installation of No Parking Here to Curb on both ends of Richland St. on School side.

9i CC June 6, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Approve No Parking on the southerly side of Richland St extending 30 ft west of Vernon Street.

Background

- *Parking prohibition is necessary to facilitate turning movements, particularly for buses and other large vehicles.*
- *See memorandum for additional detail.*

- b. Rosie Fayard, on behalf of Learning First Charter Public School, request installation of No Left Turn 2 - 3 p.m. on School Days signage at the intersection of Ward St., Richland St. and Dorchester St.

9j CC June 6, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Approve No Left Turns from Ward St to Richland Street, and from Richland St to Dorchester St, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM School Days.

Background

- *Left turn prohibitions during the dismissal period will aide the school in executing their dismissal routine efficiently and help prevent unintentional drivers from entering the roadway during this congested period.*

- *See memorandum for additional detail.*

- c. John Yanczewski request traffic enforcement on Richland St.
8j CC June 20, 2023

DTM Recommendation: File

Background

- *DTM has increased parking enforcement in the area with the start of the school year.*
- *Residents may contact 311 or the Parking Control Office at 508-929-1300 x49500 to request enforcement.*

- b. John Yanczewski request installation of "No Parking Anytime Monday to Friday 6:30a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m." signage on both sides of Richland St.

8k CC June 20, 2023

DTM Recommendation: File

Background

- *Previously ordained No Parking Zones during school hours is in the process of being implemented.*

9. Speed Hump Petitions

- a. Gordon Duncan request Haviland St. be reviewed for installation of speed humps and/or other traffic calming measures.

8g CC January 24, 2023

In Committee July 19, 2023 - Held

DTM Recommendation: File and coordinate with District Councilor to select 2024 locations for speed humps and traffic calming installations.

Background

- *New and existing residential speed hump and traffic calming requests are being evaluated by DTM in consultation with District Councilors this fall and winter so that selected treatments may be implemented in spring.*

- b. Gordon Duncan request Germain St. be reviewed for installation of speed humps and/or other traffic calming measures.

8h CC January 24, 2023

In Committee July 19, 2023 – Held

DTM Recommendation: File and coordinate with District Councilor to select 2024 locations for speed humps and traffic calming installations.

Background

- *New and existing residential speed hump and traffic calming requests are being evaluated by DTM in consultation with District Councilors this fall and winter so that selected treatments may be implemented in spring.*

10. No Parking Petitions

- a. Gordon Duncan request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage on Bancroft Tower Rd. in the vicinity of 17 and 18 Bancroft Tower Rd. (Amended May 17, 2023)

8d CC February 28, 2023

In Committee May 17, 2023 - Held

DTM Recommendation: DTM does not oppose approval if favored by abutting residents.

Background

- *Petition applies to a short (approx.. 120 ft long) section of Bancroft Tower Rd that fronts #17 and #18. It would not affect parking within Park Dept property, nor on the portion of Bancroft Tower Rd between Beechmont St and Farnum St.*

- b. Delma Betancourt request installation of No Parking Within 5 Feet of Driveway signage at 35 Shelby St.

10n CC January 11, 2022

In Committee February 15, 2023 - Held

DTM Recommendation: Hold to clarify best approach with applicant.

Background

- *Given that there are tens of thousands of driveways across the city, the city does not sign the standard No Parking within 5 ft of driveways prohibition that applies citywide.*
- *Staff believes that a better approach may be to prohibit parking along the entire frontage to 35 Shelby, creating sufficient space for the access requested.*

- c. Tammy Haney, on behalf of Community Healthlink, request installation of No Parking Anytime signage in front of the loading dock door at 199 Chandler St. on Bellevue St. side.

8h CC January 31, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Hold to clarify and potentially re-advertise as a Commercial Loading Zone.

Background

- *Petitioner has a streetside load dock with no driveway curb cut.*
- *Commercial Load Zone signs are currently in place (Google Streetview shows that these were recently installed), but a Commercial Load zone has not been established at this location.*

- d. Thoma Xhupi request installation of No Parking Anytime signage in front of 325 Pleasant St. on the Merrick St. side.

7c CC February 7, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Approve No Parking between the driveway and intersection; retain 30-minute parking north of the driveway.

Background

- *The location, adjacent to Cool Licks Ice Cream, is presently signed signed No Parking for the first 20 feet from the intersection and 30-minute parking for an additional 85 ft to the north.*
- *DTM recommends that, if approved, the No Parking zone be extended north to the curb cut for 325 Pleasant St's off-street parking area, and that the remainder of the 30 minute zone to the north of the driveway remain as 30 minute parking.*

- e. Kelly Bilinsky, Property Manager of Fremont Lofts Condominium, request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage near the Fremont Lofts parking lot entrances on St. Johns Rd.

8e CC February 28, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Approve No Parking Anytime 20 feet in either direction from the driveway.

Background

- *Location is a large off-street parking lot for a multifamily residential use.*
- *Petitioner reports that sight distance is insufficient for traffic exiting the driveway.*

11. One and Two-Way Street Reconfiguration Petitions

- c. Brenda Jenkins request the street from 3-38 Benefit St. be made one way street in the northwest direction.

8i CC April 26, 2022

DTM Recommendation: Hold following public testimony.

Background

- *Benefit Street is a two-way street that is 30 ft curb to curb. This is sufficient width for parking on both sides of the street and two-way “yield” operation, which is typically appropriate for a low volume roadway such as this.*
- *A full crash analysis has yet to be completed, but cursory review of crash data shows scattered crashes along the corridor, with high concentration of crashes occurring at the Main St and the Beacon St intersections.*
- *The concern with converting to one-way is that the resulting 15 ft travel lane would be excessively wide, and speeding would increase under a one-way configuration.*

- d. Mark Donahue request Arwick Ave. be made two- w a y street between Quinsigamond Ave. and Millbury St.

8d CC May 10, 2022

In Committee May 17, 2023 - Held

DTM Recommendation: Approve.

Background

- *Conversion to two-way was coordinated with Site Plan approval*
- *If the developer does not execute the improvements necessary to convert the street to two-way traffic in a timely fashion, DTM will petition to reinstate the one-way regulations.*

12. Parking and Parking Meter Petitions

- a. Vui Lam request parking issues at 86-90 Ward St. on Wade St. side be addressed in order to allow for trash pick up.

8d CC October 19, 2021

In Committee November 17, 2021 - Held

DTM Recommendation: Approve No Parking Anytime for the north side of Wade Street.

Background

- *Ordained as HP parking in 1999. Not currently signed*
- *Signed as Residential permit only; Ordained as such in 2000.*
- *No restrictions parking on the southerly curb line.*
- *Wade St is only 24 ft wide, which is not wide enough to facilitate parking on both sides of the street. Parking should be prohibited on the north side.*

13. Resident Permit Parking Petitions

- a. Courtney Ordway et al. request installation of resident permit parking on Nebraska St. in the vicinity of 8 Camassa Ter. and 6 Muskeego St.

10j CC January 11, 2022

In Committee February 9, 2022 - Held In Committee July 19, 2023 - Held

DTM Recommendation: Pending feedback from petitioners.

Background

- *DTM recommends that the petitioners consult with 4 and 6 Camassa Terrace to gauge interest in joining the petition. Camassa Terrace is very narrow and would benefit from limiting parking to residents only.*
- *The north side of Nebraska St has 1 HP spaces and space for 1 additional parked vehicle. The south side has space for approximately 4 spaces.*
- *Residential parking zones have historically been established in residentially zoned neighborhoods, although this is not a strict requirement of the ordinance. This area is zoned Manufacturing despite the residential uses present.*

- b. Joanne McGrail request removal of resident permit parking on Holland Rd. # 8a CC March 22, 2022

In Committee June 22, 2022 - Held In Committee July 19, 2023 - Held

DTM Recommendation: Pending additional information from petitioner.

Background

- *Resident was asked to consult with neighbors concerning proposal to review Residential Permit zone.*

- c. Natalie Turner request installation of resident permit parking on Parker St. from Park Ave. to Mayfield St.

8g CC June 20, 2023

DTM Recommendation: File.

Background

- *Residential parking zones are intended to reserve parking for residential uses in areas where parking demand is high due to nearby commercial uses. Parking is readily available in this location.*
- *Residential parking zones have historically been established in residentially zoned neighborhoods, although this is not a strict requirement of the*

ordinance. This area is zoned BG-4.0 despite the residential uses present.

14. Communications of the City Manager

- a. Recommend adoption of a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 13, Section 71, Schedule IV-B to relocated on-street parking from the east side of Harding Street to the west side of the street between Arwick Avenue and Endicott Street.

9.10A CC April 11, 2023

DTM Recommendation: Approve

Background

- *Harding Street is wide enough to accommodate parking on one side of the street; parking is presently allowed on the east side only.*
- *Shifting the parking lane on Harding Street from the east to the west side of the street will establish 24 additional legal parking spaces.*