

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 8, 2012 Meeting
Public Services Administration Building
Needham, MA
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IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Thomas Stokes, Lt. John Kraemer, Jeffrey MacMann, Tony DelGaizo
Robert Wilson, Glen Schneider, Donna Mullin, Richard Merson, Mark Rosen

Guests: Kathleen Leahy

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:05 PM by Mr. Stokes

I. BICYCLE MARKINGS ON WEBSTER STREET: STATUS OF PROPOSED COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

Mr. Merson provided an update on evolving plans to conduct a community information session on proposed bicycle markings (“Sharrows”) on Webster Street. Prior to scheduling the meeting, the Board of Selectman has requested a briefing on the TMAC’s discussions with Needham Bikes and the resulting recommendations and plans. Mr. Merson will make the presentation to the Board on February 14, 2012. Depending on the outcome of the presentation, the community information meeting will be held in conjunction with the regular March or April TMAC meeting. Needham Bikes has agreed to distribute flyers along Webster Street to publicize the community meeting after it is scheduled.

II. DISTRIBUTION OF STATE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Merson distributed copies of “You Move Massachusetts”, the 2009 state transportation plan. According to his brief overview, the report addresses ten highly integrated themes that place Massachusetts on the leading edge of transportation planning. Mr. Merson also distributed material on upcoming training workshops on the “Complete Streets” concepts and design tools. One of these “technology transfer” workshops may be held in Needham and would be offered to personnel from a variety of town departments who fit under the multi-disciplinary concept of “Complete Streets”

III. SIGNAGE AND ENFORCEMENT ON NEHOIDEN STREET

Ms. Leahy returned to follow up on the status of a previous agenda item regarding her desire to restrict commercial truck traffic on Nehoiden Street. She discussed her personal attempts to contact delivery companies as well as discussions with Google Maps to remove the street as a designated through route. Mr. DelGaizo explained the need to submit an application to the state for approval which must have a designated alternative route. **The Committee passed a motion** to prepare an application to MassDOT proposing that a “no heavy trucks” restriction apply to the entire length of Nehoiden Street and designating Great Plain Avenue and Central Avenues as the alternate routing. Prior to submitting the application, Mr. Wilson will informally contact the agency to assess the likelihood of acceptance.

IV. INTERSECTION, SPEED, SIGNAGE ON BOND STREET/WASHINGTON AVE.

Mr. Atkind was not present at the meeting and the **Committee passed a motion** to remove the case from the agenda going forward.

V. INTERSECTION, CROSSWALK AT LINDEN/GREAT PLAIN AVENUE/WASHBURN AT POST OFFICE

Mr. Merson briefly reviewed the written complaint and provided an overview of the history of this problematic intersection. He noted problems with an unenforceable “no left turn” sign exiting the post office and the moving of the cross-walks to allow for safer crossing of kids bound for High Rock. The **Committee passed a motion** to defer the agenda item until next month when the complainant is present. In the interim the TMAC will research past regulations to determine if the corner of Washburn and Great Plain is supposed to have a stop sign.

VI. SAFETY CONCERN ON FERNDAL ROAD

The **Committee passed a motion** to table this agenda item until further notice

VII. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

The **Committee passed a motion** to approve five new overnight parking permits at the following addresses:

164 Noanett Road
27 Edgewood Street
108 Jarvis Circle
208 Hillcrest Avenue
83 Nardone Road

The **Committee passed a motion** to accept the minutes of the January, 2012 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Minutes compiled and summarized by Glen Schneider