

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of December 12, 2018 meeting
7pm at the Public Services Administration Building
Needham, MA

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Stephen DeLisi, Lt. John Kraemer, Anthony DelGaizo, , Rhain Hoyland, Seth Bauer, Suzanne Stein ,Donna Mullen

Technical advisor: Bob Wilson

Guests: T. Staley, N. Sterling, J. Sterling, E. Sterling

CALL TO ORDER

I. SIGNAGE ON CHARLES RIVER STREET AT CROSSING OF RAIL TRAIL

Mr. Staley presented a concern about the safety of those using the rail trail where it intersects with Charles River Street. There is a rise in the road for vehicles traveling in the southwest direction toward the trail making it difficult for the vehicles to see the upcoming trail and for those on the trail to see oncoming vehicles. The limited visibility is made more concerning by the speed of vehicles at the crest of the hill. Following discussion, a motion was made and unanimously passed to add advanced warning signage on Charles River Street, in both directions, at this intersection. Placement of the signage will be determined by the Engineering division.

II. SPEED, SIGNAGE ON FOREST STREET & BROOKSIDE LANE

Petitioner did not attend the meeting, so this item was tabled.

III. INTERSECTION ON CENTRAL AVENUE BETWEEN CLAXTON FIELD AND RTS

Mr. Sterling (and his parents) expressed concern about difficulty exiting the RTS, especially taking a left hand turn and especially at certain times such as on Saturday afternoons, due to both the speed of vehicles on Central Ave. as well as the challenges presented by the sight lines. It is especially difficult to see cars approaching from the right, but it can take a long time to safely take a left out of the RTS due to speed of cars from both directions. There was some discussion about the speed limit signage in that stretch of road, as well as about warning signs for vehicles approaching the RTS from the Marked Tree side. Although not a high accident area, the Committee agreed that additional attention to the turn is warranted. A Motion was made and unanimously passed that the current sight distance from both directions should be measured, and that Engineering will investigate the possibility of a missing speed limit sign in that area.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee discussed some process issues including how items are tracked and how progress on those items is made available to the public and especially to those who submitted petitions. Included in this discussion was the possibility of using the Website, in addition to feedback letters. We also

discussed the possibility of making Status Updates and Review of Minutes from previous meetings the first two standing items on our Agenda.

V. APPROVE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2018

The minutes were unanimously approved.

Notes taken by Stephen DeLisi