

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting November 18, 2009
Broadmeadow School Media Center, Needham, MA 02492
MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

Meredith Page, Tony Del Gaizo, Bob Wilson, Richard P. Merson, Thomas Stokes, Rebecca Turner

Guests: Sarah Smith, Mike Schwinden, Roger Ambuter, Peter Pingitore, Matthew Packard, David Borah, Suzanne Lissy, Rosalyn Klayman, James Wolfe

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:05 pm.

I. SIGNAGE, CROSSWALK, SIDEWALK CONCERNS AT TOWER/PAUL REVERE/HOOVER INTERSECTION

Mr. Schwinden and Ms. Smith expressed concerns about the safety of pedestrian and vehicular traffic at the intersection of Tower, Paul Revere and Hoover. The intersection has a large open space to cross with a blind curve and limited visibility due to the hill. There are no stop signs or crosswalks and there are some areas without sidewalks. Mr. Del Gaizo stated that the intersection would be surveyed, data collected, and a preliminary conceptual design prepared for comments from the neighborhood. This process will take 6-8 months.

II. HANDICAP PARKING SIGN ON LINDEN STREET

Mr. Ambuter came before the committee to clarify the status of the handicapped parking space on Linden Street next to the Congregational Church. The space does not meet the requirements of a handicap space because the sidewalk is not lowered and because the road is too narrow for the driver to disembark without being in traffic.

III. INTERSECTION OF BOOTH STREET AND BOBSLED DRIVE

Mr. Packard expressed concerns about the safety of pedestrians at the intersection of Booth Street and Bobsled Drive. The roads are used as a cut-through from Central Avenue to Hunnewell Street. There is no stop sign at the bottom of Bobsled at Booth. There is a path that leads to Hillside at the end of Booth Street and there are lots of students in the area.

Action: It was moved and seconded that a traffic study be performed at the intersections of Hill Street and Booth Street and Bobsled Drive and Booth Street. The motion was called to a vote and passed unanimously.

IV. STOP SIGNS ON WACHUSETT RD AT MT VERNON AVE AND ON MT VERNON AVE AT BIRDS HILL AVE

Ms. Lissy came before the committee to follow up on her request for stop signs in the Wachusett Rd./Mt. Vernon Ave./Birds Hill Ave. area. A new traffic study will be performed and compared to the results from 2008.

V. FENCE AT CORNER OF WEBSTER AND SOUTH

Mr. Wolfe expressed concerns about a new section of fence at the intersection of Webster Street and South Street. A corner clearance survey will be performed to check the sightlines.

VI. SIGNAGE CONCERNS AT CORNER OF TILLOTSON RD AND ROSEMARY ST

The intersection of Tillotson Road and Rosemary Street was discussed. Mr. Del Gaizo will check to see if Rosemary Street is classified as a “through street” and, if so, a stop sign will be placed on Tillotson Road at Rosemary Street. If Rosemary Street is not a through street, a traffic study will be performed.

VII. FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

Birds Hill Avenue/Mt. Vernon Avenue/Wachusett Road Intersection area – Stop signs will be proposed for Wachusett Road northbound and southbound at Mt. Vernon Avenue because of restricted sight distance

Falcon Street/Bond Street intersection area – No Stop signs proposed for Falcon Street because the traffic flow is unbalanced at the intersection

Lexington Avenue/Richdale Road intersection area – Yield signs proposed for Richdale Road northbound and southbound at Lexington Avenue because Richdale Road has less traffic volume than Lexington Avenue

Parker Road/Nevada Road intersection area – No stop signs proposed for Nevada Road because of low traffic volumes and this intersection is a T intersection

Parish Road near Damon Road – 85% vehicle speed is 30 MPH (which is the speed limit for a thickly-settled area) and therefore no new Speed Limit signs are proposed for this section of Parish Road

Linden Street near High rock School – 85% vehicle speed is 31-33 MPH and therefore no new Speed Limit signs are proposed for this section of Linden Street (School Zone Speed Limit signs are already in place)

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

The minutes from the October 14, 2009 TMAC meeting were accepted.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the October 2009 meeting be accepted. The motion was called a vote and was passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2009.

These minutes are intended to convey the general content of the discussions at the TMAC meeting.

Minutes compiled by: Rebecca Turner