

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of January 11, 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: Sheila Hamwey, Needham Public Schools

CALL TO ORDER

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

I. INTERSECTION, SPEED SIGNAGE ON BOND ST/WASHINGTON AVE

The complainant was not present and the **Committee passed a motion** to table this agenda item until the February meeting.

II. HERSEY STATION (LITTER)

Mr. Bricker originally raised the issue of excessive litter and debris at the Hersey station, lot and adjacent street with the MBCR. Upon receiving no response the complainant forwarded the issue to TMAC. While it is not traditionally within the purview of the Committee, Mr. Merson and Mr. DelGaizo personally toured the area. They explained to the TMAC that they did see considerable evidence of the problem as stated. This reinforced an earlier decision to add the Hersey commercial district to the town's regular road sweeping program that covers the downtown area. The **Committee passed a motion** to accept the report from Mr. Bricker and take it under advisement.

III. LIGHT AT INTERSECTION OF GREAT PLAIN AND CENTRAL AVENUE

Mr. Krupa was not present although his case was reviewed in his absence. The issue raised concerns the desire for a dedicated lane and arrow in order to facilitate a left turn from Central to Great Plain/Rt. 135 Westbound. Mr. DelGaizo reviewed the history of this intersection explaining that these types of traffic improvements were already determined to be infeasible because of insufficient right of way width. The only remediation that has been possible is increasing the green light duration for Central Avenue traffic. The **Committee passed a motion** to draft a letter to the complainant explaining that the situation has been thoroughly researched on two previous occasions and that no further action can be taken at this time.

III. SAFETY CONCERNS ON FERNDALE ROAD

First, the Committee acknowledged Mr. Cronin's request to have this case listed under the heading of a "Safety Concern" rather than under the heading of 'Intersection, Crosswalk and Speed'. In Mr. Cronin's absence, the TMAC reviewed his concerns about school busses backing up to exit the traffic circle and backing down Ferndale after loading their students. Ms. Hamway from the Needham Public Schools explained the full bus plan and emphasized that it was already approved by the Planning Board which included a public hearing. The **Committee passed a motion** to continue this agenda item to the February meeting to allow for Mr. Cronin to attend and present his concerns in person.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

The **Committee passed a motion** to renew all 2011 overnight parking permits for 2012.

The **Committee passed a motion** to revise the December minutes to incorporate two changes: 1) Add the name of Mr. Mark Rosen to the list of attendees; and 2) Modify the last sentence under Item II to expand the proposed signage to read "No Access to Highland Avenue or I95".

Minutes compiled and summarized by Glen Schneider