

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of January 13, 2016 Meeting
Public Services Administration Building
Needham, MA

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Jeff MacMann, Donna Mullin, Ford Peckham, Mark Rosen, Tony Del Gaizo, Lt. John Kraemer

Technical Advisor: Bob Wilson

Guests: Timothy Fradette, Kevin Reilly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at approximately 7:10 p.m. by the Chair of the Committee, Jeff MacMann

I. SPEED ON PAUL REVERE ROAD

Messrs. Reilly and Fradette presented their concerns relative to the speed of vehicles on Paul Revere Road from Greendale Avenue to Lindbergh. They are concerned about the safety of children in the area who may not be seen in time for speeding vehicles to stop.

After a thorough discussion of methods to slow traffic down on this area of concern, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to conduct a traffic study on Paul Revere Road to determine the speed and type of vehicles so a better informed decision could be made about the installation of appropriate signage, if necessary.

II. SCHOOL ZONE DESIGNATION FOR INTERSECTION AT ELIOT SCHOOL

Tony Del Gaizo reported that the intersection at Central Avenue, Webster and Cedar Streets did qualify for designation as a school zone and appropriate signage will, or already has been, installed.

III. CROSSWALK AT GREAT PLAIN AND HILLCREST

Tony Del Gaizo reported on the study of the number of pedestrians crossing on or near the crosswalk across Great Plain Avenue near Hillcrest Road during the morning and early evening times by pedestrians going to and leaving the Hersey Commuter Rail Station. It was observed by Ford Peckham and Donna Mullin that the crosswalk is not well lit. After discussing the problem, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that the street light will be re-positioned and the amount of wattage increased so as to better light the crosswalk.

IV. TRACKING LINES ON CHAPEL STREET TO MAY STREET

Ford Peckham presented an illustration of the need for tracking lines to make a left turn from Chapel Street onto May Street. After discussion of the problem, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to install tracking lines on Chapel Street indicating a left turn lane onto May Street.

V. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON CHAPEL STREET AT TOWN HALL

Donna Mullin expressed her concern that the pedestrian cross walk across Chapel Street at Town Hall is not clearly marked. The signage for the crosswalk are banners on either side of Chapel Street indicating a pedestrian crosswalk. However, it was felt those banners are not clearly visible. After discussing the issue, it was agreed that the DPW should investigate whether the banners should be replaced with more eye-catching/distinctive banners, other signage should be installed and whether pavement markings indicating a pedestrian crosswalk should be installed.

VI. SPEED OF VEHICLES ON HUNNEWELL STREET ACROSS HILLSIDE AVENUE

In response to concerns that have been previously expressed to the Committee about the speed of vehicles traversing Hunnewell Street across Hillside Avenue, Bob Wilson reported that a traffic study of the speed and type of vehicles had been done at that intersection on May 18, 2012 which indicated that the 85% speed in each direction was 27 mph and the %HV = 3.4/2.4. Because of recent concerns over the speed of vehicles at this intersection, it was agreed another traffic study will be done.

The Committee unanimously passed a Motion to accept the Minutes of the December 9, 2015 TMAC meeting

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Minutes compiled and summarized by Mark Rosen