

Needham Traffic Management Advisory Committee (TMAC)

Minutes of March 14, 2018 Meeting 7:00pm

Public Services Administration Meeting

TMAC Members in attendance: Stephen DeLisi (Chair), Justin McCullen, Anthony Del Gaizo, Lt. John Kramer, Seth Bauer, Donna Mullen, Suzanne Stein.

7:05pm Call to order

1. Intersection and Signage at corner of Tudor Road and Woodbury Drive, - J Roberts

The Committee listened to the concern submitted from Jeanmarie Roberts of 117 Tudor Road about the intersection of Tudor and Woodbury Drive. She is asking the town to install a stop sign on Woodbury at the intersection. **TMAC Action: S. Bauer motioned to initiate a traffic study of the intersection sometime after April vacation. UNANIMIOUSLY APPROVED**

2. Speed on Brookline Street between Bancroft and Colgate – A. Pisano

Mr. Pisano requested for update on granite curbing. This original request was made to TMAC in Oct 2014 and he was requesting update. Mr. Del Gazio explained in detail the town's approach to updating berms and curbs and indicated that since there was recent work on Brookline Ave and since the area is not within a school zone, those improvements were not on the 5 year plan. Additionally it was noted that the improvements sought were not in the TMAC's scope and the suggestion was made to Mr. Pisano to follow up with the highway department separately to seek future updates. **TMAC Action: NONE**

3. Crosswalk at intersection of Great Plain Ave and North Hill – K. Culver

Ms. Culver spoke about her concerns about crossing at GPA and North Hill. The discussion centered around speed at the crosswalk and visibility of the lines. Currently there are signs and white crosswalk lines. There is additional concern as this is a key crossing for children on the North Hill side of GPA to a path to Newman School. It was mentioned that the crossing has sight concerns due to a curve approaching from the west. **TMAC Action: Unanimously approved the exploration of higher visibility paint to increase visibility of crosswalk.**

4. Speed and Signage on Bess Road – R. Doff

R. Doff spoke with Committee and expressed concerns of motorists using Bess road as a cut through when traffic backs up on Central St. The town is aware of the increased traffic at Central and Great Plain Ave during the afternoon commute and indicating that they are looking into adjusting timing to help mitigate the backup. R. Doff asked if a "No Left Turn" sign could

be added, and Lt. Kramer said that that is a possibility however, that turning restriction would affect all traffic, including residents of the area. It was also noted that a restriction would displace the traffic down other streets (i.e. Jarvis, etc.) **TMAC Action: Committee unanimously approved a traffic study for Bess Street and other east side streets off Central to be coordinated with Engineering study already scheduled for GPA and Central.**

5. (5A) Speed and Signage on Greendale Ave. – L. Knowles

L. Knowles expressed concern that motorists and trucks exceed speed limit of between High Street and Webster Street. It is a thickly settled area with a speed limit of 30 MPH. There is a yellow speed sign of 25MPH. It was noted that there has been an increased number of trucks that use the road since the Kendrick street ramp was completed and the usage of truck GPS could be attributing to problem. L. Knowles did present 29 signatures from 23 Households on Greendale, High, Park and Mark Lee Roads asking for speed and “Children at play” signage. **TMAC Action: Committee unanimously approved an installation of a “Children at Play” sign to be located at the Engineering Department’s recommendation. Additionally, the engineering department will seek to replace a missing “Curve” sign.**

6. (5B) Speed and Signage on Greendale Ave. – M Stick

M Stick expressed a similar concern of speeding motorists in the same section of Greendale Ave as above (5A). There was a lengthy discussion of the geometry of the area and limited sight lines due to a curve. M Stick asked for two additional 25MPH speed limit signs to be installed. **TMAC Action: Committee unanimously approved an installation of two 25 MPH signs to be located at the Engineering Department’s recommendation. THIS MOTION SHALL BE DELAYED FOR THREE MONTHS TO AWAIT ANY TOWN WIDE ACTION ON THE STATUTORY SPEED LIMIT. If the town adopts a decrease of the speed limit, then this motion will not be necessary to implement.**

6. Speed on Manning Street – K. Morin

Petitioner was not present

7. Discussion of Post office parking at Needham Center

Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager, submitted a request to the TMAC to evaluate the situation and make recommendations as to how the Town may resolve the parking problem. The committee discussed in length the issues presented in the memo including the possibilities of adding meters and /or signs restricting parking to two hours as well as the possibility of requiring the Post Office employees to utilize the permit parking program. It was not known how many spaces in the town program are available. Lt Kramer will have a discussion with the Postmaster

to discuss the parking situation and report back to Committee next month. **TMAC Action:**
Discussion will be tabled until next meeting.

8. Other Business/ Status Report

None

9. Approval of Minutes of Feb 14 TMAC Meeting

Minutes Unanimously Approved

Adjournment 8:51pm

Respectively Submitted,
Justin McCullen