

133 Keyes Road
Concord, MA 01742



DATE: 04/13/16

MEMORANDUM

TO: Traffic Management Group Members
FROM: Ian McKenzie PE, Asst. Public Works Engineer
SUBJECT: Traffic Management Group Meeting 3-28-16

The Traffic Management Group met on the March 28, 2016 to discuss several issues brought to the attention of the group. Below is a summary of each issue discussed and the consensus of the group for dealing with each.

Continued Business

Estabrook Rd – No Parking Areas

Before the January TMG meeting parking along Estabrook Rd was a topic of discussion at two Select Board meetings. Both residents and visitors who use the parking spoke. The TMG has been asked to evaluate the feasibility of adding some additional parking along one side of Estabrook rd.

At Select Board on Feb 23, the parking restrictions on Estabrook were discussed again, the Select board extended the trial no parking areas for another 90 days and also asked that the TMG evaluate the possibility of adding another 5 or 6 spaces on Estabrook, potential adjacent to the existing parallel spaces.

Prior to the March TMG meeting Neil & Anna Rasmussen sent a letter to the Police Chief regarding the parking on Estabrook Rd, the letter will be distributed to the group to review.

Engineering will evaluate the possibility of the additional parking and have a proposal for the April TMG meeting.

Additionally engineering will look at potential improvements to the chamberlin woods parking area on Lowell Rd as that is alternative access and parking to the woods served by Estabrook rd.

Action Items

- Evaluate potential locations for additional parking for April meeting (Engineering)

Walden St Parking Lot

At the January meeting the group talked about the proposed correspondence and it was decided that the letter should be rewritten to include the the groups suggestion to remove 1 length of fencing at the end of the driveway along the property and to cut the bushes in the same location, and to replace it with chain link, which would allow drivers to see through the fence, while still being a fence.

After hearing the residents' concerns about the speed of drivers coming out of the driveway on to hubbard st the TMG decided to have an informal speed study done with an unmarked car to document the speeds. Data was collected on 3/4/16 the minimum speed was

recorded at 5 mph and maximum speed was recorded at 16 mph. The average speed overall is 11 mph with 104 cars recorded. With this information a letter had been drafted to respond to the resident, and was reviewed by the group edits were proposed and the revised letter will be sent to the resident.

Action Items

Send response letter (Engineering)

Coolidge Rd Traffic Calming Request

At the January TMG meeting a traffic calming request was received from a resident on Coolidge Rd regarding vehicles speeding along the road specifically at Oak Rd. A traffic count was collected from 1/25-2/1. The 85th percentile speed was 27 mph and the ADT was 185. At the February meeting the group discussed the request and decided that no further action will be taken. At the march meeting a draft response letter was reviewed and will be sent to the resident.

Action Items

- **Send response letter (Engineering)**

New Business

Nashawtuc Rd Traffic Calming Request

A traffic calming request was received from a resident regarding vehicles parking along a section of Nashawtuc Rd. The group reviewed the request and decided to monitor the area in the coming month to observe the behavior of motorists parking in that area Specifically in high demand times (e.g. during lunch hours, nice weather weekends, etc). Engineering will also review the condition of the road and edge of road.

At the march meeting the group discussed the issue further and decided to continue to monitor the area through the following month.

Action Items

- **Observe Parking Behavior (PD)**
- **Review road edge condition (Engineering)**
- **Draft response letter (Engineering)**

Church St at Commonwealth Ave Turn Restriction Request

An engineer from MBTA contacted the PD regarding an incident on, Feb 10th when an 18-wheel truck attempted a right turn from Commonwealth Ave (SB) onto Church St. The truck became stuck until a car parked in an on street space could move. The truck was blocking both sets of track until the car was moved.

The MBTA and Keolis have requested that the town work with them to install a truck exclusion or other safety measure to prevent this in the future. The group agreed that we should investigate measures to prevent this in the future.

Following the February meeting Engineering contacted both the MBTA and MassDOT to determine what would be required to establish a truck exclusion. The MBTA forwarded a formal request via mail to engineering, MassDOT explained what would be required to establish a truck exclusion. Data collection including a traffic count by vehicle class is required. The count will be collected prior to moving forward.

Action Items

- **Collect traffic count by vehicle class (Engineering)**

TMG Website

The group discussed updating the TMG webpage on the Town's website which is now linked through the PD webpage. Engineering will prepare a list of information to be included, and a meeting to discuss the updates with one of the employees responsible for updating the website in public works will be scheduled in the future.

Action Items

- **Schedule meeting for website review (PWD)**
- **Prepare list of info to be included in update (Engineering)**

Continued Until Signs installed and regulations adopted

Thoreau St - Everett St to CCHS Driveway

Action Items

- Install Signs (Highway)
- Review at next meeting

Old Marlboro Rd – Deacon Haynes Rd to Sanborn School

Action Items

- Install Signs (Highway)
- Review at next meeting

Main St at River St

Action Items

- Install Signs (Highway)
- Review at next meeting

94 Elm St

Action Items

- Review in Spring

Hubbard St – Parking Restriction

Action Items

- Add restriction to Traffic Rules and Regs (Engineering)

