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January 18, 2023

To The Members Of The Transportation Commission:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Commission will be held on **Wednesday January 18, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Common Council Chambers.

Enclosed please find:

- A. Agenda for the meeting of January 18, 2023.
- B. Minutes of the meeting held December 21, 2022.
- C. Correspondence pertaining to the agenda of the January 18, 2023 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Soyk, Acting Chairman
by: Anthony Marena, Secretary

PLANS/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, ETC. FOR COMMON COUNCIL REFERRAL AGENDA ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKING. PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE A REVIEW IF YOU DESIRE. PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Agenda

January 18, 2023

I. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on December 21, 2022.

II. Old Business

1. **City Wide-** Request from Mayor Roach to evaluate roadways in the City for a 25 mile per hour speed limit.

The staff has been conducting radar speed studies. This information will assist in determining which roads should have the speed limit changed. The staff will finalize the criteria to determine which roads should be changed once additional speed data is collected. The criteria discussed include: Physical characteristics such as number of lanes; lane widths and median; average speed; adjacent parking; roadway classification or Average Daily Traffic (ADT); accident history; and pedestrian activity/sidewalks.

The staff felt that the city wide 25 MPH speed limit should be approved with the exception of the roadways that are being studied on the list. The staff felt changing the speed limit for the entire City will take some time and the additional studies can be done concurrently and the speeds for those roads will be determined upon completion of the studies.

2. **EJ Conroy Drive-** Request from the Department of Public Works to review the existing bus stops on E. J. Conroy Drive. They have been contacted by Westchester County Department of Public Works and Transportation on behalf of Liberty Bus Lines regarding damage to their buses which they feel is partly due to the narrowness of the road and the location of the bus layover area.

The staff reviewed the existing restrictions on EJ Conroy Drive between Hamilton Avenue and Main Street. Currently a 68 foot "No Stopping Any Time" zone exists just north of the existing bus stop. The staff recommended converting this area to a Layover Area". The new layover can further be extended northerly an additional 37 feet. This would create a total layover of 105 feet. The staff recommended removing the existing 120 foot "No Stopping Bus Stop" which is partially located north of the ramp structures. While this reduces the bus layover by 15 feet it addressed the concern expressed by the Department of Public Works and the Bus Company.

The staff also recommended that a "No Stopping Bus Layover Area" ordinance be created. This will allow bus drivers to identify areas which are acceptable as a layover area.

3. Bryant Avenue at Longview Avenue- Request from Ms. Jennifer Cole, 105 Longview Avenue to create a "No Turn on Red" from Bryant Avenue onto Longview Avenue. She feels that vehicles make a right turn on red without stopping and has experienced many near misses. She feels that a "No Turn on Red" would make it safer.

The Department of Public Safety will provide data at the Transportation Commission meeting

4. Hall Avenue - Request from Mr. Kenneth Doonan 107 Valley Road to restrict the parking in the vicinity of 63 Hall Avenue to create a "No Parking Any Time" in the area. He states that cars are parking in the area and not being ticketed for parking overnight.

The Department of Public Safety will provide data at the Transportation Commission meeting

5. 101 Old Mamaroneck Road - Request from Ms. Linda Puoplo, on behalf of the Board of Directors for 101OMR Corporation to review traffic safety and quality of life concerns on Bryant Avenue. Ms. Puoplo's letter requested that the Commission review the following;

1. The creation of a left turn lane from Bryant Avenue onto Old Mamaroneck Road.
2. Restrict/prohibit commercial traffic from westbound Bryant Avenue east of Mamaroneck Avenue, other than local deliveries, or restrict commercial traffic by weight limits on Bryant Avenue.
3. Increase visibility of school zone speed limit signs. The existing signs are not being noticed, nor are they restricting speed. Perhaps the addition of a speed camera? Better signage? A flashing light posting the school zone speed limit?

The staff discussed Ms. Puoplo's requests and had the following comments;

1. *The staff was asked to consider removing additional parking to facilitate vehicles bypassing left turning vehicles at the intersection. Currently 40 feet of parking is already restricted. Due to the width of the roadway area bypassing a left turning vehicle cannot always be accomplished. Eliminating additional parking would have minimal benefits for bypassing motorists.*
2. *The staff will conduct traffic counts in the future.*

3. The staff felt that the school signs in the area should be updated and the school speed limit zone can possibly be extended. Since the speed limit may be lowered in the near future the staff recommended holding this item.

III. New Business

IV. Common Council Referrals

The following referral items were received after the staff meeting. Therefore, the staff could not review or make any recommendations.

1. 315-317 North Street (North Street Community)- Request from DelBello Donnellan, Weingarten, Wise & Wiederkehr, LLP, on behalf of North Street Community LLC, for an extension to the Site Plan Approval for the development of 329 senior independent living units at 315-317 North Street.

2. 50 Main Street, 34 S. Lexington Avenue & 1-11 Martine Avenue (City Square)- Request from Cuddy and Feder, LLP, on behalf of MG RMC Main LLC, for an extension to the Amended Site Plan Approval associated with a proposed project at 50 Main Street, 34 S. Lexington Avenue & 1-11 Martine Avenue.

V. Addendum

1. 124 Mamaroneck Avenue - Request from Parking Department to lengthen the loading zone in front of 124 Mamaroneck Avenue.

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Minutes of Meeting of December 21, 2022

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Members Present: Thomas Soyk, Deputy Commissioner of Parking, Acting Chairman
Kevin Livingston, Commissioner of Parking
Elizabeth Mirisola, Sr. Asst. Corporation Counsel Law Dept. (for J. Callahan)
Udomlug Siriphonlai, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works (for S. Mignone)
Eileen McClain, Senior Planner, Planning Department (for C. Gomez)
Daniel McMahon, Captain Operations Commander (for D. Chong)

Staff Members Present: Anthony Marena, Transportation Engineer
Edward Ignaszewski, Supervisor of Enforcement

Members Absent: Ken Burford
Melissa Briggs
Honorable Richard Payne

Staff Members Absent:

Others Present: Lisa Lopilato, Secretary to Commissioner of Parking

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting was approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. **City Wide** – Request from Mayor Roach to evaluate roadways in the City for a 25 mile per hour speed limit.

The staff has been measuring roadway widths and conducting radar speed studies. This information will assist in determining which roads should have the speed limit changed. The staff recommended holding this item as it conducts additional speed studies and completes measurements of the roadways on the previously distributed list.

Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk referred to a hand out which was distributed at the last meeting. He stated that he made annotations on his and offered to share his findings with the Commission. We will address this again next month in more detail.

This item was held.

2. **11 Fisher Court** – Request from Ms. Jacqueline D. Edmonds to install an additional handicapped parking space in front of 11 Fisher Court. Currently only one space exists and she feels that a second space is needed.

The staff conducted observations of this area and learned that the same car is often parked in the handicapped space all day. The on street spaces are not intended to be utilized for all day parkers. The staff recommended that a three hour restriction be added to the existing handicapped space. This is consistent with most handicapped spaces in the downtown area. This will also create additional opportunities for others to utilize the space.

It was not felt that an additional space was needed at this time. During the staff's review they felt the visibility of the mid-block crosswalk could be improved by making Fisher Court one lane. The staff recommended modifying the pavement markings on Fisher Court from Quarropas Street to the crosswalk.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission recommended the approval of the staff recommendation.

3. **EJ Conroy Drive** – Request from the Department of Public Works to review the existing bus stops on E.J. Conroy Drive. They have been contacted by Westchester County Department of Public Works and Transportation on behalf of Liberty Bus Lines regarding damage to their buses which they feel is partly due to the narrowness of the road and the location of the bus layover area.

During last month's meeting it was suggested that staff meet with representatives from the bus company to try to come up with a solution. Two staff representatives and Deputy Commissioner Soyk met with the bus companies. Deputy Commissioner Soyk suggested eliminating the bus layover which currently exists at the narrow portion of EJ Conroy Drive, which was previously recommended by staff and relocating and lengthening the bus stop approximately 20 feet.

The staff recommended not relocating the bus stop and that the bus stop area previously utilized as a bus layover area on EJ Conroy Drive from Hamilton Avenue southerly to the existing bus stop be removed.

Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk stated that he does not have a problem with keeping the bus stop where it is but we still must maintain a layover area somewhere. Deputy Commissioner Siriphonlai stated that she has concerns with lengthening the bus stop at that location because of the width of the road.

Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk stated that observations were conducted and illegal parking does cause problems. Dedicated layover areas are needed and necessary. The item was returned to staff for measurements to see what can safely be placed there. A layover ordinance that is enforceable with signage to support it needs to be established. Recommendation is to not move the bus stop but create a layover area beyond the bus stop that is acceptable to the staff as a layover space. This item is referred

back to staff. Additionally, an enforceable ordinance with signage needs to be created with layover areas.

The item was held.

4. Alexander Avenue at Putnam Avenue - Request from Mr. Anthony Pilla, 19 Alexander Avenue to create an all way stop at this intersection. He feels that due to the limited visibility the stop signs would improve safety at this intersection.

The staff field reviewed the locations, the sight lines at this intersection are adequate. None of the Federal warrants for an all way stop are met. Based on this the staff does not recommend an all way stop at this intersection. The Traffic Division has improved signage in the area to better identify sight distance and curve issues.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission recommended the approval of the staff recommendation.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bryant Avenue at Longview Avenue – Request from Ms. Jennifer Cole, 105 Longview Avenue to create a “No Turn on Red: from Bryant Avenue onto Longview Avenue. She feels that vehicles make a right turn on red without stopping and has experienced many near misses. She feels that a “No Turn on Red” would make it safer.

Ms. Cole indicated that cars are not stopping for the red light. The Department of Public Safety will conduct enforcement and report back next month. The staff recommended that this item be held.

This item was held.

2. Hall Avenue – Request from Mr. Kenneth Doonan 107 Valley Road to restrict the parking in the vicinity of 63 Hall Avenue to create a “No Parking Any Time” in the area. He states that cars are parking in the area and not being ticketed for parking overnight.

Mr. Kenneth Doonan and Ms. Amethyst Chiasson addressed the Commission. They did state that since the request was made the area has improved.

Ms. Chiasson specified the problem area is on Hall Avenue between 63 and 67. The curb is non-existent and the hanging out and overnight parking has become a problem. The Department of Public Works will be evaluating the area for lighting improvements.

The Department of Public Safety will conduct enforcement of the “Overnight No Parking” and report back next month. The staff did not recommend any changes to the regulations.

Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk stated that we will continue with enforcement and will report back next month and will take into consideration what is reported.

This item was held.

3. One North Lexington Avenue – Request from Ms. Arlene Comora, Vice President Fortistar One North Lexington Avenue to create a handicapped parking space near this building. She states parking in the area is limited and there aren’t any handicapped spaces nearby.

The staff reviewed Ms. Comora’s request. The existing meters on North Lexington Avenue are one hour meters. Only six metered spaces exist on this block. The on-street meters are not intended to be utilized for long term parking. While a handicapped space will allow for legal parking for up to three hours it would not address her request to provide a space for the days she is in the office. The staff suggests that she utilize the buildings parking garage or one of the nearby municipal lots or garages for all day parking. The staff did not recommend creating a Handicapped parking space in the area.

Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk added that there is a lot of construction being conducted in the area and the reason this person is concerned with the frequent closing of the sidewalk. Ms. DeMarco should be informed that the contractor will be creating a path to alleviate that problem.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission recommended the approval of the staff recommendation.

4. 101 Old Mamaroneck Road – Request from Ms. Linda Puoplo, on behalf of the Board of Directors for 101 OMR Corp. to review traffic safety and quality of life concerns on Bryant Avenue.

Ms. Puoplo’s letter requested that the Commission review the following:

1. Create a “left turn only” lane, with a left turn signal, on Bryant Avenue at the corner of Old Mamaroneck Road, for vehicles that need to turn left onto Old Mamaroneck Road.
2. Move the bus stop that is currently on Old Mamaroneck Road, to create a shared bus stop on Bryant Avenue. A shared bus stop for the two bus routes would maximize the use of road space and support the creation of a left turn lane from Bryant onto Old Mamaroneck Road.
3. Restrict/prohibit commercial traffic from Bryant Avenue, other than local deliveries, or restrict commercial traffic by weight limits on Bryant Avenue.
4. Eliminate the designation of Bryant Avenue as a bike route. It is extremely dangerous and there is no physical room for cyclists to safely use this street as a route. Alternatively and preferably, eliminate the parking lane on Bryant Avenue completely and create a safe and dedicated continuous lane for cyclists all along Bryant Avenue.
5. Install a traffic light on Bryant Avenue at the intersection of Overlook/Nosband. This would create an additional stop point for vehicles, further calming traffic by spreading it out and reducing speed as vehicles approach the traffic light on Old Mamaroneck Road. It would also improve safety for the many pedestrians, including the children and families of Mamaroneck Avenue School.
6. Increase visibility of school zone speed limit signs. The existing signs are no being noticed, nor are they restricting speed. Perhaps the addition of a speed camera? Better signage? A flashing light posting the school zone speed limit.
7. Restriction of horn blowing by designating Bryant Avenue and Old Mamaroneck Road as horn free zones with fines imposed if violated.

The staff discussed Ms. Puoplo's requests and had the following comments:

- 1. The width of Bryant Avenue at Old Mamaroneck Road cannot accommodate an additional lane.*
- 2. The staff is not opposed to modifying bus stops however, Westchester County bus routes are not under the purview of this Commission. It does appear the two stops could not be easily combined based on their origins and destinations.*
- 3. The staff did not feel that a commercial vehicle restriction was appropriate based on the characteristics of the road.*
- 4. The staff felt that the bike route designation is a beneficial reminder to motorists that cyclists are on that road and have a legal right to use the roadway therefore should not be removed.*
- 5. The staff opinion was that the warrants for a traffic signal would not met however will hold this item to conduct traffic counts.*
- 6. The staff felt that the school signs in the area should be updated and the school speed limit zone can possibly be extended. The staff recommended holding this item.*
- 7. Horn blowing unnecessarily is already enforceable, no further action is needed.*

Ms. Puoplo and Ms. Barbara Waldorf addressed the Commission. Regarding item number one she asked if consideration was taken to remove parking on Bryant between Overlook and Old Mamaroneck Road.

Deputy Commissioner Thomas Soyk responded that if that were to be done all residents would have to be contacted near that location. Parking is needed in that area and if we contacted all of the neighbors, based on previous mailings, that would not go through. Some of that traffic that would benefit from an additional lane is cut through traffic which is peak oriented.

She also questioned the response to the bus stop area and asked for the procedure to address the County and the City's involvement.

Regarding number three she questioned what the characteristics of the road made it inappropriate for a commercial vehicle restriction. Anthony Marena responded that if you pose restrictions on a main roadway it will push the vehicles to the smaller roads and neighborhoods that cannot accommodate that type of through traffic. Thomas Soyk questioned how much commercial traffic is actually there. If there is “rogue” commercial traffic that should not be there we do address that accordingly. If you see construction vehicles let us know because we can prevent that type of traffic with construction management plans. We will do road surveys to ensure that it is not being abused and encourage you to report any type of misuse.

Regarding school signage there was discussion as to what should be placed and where and what is enforceable.

There was discussion specifically regarding the left turn on Bryant. This area will be reviewed and this item is held.

The motion was made for the staff recommendation with modifications.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission recommendation the approval of the modified staff recommendations.

5. Idlewood Road: Request from Ms. Rebecca Amaru, 7 Ritchey Place to create a 100 foot “No Parking Any Time” restriction on the west side of Idlewood Road. She and several of her neighbors feel that cars are often parked making entering and exiting Idlewood Road at Hartsdale Road dangerous. Ms. Amaru’s letter identified thirteen of her neighbors who are in agreement with creating this restriction.

The staff discussed Ms. Amaru’s request. Since many of the adjacent residents agreed with her request the staff decided not to send letters to the adjacent property owners. The staff recommended

that a “No Parking Any Time” restriction be created on the west side of Idlewood Road from Hartsdale Road one hundred feet southerly.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission recommended the approval of the staff recommendation.

6. Ridgeway at Pilgrim Road – Request from Ms. Regina DeMarco to create an all way stop at this intersection. She feels that due to the limited visibility the stop signs would improve safety at this intersection.

The staff field reviewed the locations, the sight lines at this intersection are adequate. The Federal warrants for an all way stop are met. Based on this the staff does not recommend an all way stop at this intersection.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission recommended the approval of the staff recommendation.

IV. COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS

1. 1111-1129 Westchester Avenue – Request from McCullough, Goldberger & Staudt, LLP, on behalf of New York and Presbyterian Hospital for one a one year extension to the Site Plan Approval.

The staff has no objections.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission recommended the approval of the staff recommendation.

V. ADDENDUM

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:19AM.



Beter Parking

West Rd

Wall & Warrior Bar

Prime Italian Steakhouse

Evolve Athletic Club

Salon Maffei

WESTCHESTER Road Runner

Waller Ave

TV By Pax Romana

The Michell Apartments

West Rd

Halk Asian Bistro

Treato Kitchen and bar

Little Drunken Chef

Bon Coqui

Turkish Cuisine White Plains

Mamaroneck Ave

914 Exotics | Exotic Sodas & Snacks

Bubble Tea

Shiraz Kitchen & Wine Bar

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