

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting of January 18, 2023

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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)
Chris Robeson, 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)
Honorable Richard Payne

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

Members Absent: Ken Burford
Melissa Briggs

Staff Members Absent: Udomlug Siriphonlai, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works

Others Present: Lisa Lopilato, Secretary to Commissioner of Parking

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the December 21, 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 will finalize the criteria to determine which roads should be changed once additional speed data is collected. The criteria discussed includes: 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.

Acting Chairman Thomas Soyk stated that the roads still under review are: Bank Street, Battle Avenue, Bloomingdale Road, North Broadway, South Broadway, Bryant Avenue, Central Avenue, Chatterton Avenue, Chatterton Parkway, Fisher Avenue, Hamilton Avenue, Main Street, MLK, Mamaroneck Avenue, Maple Avenue, North Street, Old Mamaroneck Road, Post Road (both East & West), Ridgeway, Rosedale, Soundview Avenue, South Lexington Avenue. All others would be added to the 25mph legislation.

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

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.

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

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.

Anthony Marena read the Department of Public Safety input. The Police were in the area for three days, an hour each day, and issued one violation. They reported that there was not much activity. The one violation was issued for running a red light.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission recommended not to install a “No Turn on Red” restriction at Bryant Avenue onto Longview Avenue.

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. Captain McMahon stated that there has not been much activity since the last meeting. There are cars parked up on the grassy area. This type of area is enforced by the Department of Public Works and the Department of Building.

This item was held for clarification regarding how to properly enforcement the area.

5. 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. The creation of a left turn lane from Bryant Avenue onto Old Mamaroneck Road.
2. Restrict/prohibit commercial traffic from Bryant 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 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?

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.*

Holding items 2 and 3. Vote was placed on recommendation number one.

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

III. NEW BUSINESS

IV. COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS

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 of the site plan approval for the development of 329 senior independent living units at 315-317 North Street.**

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

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

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

V. **ADDENDUM**

1. **124 Mamaroneck Avenue** – Request from Parking Department to revise the loading zone in front of 124 Mamaroneck Avenue.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission recommended the approval of the revision to the loading zone.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:49AM.