

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018

Present: David Koses, Traffic Council Chair; Sgt. Bob Lee, Newton Police Department; Jason Sobel, Director of Transportation and Operations and Councilor Ciccone

Absent: Alicia Wilson, Resident Member

Also Present: Isaac Prizant, Traffic Engineer; Councilors Greenberg, Leary, Lappin and Norton

TC31-18 MARIA STEELE, 58 Playstead Road, requesting a two-hour parking restriction 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, north side. (Ward 1) [05/23/18 @ 10:15 AM]

ACTION: **HELD 4-0. Held for a trial of the following: No parking, outside side of the “horseshoe”, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., all days. No parking, inside side of the “horseshoe”, all times, all days.**

NOTE: Maria Steele, petitioner attended tonight’s discussion.

Council members were provided with a location map, photos, road characteristics, current parking regulations, considerations and options.

Mr. Koses stated that Playstead Road is approximately 23 to 24 feet wide, a typical Newton street width. Parking is prohibited on the south side of Playstead Road from Tremont Street northerly to Whittemore Road. On five occasions, parking observations showed that there were between 17 to 22 vehicles parked on Playstead Road. Playstead Road is clearly parked up, with only several available parking spaces. It appears residents are parking up the area due to parking restrictions on neighboring streets. The utility poles and fire hydrants are located on the north and east sides. Considerations include resident access to the street, commuter needs and benefits of public transit. There is an express bus stop on Tremont Street.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion to members of the public who were present. Two emails were received, on file.

Ms. Steele stated that the parking issues began approximately two years ago when parking prohibitions were implemented on Whittemore Road and Tremont Street. She is requesting similar parking restrictions as they are on neighboring streets. It appears that commuters and nearby residents park on Playstead Road for days and weeks at a time. It is difficult for residents to have guests and service people park in front of their homes. Snow removal, street sweeping and trash pickups are difficult. She then said that she has spoken with several residents who indicated to her that they are parking on Playstead Road because their street has a parking prohibition.

Residents expressed their concerns and suggestions:

Concerns:

- A resident stated that if parking is removed, drivers will have the tendency to speed.
- A resident stated that it is unfair to have guests and care givers park on Tremont Street.
- It is necessary to have parking in front of homes.
- Drivers have the tendency to block fire hydrants, driveways and park too close to driveways.
- It is difficult for emergency vehicles to make the corner of Playstead Road.
- A parking restriction from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday is an inconvenience to residents and commuters. Commuters should be able to park on public streets.

Suggestions:

- A resident suggested implementing similar parking restrictions as nearby streets.
- Implement a night time restriction to discourage commuter parking.

Some residents agreed a parking prohibition is necessary, others were opposed.

Mr. Koses asked the residents whether Playstead Road was parked up at night and during the winter parking ban. Residents answered yes.

Mr. Koses then suggested police enforcement. Sgt. Lee stated that after 72 hours a vehicle is considered abandoned. It is necessary for residents to call the Newton Police Department to request a tow.

Without further discussion, Councilor Ciccone made a motion to hold this item for a trial of no parking, outside side of the “horseshoe”, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., all days. No parking, inside side of the “horseshoe”, all times, all days. Council members agreed 4-0. Sgt. Lee suggested restricting parking from the corner of Playstead Road to allow for emergency vehicle access.

TC35-18 ANDREW LEVIN, 38 Eldredge Street, requesting a three-way stop sign at Vernon and Eldredge Streets. (Ward 1) [06/08/18 @ 1:48 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 438. TPR 438 adds a stop sign on Eldredge Street at Vernon Street, northbound and southbound. This item may be appealed through the close of business November 14, 2018.**

NOTE: Andrew Levin, petitioner attended tonight’s discussion.

Council members were provided with a location map, existing conditions, pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle volumes, Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) guidance and a recommendation.

Mr. Koses stated that the existing conditions include no stop sign northbound and a no stop sign southbound. The intersection includes a school zone and crosswalks.

Mr. Koses stated that pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle volumes were high. He made an observation on a Tuesday, an early release day, for approximately one-half an hour and observed 161 pedestrians and 3 bicyclists crossing the intersection.

Mr. Koses said that the intersection does meet criteria in the MUTCD guidelines. Therefore, he recommends a stop sign on Eldredge Street at Vernon Street, northbound and southbound. He then stated that he would suggest an all way stop sign to the Transportation Division for consideration. He then suggested police enforcement to address the needs of many illegal parked vehicles during pick-up and drop-off times.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion to members of the public who were present. Residents present expressed their suggestions.

Mr. Levin stated that he would support an all way stop sign. Councilor Greenberg agreed.

Suggestions:

- Residents present stated that they support an all way stop sign.

Mr. Sobel stated that if the stop sign is approved, stop bars would be painted across the entire street at the one-way section. He then stated that the request of an all way stop sign would be considered.

Without further discussion, Mr. Koses made a motion to approve TPR 438. Council members agreed 4-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business November 14, 2018.

TC36-18 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, on behalf of residents of 58 and 60 Churchill Street, requesting the removal of the accessible parking spot in front of 58 Churchill Street, as it is no longer needed. (Ward 1) [06/18/18 @ 10:17 AM]

HELD 5-0 on 07/26/18

ACTION: DENIED 4-0.

NOTE: Council members were provided with a location map and a site photo.

Mr. Koses stated that this item was held on July 26, 2018 for the accessible parking space to be maintained in order for the mother to request a placard. Councilor Ciccone stated that the placard was issued to the father, who has since passed away, but the mother does not currently have a placard, she is awaiting the placard to arrive to her home.

Without discussion, Councilor Ciccone made a motion to deny this request. Council members agreed 4-0.

TC60-18 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting to add a stop sign at Wiltshire Road at Jackson Road (Ward 1) [09/22/18 @ 3:47 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 439. TPR 439 adds a stop sign on Wiltshire Road, eastbound, at Jackson Road.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business November 14, 2018.

NOTE: Council members were provided with a location map, existing conditions, consideration and a recommendation.

Mr. Koses stated that the existing conditions include a “T” intersection, no stop signs, school zone and crosswalks. There are no warrants that apply. The “T” intersection implies a stop. It is not necessary to install a stop sign, although it is allowed, there is no reason not to install a stop sign at a “T” intersection. Therefore, he recommends a stop sign on Wiltshire Road, eastbound at Jackson Road.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion to members of the public who were present. There was no public comment.

Without discussion, Mr. Sobel made a motion to approve TPR 439. Council members agreed 4-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on November 14, 2018.

TC61-18 COUNCILOR LEARY, requesting to remove the parking space on Richardson Street that is reserved for the Underwood School and return it to public circulation. (Ward 1) [09/21/18 @ 3:47 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 440. TPR 440 removes the parking space on Richardson Street that is reserved for the Underwood School and returns it to long-term metered parking.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business November 14, 2018.

NOTE: Council members were provided with a location map, photos, characteristics of the parking space and a recommendation.

Mr. Koses stated that one parking space on Richardson Street is reserved for the Underwood School. This parking space has not been used perhaps because it is 1350 feet from the school. On six occasions, parking observations showed that there were zero vehicles parked in this space. He then said that he has not heard from Underwood School desiring to keep this parking space. Therefore, he recommends returning the parking space to public circulation. Councilor Leary agreed and said that since this parking space is not being utilized it should be returned into public circulation.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion to members of the public who were present. There was no public comment. Without discussion, Mr. Koses made a motion to approve TPR 440. Council members agreed 4-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on November 14, 2018.

TC64-18 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting to discuss and possible action to change the short-term unmetered parking spaces on the east side of Centre Street between Vernon Street and Centre Avenue (Newton Corner Rotary) into long term metered parking. (Ward 1) [09/24/18 @ 4:38 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 3-0-1 (Ciccone abstained). Approved the language of TPR 441. TPR 441 converts the short 2-hour parking zone between Vernon Street and Centre Avenue into long term metered parking. This item may be appealed through the close of business November 14, 2018.**

NOTE: Council members were provided with a location map, photos, and characteristics of the area and a recommendation.

Mr. Koses stated that this request is to change the short-term unmetered parking spaces on the east side of Centre Street between Vernon Street and Centre Avenue into long term metered parking. Previously this area, was a travel lane, and was converted to short-term unmetered parking spaces. Currently there is a 2-hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There is a large demand for long-term parking for commuters, Newton Innovation Center, Evans Park, Underwood School and many other businesses and services in the area. On six occasions, parking observations showed that there were one to three vehicles parking in the four parking spaces. Mr. Koses is recommending removing the short-term unmetered parking spaces and converting them into long term metered parking spaces.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion to the members of the public who were present. There was no public comment.

Councilor Ciccone asked whether the Richardson Street parking lot is parked up. Mr. Koses answered that he did not make observations. Councilor Leary answered that the lot always has a 12-hour space available. Councilor Leary asked whether visitors to the Benchmark Senior Living park in this area of Centre Street. Mr. Koses did not have this information available. Mr. Sobel stated that in the future, changes may be made to the Richardson Street lot meters.

Councilor Leary and Greenberg both stated that they would support changing the short-term unmetered parking spaces into long term metered parking.

Without further discussion, Mr. Sobel made the motion to approve TPR 441. Council members agreed 3-0-1, Councilor Ciccone abstained. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on November 14, 2018.

TC40-18 LORI JACKSON, 41 Carlson Avenue, requesting consideration of a parking restriction on Carlson Avenue, both sides, all times to address safety concerns. (Ward 8) [07/03/18 @ 2:00 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 4-0.**

NOTE: Lori Jackson, petitioner attended tonight's discussion.

Council members were provided with a location map, photos, characteristics and a recommendation.

Mr. Koses stated that Carlson Avenue is approximately 28 to 29 feet wide, four feet wider than a typical Newton street. There are no current parking restrictions. On five occasions, parking observations showed that there were between zero and two vehicles parked on Carlson Avenue. The utility poles are located on the south side. The fire hydrants are located on the north side. Mr. Koses stated that he recommends a vote of no action necessary as he did not observe any safety concerns as docketed.

One email was received, on file. Mr. Koses opened the discussion to members of the public who were present.

Ms. Jackson stated that the parking observations would change in January when UMass Amherst at Mt. Ida College begins their school programs. It is difficult to exit driveways and emergency vehicles have difficult access. Carlson Avenue is a heavily traveled road including the school shuttle buses. When vehicles park on both sides it is difficult to travel on Carlson Avenue and some drivers leave their vehicles for days at a time.

Sgt. Lee stated that he has never encountered when patrolling that area or heard of any complaints of parking issues on Carlson Avenue, even when Mt. Ida College was open.

Mr. Koses stated that if a parking prohibition is implemented, drivers will have the tendency to speed on a wide-open road. He stated that he is opposed to a parking prohibition. Mr. Sobel stated that he has not observed Carlson Avenue being parked up.

Without further discussion, Councilor Ciccone made a motion for no action necessary. Council members agreed 4-0.

TC62-18 COUNCILOR NORTON, requesting a discussion and possible change to the circulation and direction of travel (including the location and direction of associated legal parking) on Ward Street between Elmore Street and Moreseland Avenue. (Ward 2) [09/24/18 @ 9:02 AM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 3-1 (Koses opposed). Approved the language of TPR 442. TPR 442 converts Ward Street between Elmore Street and Moreseland Avenue from a one-way westbound street into a two-way street, approves a "do not enter" restriction on Ward Street, eastbound, from Moreseland Avenue, and installs a new parking restriction at all times on the south side of Ward Street from Moreseland Road to a point 165 feet easterly. This item may be appealed through the close of business November 14, 2018.**

NOTE: Council members were provided with a location map, photos of parking on Ward Street with a two-way circulation, parking with a two-way street, signage and restricted parking on Ward Street with a two-way circulation, characteristics of this section of Ward Street, current parking regulations on Ward Street and options for consideration.

Mr. Koses stated that Ward Street is 28 feet wide, which allows parking on both sides. This docket request is requesting a discussion and possible change to the circulation and direction of travel (including the location and direction of associated legal parking) on Ward Street between Elmore Street and Morseland Avenue. On five occasions, parking observations showed that there were between one to five vehicles parked on Ward Street. The utility poles and fire hydrants are located on the north side. The current parking regulation on this section of Ward Street is prohibited, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Saturdays only, north side, from a point 60 feet east of Morseland Avenue, 120 feet easterly.

Mr. Koses explained the following:

Parking on Ward Street with a two-way circulation

With a two-way circulation, parked cars on the south side of Ward Street must face east or could be ticketed. Parked vehicles on the north side of Ward Street face west.

Signage and restricted parking on Ward Street with a two-way circulation

All signs must be turned so that they face eastbound traffic. Parking may need to be removed from the south west end of Ward Street. Also, expect cars to turn around in driveways along Ward Street, so that they are parked in the correct direction.

Option 1

Ward Street would remain one-way westbound. Parking would to continue to occur in the westbound direction on the north and south sides of Ward Street, signs on the south side should continue to face westbound traffic and no changes are necessary to the traffic and parking regulations.

Option 2

Ward Street would be converted to two-way, with a Do Not Enter restriction from Morseland. Parking on the south side must face eastbound, signs on the south side need to be flipped to face eastbound traffic, with access only from the east, continuation of turning around in residential driveways, consider restricting parking between Morseland Road and the driveway to 556 Ward Street.

Option 3

Ward Street would be converted to two-way, without a Do Not Enter restriction from Morseland. Parking on the south side must face eastbound, signs on the south side need to be flipped to face eastbound traffic, it is not necessary to restrict parking at 556 Ward Street, less likelihood for turning around in residential driveways, more left turns (Commonwealth Avenue to Morseland Road and more through traffic.

Two emails were received, on file. Mr. Koses opened the discussion to members of the public who were present. Residents expressed their concerns and suggestions.

Concerns:

- Drivers have the tendency to ignore the Do Not Enter sign.
- Drivers have the tendency to park on both sides of Ward Street when the double yellow line was present.
- It is disturbing to hear after 30 years; the consideration of Ward Street being converted to a two-way street.
- Ward Street is used as a cut-through street.
- A resident stated that approximately a month ago, one-way signs were installed.
- Some residents have the tendency to travel the wrong way on Ward Street.
- Pedestrians should look both ways when crossing a one-way street, but do not.

Suggestions:

- Please convert Ward Street to a two-way street, have not witnessed any type of accidents.
- Please maintain Ward Street as a one-way street.
- If converted to a two-way street, a suggestion included eliminating parking on the south side.
- Drivers have the tendency to weave in and out of parked vehicles once the yellow line was removed.
- Please do not remove the Do Not Enter sign; the number of accidents may increase.

Some residents supported the conversion of Ward Street into a two-way street, others opposed. Some residents agreed to the removal of the Do Not Enter sign, others opposed.

Mr. Koses stated that the double yellow line was painted in error and was scraped off this spring. He then stated that residents cannot travel the wrong way on Ward Street, it could be a moving violation.

Mr. Sobel stated that the one-way signs were installed to clarify existing regulations. No changes were made to the street, signs were only installed to clarify the current official circulation regulations, which is why this item was docketed. Councilor Norton stated that residents met with herself and Mr. Sobel to discuss this proposal. Residents urged the conversion to a two-way street and requested to maintain the “Do Not Enter” sign on Morseland.

Mr. Sobel stated that if Ward Street is converted into a two-way street, the double yellow line does not have to be striped. Sgt. Lee expressed concern that if the double yellow line is not striped, drivers may have the tendency to perform a 3-point turn.

Without further discussion, Councilor Ciccone made a motion to approve TPR 442, with the understanding a double yellow line will not be striped. Council members agreed 3-1, Mr. Koses opposed. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on November 14, 2018.

TC65-18 JASON SOBEL, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND OPERATIONS, requesting to edit Section TPR-84(a) and to remove Section TPR-84(b) from the TPR. Section 84(b) lists the special speed regulations for streets in Newton, which are approved by MassDOT and not by the Newton Traffic Council. [09/27/18]

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 443. TPR 443 edits Section TPR-84(a) and entirely removes Section TPR-84(b) from the TPR. This item may be appealed through the close of business November 14, 2018.**

NOTE: Mr. Sobel stated that this item requests the editing of Section TPR-84(a) and to remove Section TPR-84(b) from the TPR. Section 84(b) lists the special speed regulations for streets in Newton, which are approved by MassDOT and not by the Newton Traffic Council.

Without discussion, Mr. Koses made a motion to approve TPR 443. Council members agreed 4-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business November 14, 2018.

TC66-18 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting to remove the left turn prohibitions listed in the TPR from Centre Street onto Jefferson Street and onto Pearl Street. Currently no signs are posted that would prevent left turns, and this item would make no change. (Ward 1) [10/04/18 @ 3:39 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0. Approved the language of TPR 444. TPR 444 removes the left turn prohibitions listed in the TPR from Centre Street onto Jefferson Street and onto Pearl Street. This item may be appealed through the close of business November 14, 2018.**

NOTE: Council members were provided with a location map.

Mr. Koses stated that this item requests the removal of the left turn prohibitions listed in the TPR from Centre Street onto Jefferson Street and onto Pearl Street. Currently no signs are posted that would prevent left turns, and this item would make no change.

Without discussion, Mr. Koses made a motion to approve TPR 444. Council members agreed 4-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business November 14, 2018.

TC53-18 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting to remove the single remaining Underwood School staff permit parking space on Richardson Street, due to lack of use, and returning it to a long-term metered parking space. (Ward 1) [08/08/18 @ 9:19 AM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 4-0.**

NOTE: This is a duplicate of petition item TC61-18 (above).

Without discussion, Mr. Koses made a motion for no action necessary. Council members agreed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Transportation Coordinator
Traffic Council Chair

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 438

October 25, 2018

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on October 25, 2018:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Chapter 19, Section 27 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended as follows:

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR- 147. Obedience to isolated stop signs.**, the following:

Eldredge Street at Vernon Street, northbound and southbound.

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) OUIDA C. M. YOUNG
Acting City Solicitor

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 439

October 25, 2018

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on October 25, 2018:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Chapter 19, Section 27 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended as follows:

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR- 147. Obedience to isolated stop signs.**, the following:

Wiltshire Road, eastbound, at Jackson Road.

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) OUIDA C. M. YOUNG
Acting City Solicitor

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 440

October 25, 2018

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on October 25, 2018:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Chapter 19, Section 27 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended as follows:

By DELETING from the provisions of **Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.**, the following:

Richardson Street

(3) Parking meter zone, twelve-hour limit, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., north side, from a point 260 feet east of Church Street, westerly 128 feet.

(4) Underwood Staff Permit Parking 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., school days, north side, from a point 388 feet east of Church Street, westerly 20 feet.

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.**, the following:

Richardson Street

(3) Parking meter zone, twelve-hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., north side, from a point 270 feet east of Church Street, easterly 148 feet.

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) OUIDA C. M. YOUNG
Acting City Solicitor

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 441

October 25, 2018

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on October 25, 2018:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Chapter 19, Section 27 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended as follows:

By DELETING from the provisions of **Sec. TPR- 176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.**, the following:

Centre Street

(10) Two-hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., east side from Centre Avenue to a point 170 feet north of Church Street.

(18) Parking meter zone, no time limit, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm., west side, from Homer Street to Bowen Street.

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR- 176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.**, the following:

Centre Street

(10) Two-hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., east side from a point 170 feet north of Church Street to a point 128 feet northerly.

(18) Parking meter zone, no time limit, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.,

a) West side, from Homer Street to Bowen Street.

b) East side, from a point 25 feet north of Vernon Street 57 feet northerly.

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) OUIDA C. M. YOUNG
Acting City Solicitor

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

CITY OF NEWTON
TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 442

October 25, 2018

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on October 25, 2018:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Chapter 19, Section 27 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended as follows:

By DELETING from the provisions of Sec. **TPR-85. One-way streets.**, the following:

Ward Street, from Elmore Street westerly to Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 7.

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. **TPR-87. Left turns prohibited.**, the following:

Morseland Avenue, southbound onto Ward Street.

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. **TPR-89 Right turns prohibited.**, the following:

Morseland Avenue, northbound onto Ward Street.

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. **176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.**

Ward Street

(1) Prohibited, all days:

(h) South side, from Morseland Avenue to a point 165 feet easterly.

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) OUIDA C. M. YOUNG
Acting City Solicitor

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 443

October 25, 2018

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on October 25, 2018:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Chapter 19, Section 27 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended as follows:

By DELETING from the provisions of **Sec. TPR-84. Speed zones designated.**, the following:

(a) In accordance with the provisions of chapter 90, section 17C of the General Laws, the speed limit on any City controlled street is 25 mph., unless otherwise posted, as listed in section (b).

(b) In accordance with the provisions of chapter 90, section 18 of the General Laws, the following special speed regulations are hereby adopted. The following speed limits are established at which motor vehicles may be operated in the areas described:

(delete entire section)

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-84. Speed zones designated.**, the following:

(a) In accordance with the provisions of chapter 90, section 17C of the General Laws, the speed limit on any City controlled street is 25 mph., unless otherwise posted, as included in the *List of Regulatory Speed Limits by Street*. This list is maintained by the Department of Public Works.

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) OUIDA C. M. YOUNG
Acting City Solicitor

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

CITY OF NEWTON

TRAFFIC & PARKING REGULATION

TPR NO. 444

October 25, 2018

In accordance with the vote of the Traffic Council on October 25, 2018:

The City of Newton Traffic & Parking Regulations, as established in Chapter 19, Section 27 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2017, as amended, be and are hereby further amended as follows:

By DELETING from the provisions of **Sec. TPR-87. Left turns prohibited.**, the following:

Centre Street into Jefferson Street, southbound vehicles.

Centre Street into Pearl Street, northbound vehicles, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Approved as to legal form and character:

(SGD) OUIDA C. M. YOUNG
Acting City Solicitor

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
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TC31-18



Requesting a two-hour parking restriction 7am to 9am, Mon - Fri, north side.

Location Map: Playstead Road

TC31-18

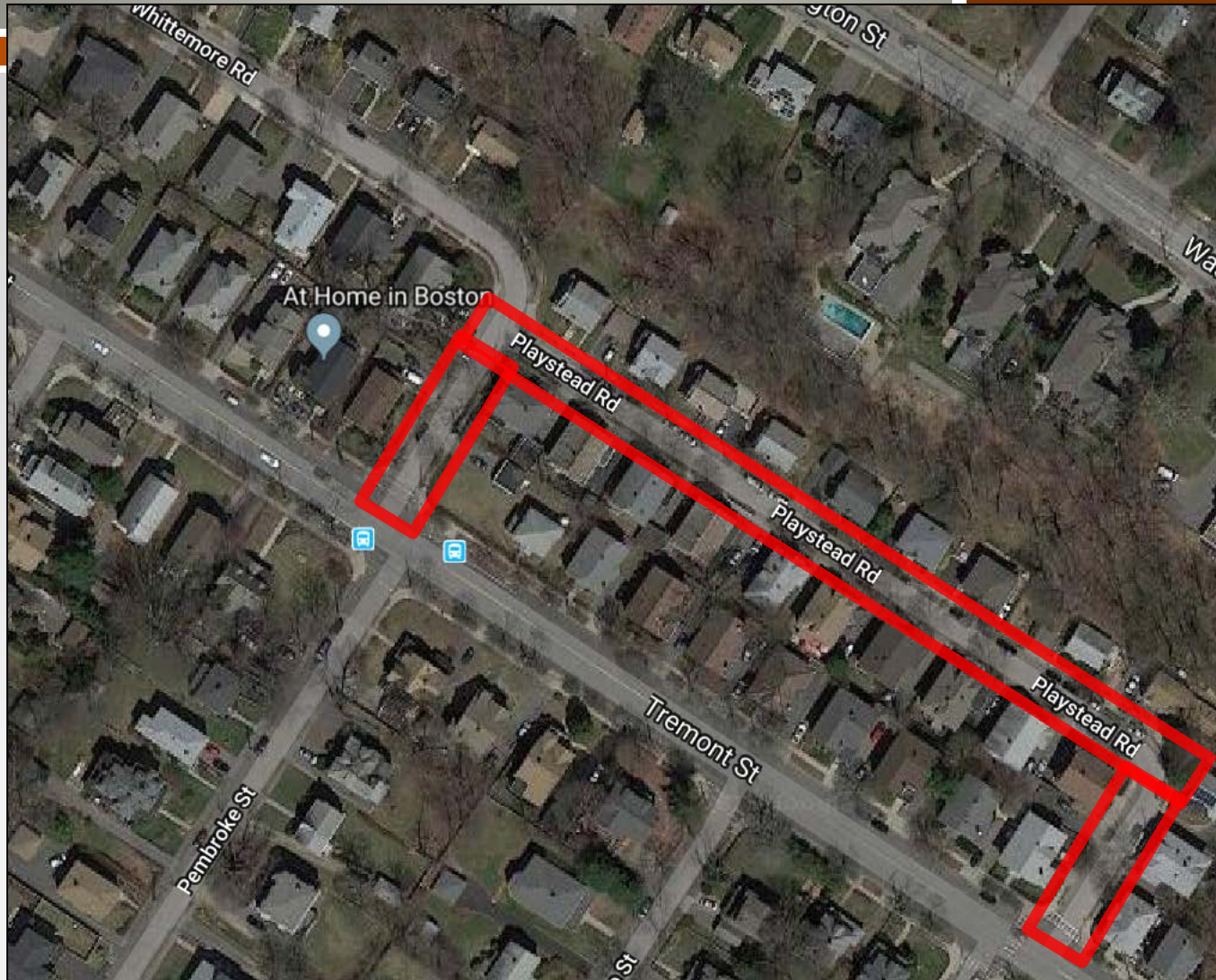


Photo: Playstead Road looking east from Whittemore Road

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Characteristics of Playstead Road

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General Characteristics

- 23' to 24' wide

Current Parking Restrictions

Playstead Road

(1) Prohibited, south side, from Tremont Street northerly to Whittemore Road (except Saturday, Sunday and Holiday).

Parking Observations

- Wed 09/27/18 @ 1:30 PM: 3 (west side of w leg) + 12 north side + 2 (east side of east leg) = 17
- Mon 10/01/18 @ 11:00 AM: 4 (west side of w leg) + 13 north side + 2 (east side of east leg) = 19
- Tue 10/02/18 @ 8:45 AM: 4 (west side of w leg) + 13 north side + 2 (east side of east leg) = 19
- Wed 10/03/18 @ 12:00 PM 3 (west side of w leg) + 11 north side + 3 (east side of east leg) = 17
- Tue 10/9/18 @ 10:00 AM: 4 (west side of w leg) + 14 north side + 4 (east side of east leg) = 22

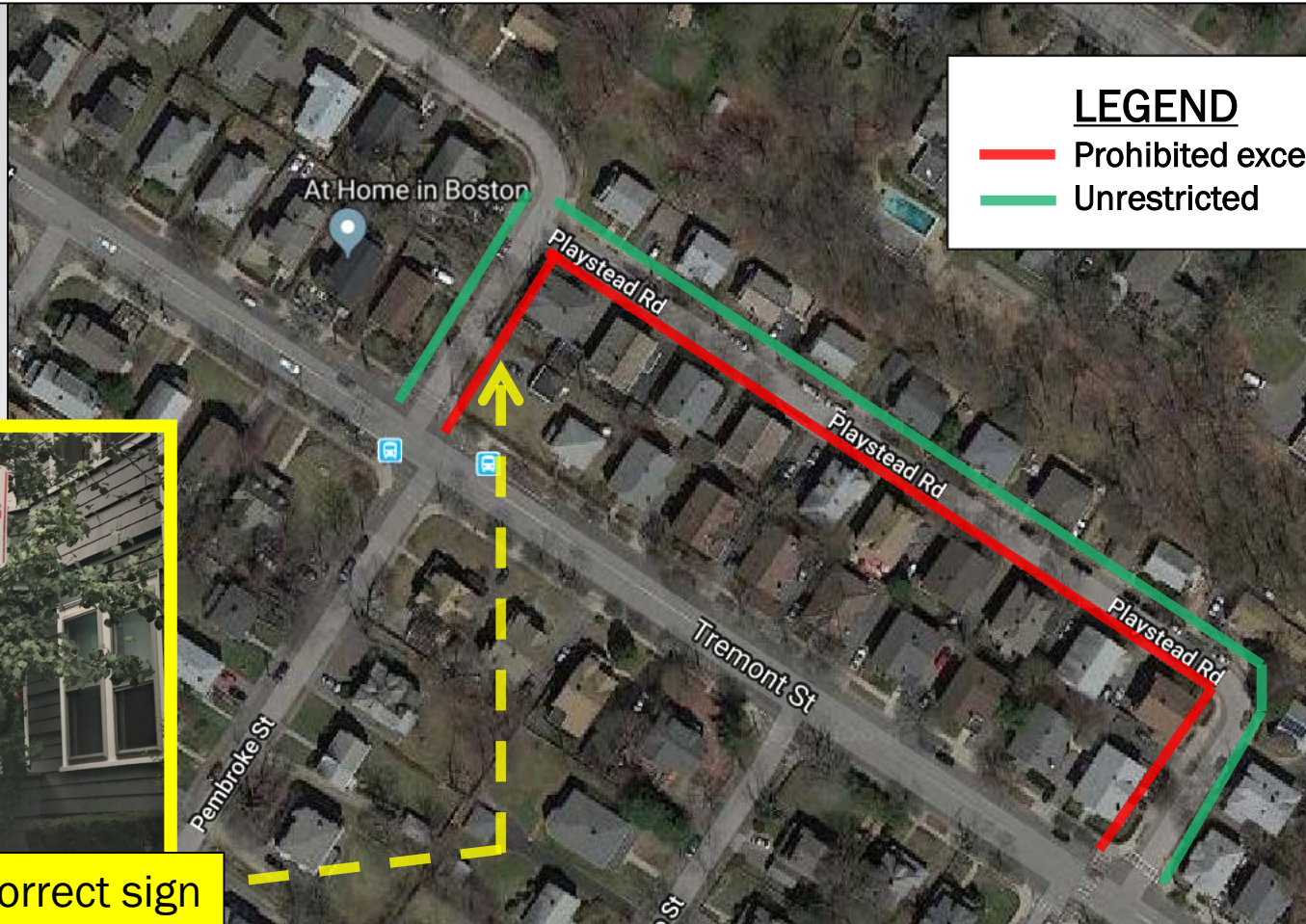
Location of Utility Poles and Hydrants

- Utility Poles – on the north (and east) side
- Fire hydrants – on the north (and east) side

Current Parking Regulations

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“Prohibited, south side, from Tremont Street northerly to Whittemore Road (except Saturday, Sunday and Holiday).”



Incorrect sign

Considerations

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Resident access to the street
Commuter needs and benefits of public transit
Lack of a commuter permit program

Options to Consider

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- NAN; or
- Restrict parking on one side; no parking allowed at any time on the other side.



LEGEND

- Prohibited All Times
- No parking, 8-10AM, except Sa, Su, Ho

By DELETING from the provisions of **Sec. TPR-176**. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.

Playstead Road

(1) Prohibited, south side, from Tremont Street northerly to Whittemore Road.

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-176**. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.

Playstead Road

(1) Prohibited, all days all hours, from Tremont Street, east side (western leg), continuing along the south side, continuing along the west side (eastern leg)

(2) No parking, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., except Saturday, Sunday and Holiday, from Tremont Street, west side (western leg), continuing along the north side, continuing along the east side (eastern leg)

CAN BE APPEALED

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Requesting a three-way stop sign at Vernon and Eldredge Streets

Location Map

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Existing Conditions — Vernon Street

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- Stop Sign Westbound
- Vernon Street in front of Underwood – pedestrian access only



Vernon Street Westbound

Existing Conditions — Eldredge Street

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- No stop sign Northbound
- No stop sign Southbound
- Intersection includes School Zone
- Intersection includes crosswalks



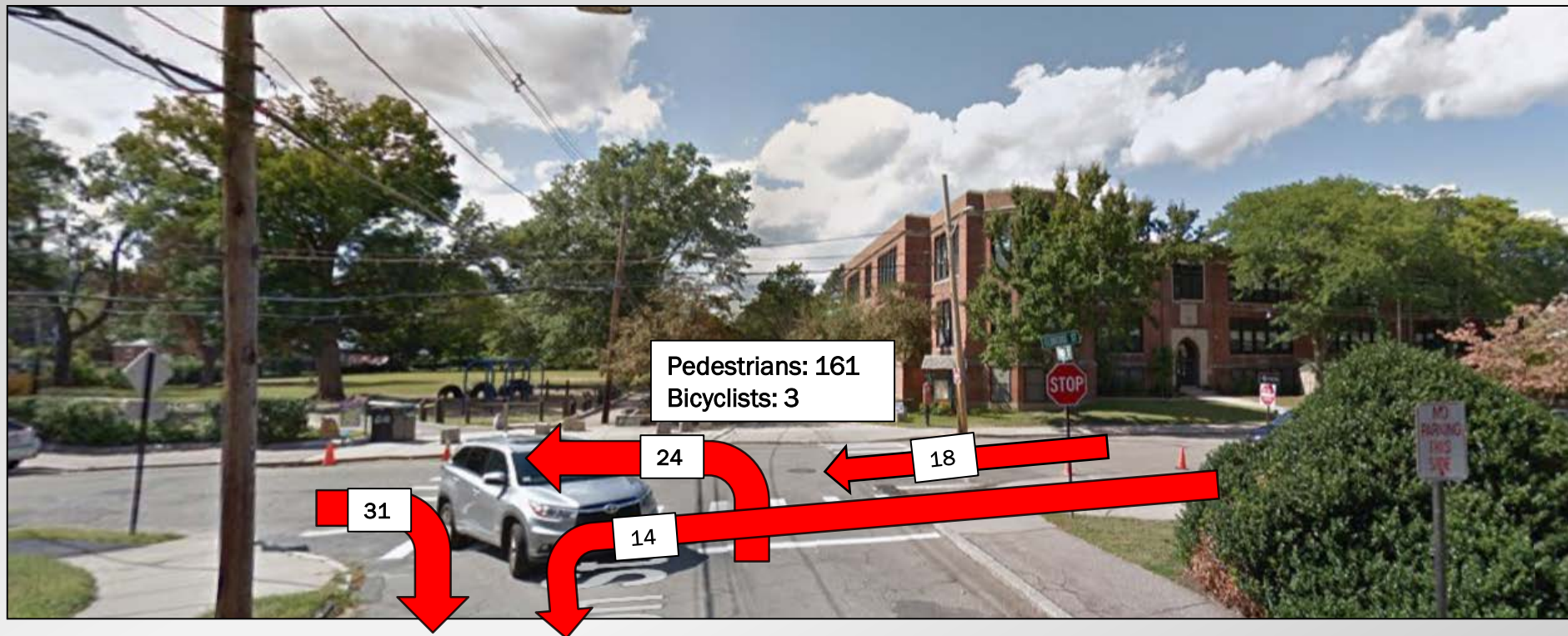
Eldredge Street Northbound (two-way)



Eldredge Street Southbound (one-way)

Pedestrian, Bicycle and Vehicle Volumes (Tuesday 10/2/18 12:15pm – 12:45pm)

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MUTCD - Section 2B.07 Multi-Way Stop Applications (Abbreviated)

In general, multi-way stop control is used where the volume of traffic on the intersecting roads is approximately equal, is based on an engineering study. One criterion that may be considered in an engineering study include:

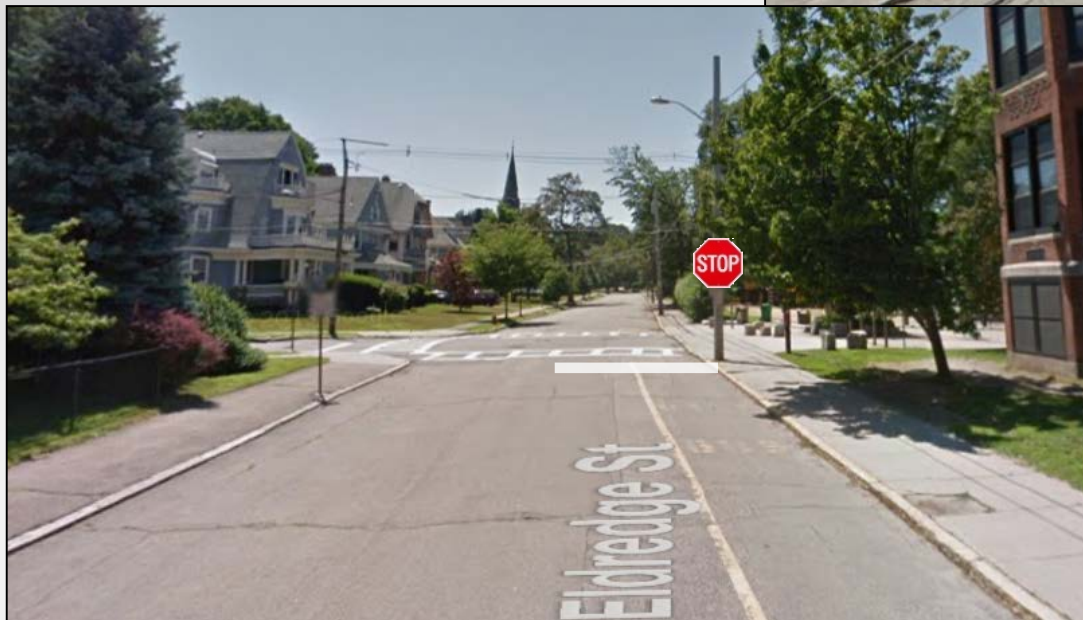
(Criterion met)

The need to control vehicle/pedestrian conflicts near locations that generate high pedestrian volumes

Recommendation

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- Approve stop sign Eldredge SB
- Approve stop sign on Eldredge NB



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Traffic Council

Recommended TPR language

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By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR- 147.** Obedience to isolated stop signs., the following:

Eldredge Street at Vernon Street, northbound and southbound.

CAN BE APPEALED

Appeal Deadline is November 14, 2018

TC36-18

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Requesting the removal of the accessible parking spot in front of 58 Churchill St

Location Map: Churchill Street

TC36-18



58 Churchill Street showing accessible parking space

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Traffic Council

Action Taken 7/26/18 and current recommendation

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HELD at 7/26/18 Traffic Council meeting

Recommendation:

- NAN if the space is still needed and residents have a valid placard
- Remove space if it is no longer needed or residents do not have a valid placard.

Possible TPR language

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By REMOVING from the provisions of **Sec. TPR-200. Accessible Parking Spaces**, the following:

Churchill Street: in front of 58 Churchill Street

CAN BE APPEALED

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TC60-18

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Requesting to add a stop sign at Wiltshire Road at Jackson Road

Location Map

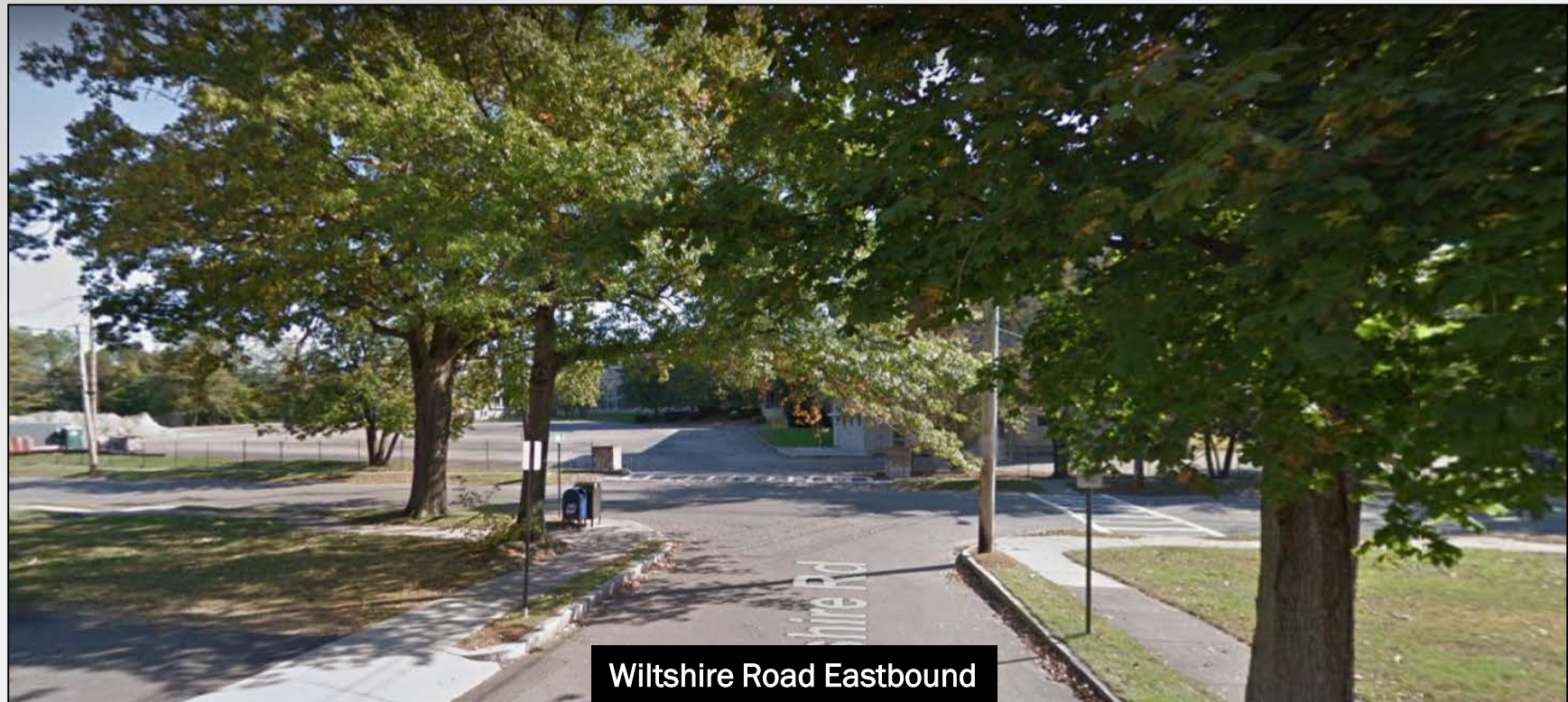
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Existing Conditions

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- “T” intersection
- No stop signs
- Intersection includes School Zone
- Intersection includes crosswalks



- There are no warrants that apply
- “T” intersection = implied stop
- Not necessary to install a stop sign
- A stop sign is allowed ~ No reason not to install a stop sign at a T intersection

Recommendation

TC60-18

- Approve stop sign Wiltshire EB



Recommended TPR language

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By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR- 147. Obedience to isolated stop signs.**, the following:

Wiltshire Road, eastbound, at Jackson Road.

CAN BE APPEALED

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TC61-18



Requesting to remove the parking space on Richardson Street that is reserved for the Underwood School and return it to public circulation.

Location Map: Richardson Street

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Photo: Reserved Space on Richardson St

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Characteristics of the Parking Space

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Current Parking Restrictions

Underwood Staff Parking, 7AM to 4PM, School Days

Parking Observations

- Tuesday 10/02/18 @ 8:30 AM: 0
- Wednesday 10/3/18 @ 11:45 AM: 0*
- Tuesday 10/09/18 @ 10:00 AM: 0
- Thursday 10/11/18 @ 9:30 AM: 0
- Monday 10/15/18 @ 2:00 PM: 0
- Wednesday 10/17/18 @ 1:30 PM: 0*

(*every metered parking space on Richardson St was occupied except the Park & Pedal space)

Distance to Underwood: 1,350 feet

Recommendation

TC61-18

Approval

By REMOVING from the provisions of **Sec. TPR-176**. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

Richardson Street

(3) Parking meter zone, twelve-hour limit, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., north side, from a point 260 feet east of Church Street, westerly 128 feet.

(4) Underwood Staff Permit Parking 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., school days, north side, from a point 388 feet east of Church Street, westerly 20 feet.

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-176**. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

Richardson Street

(3) Parking meter zone, twelve-hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., north side, from a point 270 feet east of Church Street, easterly 148 feet.

CAN BE APPEALED

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TC64-18



Requesting to discuss change to the short-term unmetered parking spaces on the east side of Centre Street between Vernon Street and Centre Avenue

Location Map: Newton Corner

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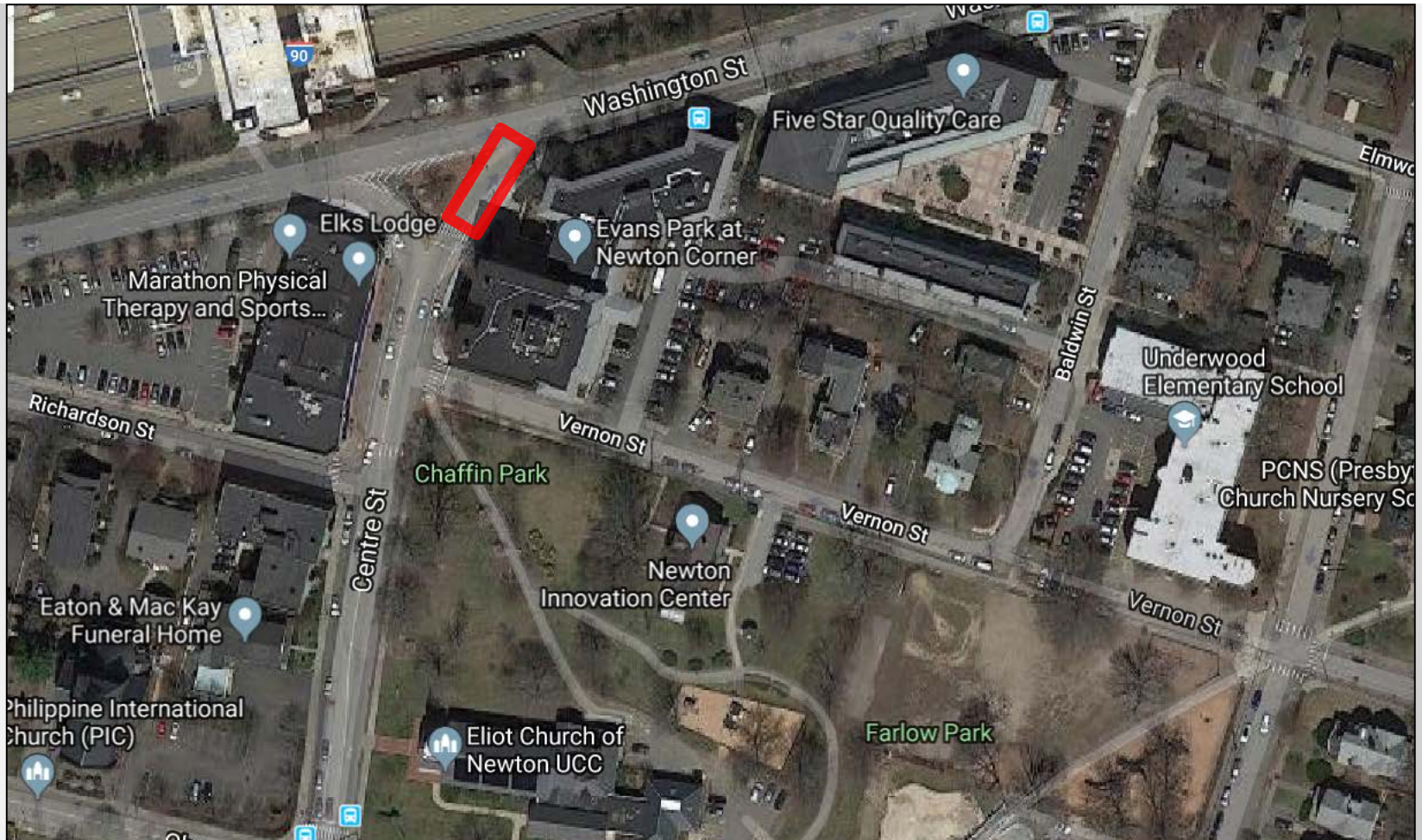


Photo: Proposed Long Term Meters

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Characteristics of the Area

TC64-18

General Characteristics

- Appx. 76' long section
- 3 parking meters could fit

Current Parking Restrictions

- 2-hour limit, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM, except Saturday, Sunday and Holiday

Demand for Long-Term Parking

- Commuters
- Newton Innovation Center
- Evans Park
- Underwood
- Many other businesses and services in the area

Parking Observations

- Monday 10/15/18 @ 11:00 AM: 3 out of 4 spaces in use
- Monday 10/15/18 @ 2:00 PM: 2 out of 4 spaces in use
- Monday 10/15/18 @ 4:00 PM: 3 out of 4 spaces in use
- Tuesday 10/16/18 @ 3:00 PM: 3 out of 4 spaces in use
- Wednesday 10/17/18 @ 9:00 AM: 3 out of 4 spaces in use
- Wednesday 10/17/18 @ 1:30 PM: 1 out of 4 spaces in use

Recommendation

TC64-18

Convert these spaces from:

2-hour limit, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM, except Saturday, Sunday and Holiday

Convert these spaces to:

Long term meters, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM, except Sunday and Holiday

By DELETING from the provisions of **Sec. TPR- 176**. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

(10) Two-hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., east side from Centre Avenue to a point 170 feet north of Church Street.

(18) Parking meter zone, no time limit, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm., west side, from Homer Street to Bowen Street.

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR- 176**. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets., the following:

(10) Two-hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., east side from a point 170 feet north of Church Street to a point 128 feet northerly.

(18) Parking meter zone, no time limit, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm.,

a) west side, from Homer Street to Bowen Street.

b) East side, from a point 25 feet north of Vernon Street 57 feet northerly.

(Administrative change:

No parking Vernon St 25' northerly)

CAN BE APPEALED

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TC40-18

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Requesting consideration of a parking restriction on Carlson Avenue

Location Map: Carlson Avenue

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Photo: Carlson Avenue looking
southwest from Dedham Street

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Characteristics of Carlson Avenue

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General Characteristics

- 28-29' wide
- 650' long between Dedham & UMass Amherst at Mt Ida.

Current Parking Restrictions

None, either side

Parking Observations

- Wednesday 10/03/18 @ 11:30 AM: 0 north side; 0 south side
- Friday 10/12/18 @ 3:30PM: 0 north side; 2 south side
- Monday 10/15/18 @ 10:00 AM: 0 north side; 0 south side
- Tuesday 10/16/18 @ 2:00 PM: 1 north side; 2 south side
- Wednesday 10/17/18 @ 9:30 AM: 2 north side; 1 south side

Location of Utility Poles and Hydrants

- Utility Poles – on the south side
- Fire hydrants – on the north side

Recommendation

TC40-18

NAN.
Avoids installing signs on the street.

If Traffic Council votes to take an action, optional TPR language is on the following slide.

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-176**. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.

Carlson Avenue

(1) Prohibited, all days all hours, from Dedham Street to a point 700 feet southwesterly, southeast side.

CAN BE APPEALED

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TC62-18 COUNCILOR NORTON, requesting a discussion and possible change to the circulation and direction of travel on Ward Street between Elmore and Morseland

Location Map: One-way section of Ward St

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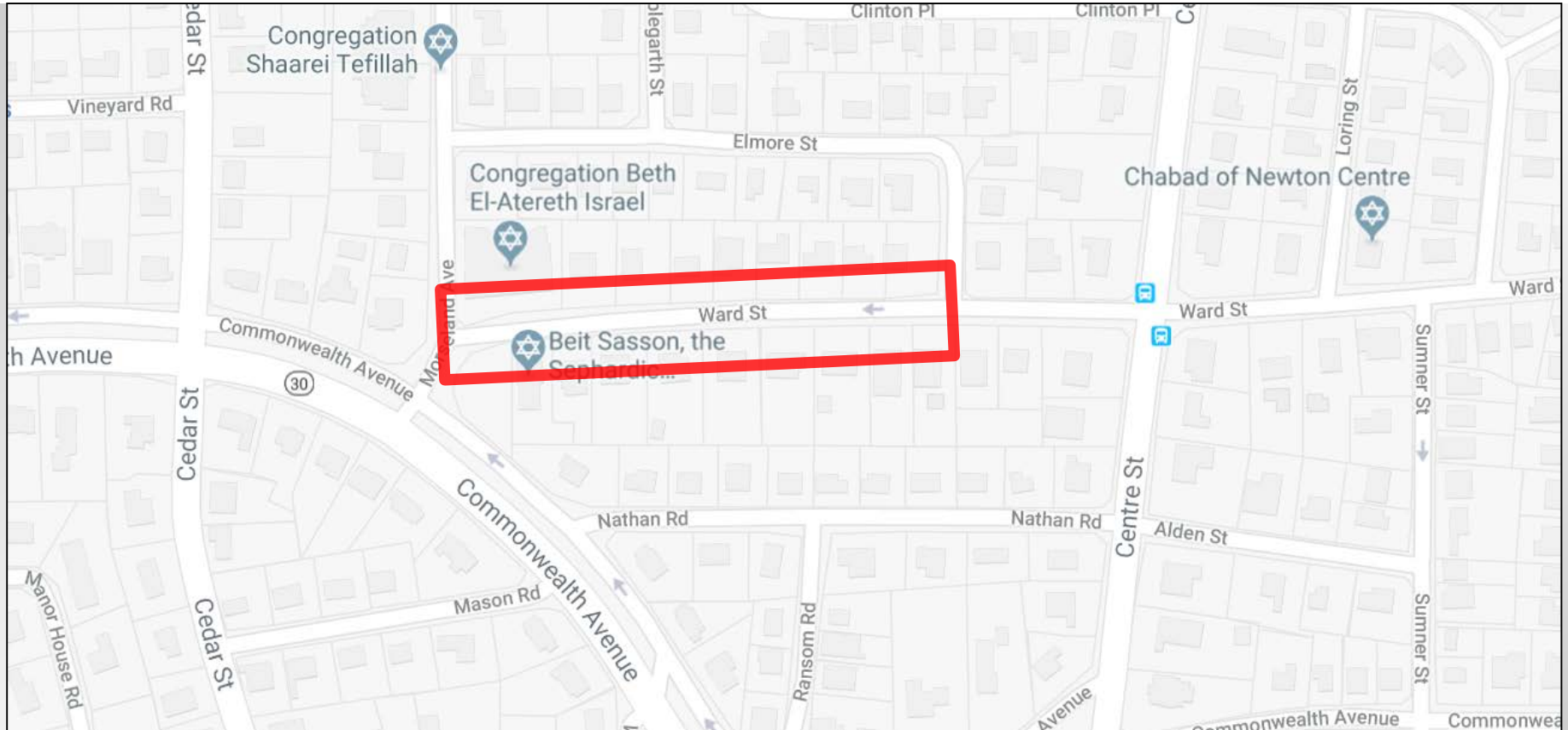


Photo: Ward St at Elmore, looking west

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Parking on Ward Street with a 2-way circulation

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Parking with a 2-way street Ward Street

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Signage and restricted parking on Ward St with a 2-way circulation

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Characteristics of this section of Ward St

TC62-18

General Characteristics

- 28' wide
- 800' long Elmore to Morseland

Parking Observations

- Monday 10/15/18 @ 11:00 AM: 2 on (south side); 4 (north side)
- Tuesday 10/16/18 @ 2:00 PM: 2 on (south side); 2 (north side)
- Wednesday 10/17/18 @ 9:30 AM: 2 on (south side); 3 (north side)
- Friday 10/19/18 @ 3:00 PM: 2 on (south side); 3 (north side)
- Monday 10/22/18 @ 10:00 AM: 1 on (south side); 5 (north side)

Location of Utility Poles and Hydrants

- Utility Poles – on the north side
- Fire hydrants – on the north side

Current Parking Regulations on Ward St

TC62-18

(1) Prohibited, all days:

- a) South side from Westbourne Road to Wessex Road
- b) North side, from West Boulevard Road to Coolidge Road.
- c) South side, from Westbourne Road to Eastbourne Road.
- d) South side, from Waverley Avenue westerly 100 feet.
- e) North side, from Stuart Street westerly 100 feet.
- f) North side, from Waverley Avenue easterly 100 feet.
- g) North side, from a point 240 feet east of Exmoor Road, westerly 55 feet.

(2) One-hour limit, Saturdays included, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., south side, from Hammond Street to Manet Road.

(3) Two-hour limit, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., north side, Woodlawn Drive to Manet Road.

(4) Prohibited, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Saturdays only, north side, from a point 60 feet east of Morseland Avenue, 120 feet easterly.

Sec. TPR-85. One-way streets.

Upon the following streets or parts of streets vehicular traffic shall move only in the direction indicated below:

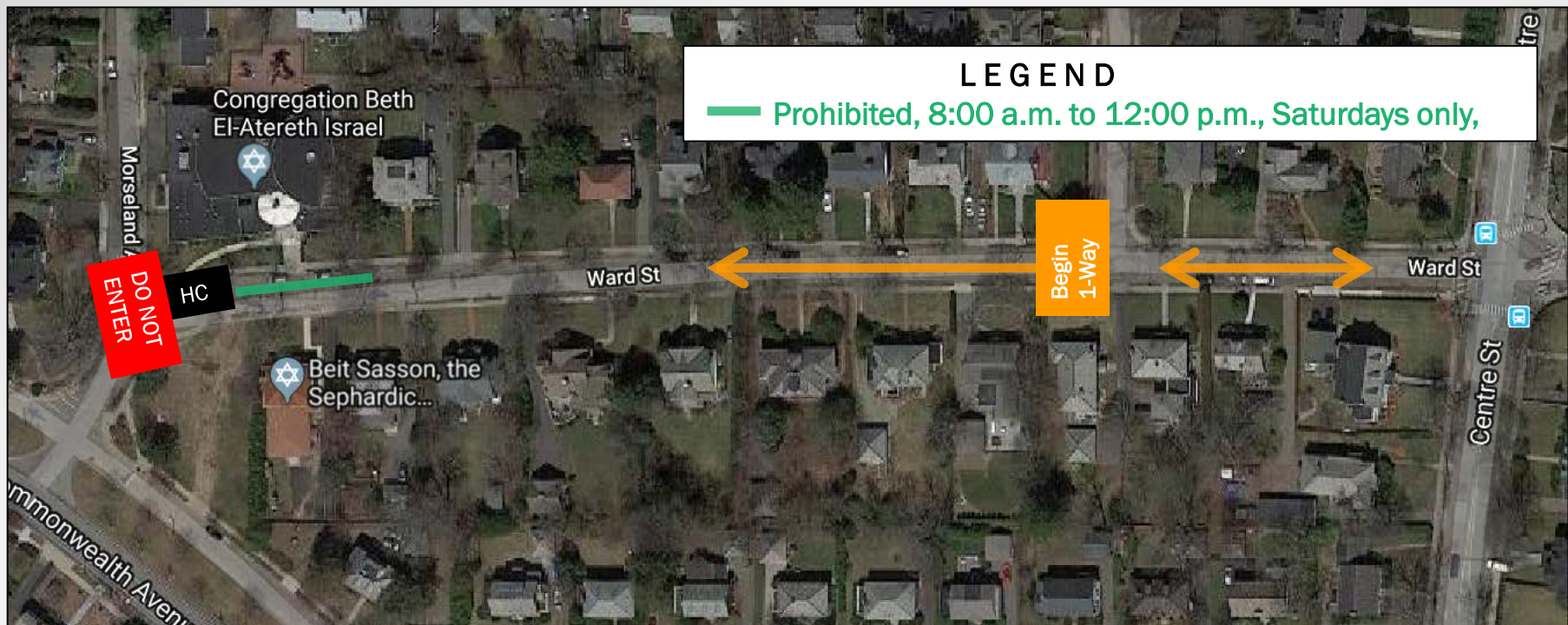
Ward Street, from Elmore Street westerly to Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 7.

(This restriction automatically allows the “Do Not Enter” sign from Morseland Road onto Ward Street)

Option 1: One-way WB Ward St (Do Not Enter from Morseland)

TC62-18

- Parking to continue to occur in the WB direction on the N side and the S sides of Ward St
- Signs on the south side should continue to face WB traffic (No changes to signage needed)
- No changes to the TPR needed



Option 2: Two-way Ward St with the Do Not Enter from Morseland

TC62-18

- Parking on the south side must face Eastbound
 - Signs on the south side need to be flipped to face Eastbound traffic
- With access only from the east, continuation of turning around in residential driveways
- Consider restricting parking between Morseland Rd & the driveway to 556 Ward St (Beit Sassan) – a distance of 165 feet.



Proposed TPR language for Option 2: 2-way Ward St with the DNE at Morseland

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By DELETING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-85. One-way streets., the following:
Ward Street, from Elmore Street westerly to Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 7.

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-87. Left turns prohibited., the following:
Morseland Avenue, southbound onto Ward Street

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. TPR-89 Right turns prohibited., the following:
Morseland Avenue, northbound onto Ward Street

By INSERTING into the provisions of Sec. 176. Parking regulations pertaining to particular streets.

Ward Street

(1) Prohibited, all days:

(i) South side, from Morseland Road to a point 165 feet easterly

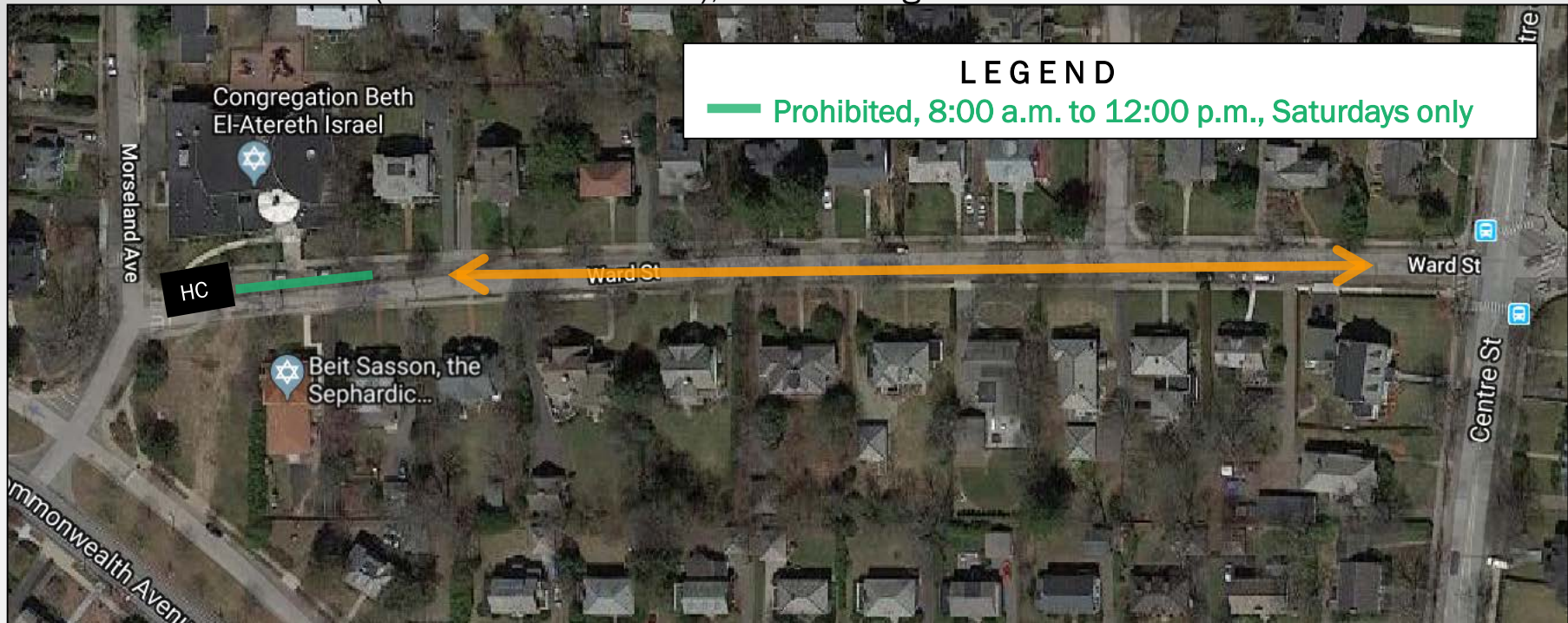
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Option 3: Two-way Ward St without the Do Not Enter from Morseland

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- Parking on the south side must face Eastbound
 - Signs on the south side need to be flipped to face Eastbound traffic
- No need to restrict parking at 556 Ward Street
- Less likelihood for turning around in residential driveways
- Consideration: Comm Ave > Morseland Ave > Ward St > Centre Street
 - More left turns (Comm to Morseland); More through traffic



Proposed TPR language for Option 3: 2-way Ward without the DNE at Morseland

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By DELETING from the provisions of Sec. TPR-85. One-way streets., the following:
Ward Street, from Elmore Street westerly to Commonwealth Avenue, Ward 7.

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TC65-18



Request to edit Section TPR-84(a) and to remove Section TPR-84(b) from the TPR. Section 84(b) lists the special speed regulations for streets in Newton

By DELETING from the provisions of **Sec. TPR-84. Speed zones designated.**, the following:

(a) In accordance with the provisions of chapter 90, section 17C of the General Laws, the speed limit on any City controlled street is 25 mph., unless otherwise posted, as listed in section (b).

(b) In accordance with the provisions of chapter 90, section 18 of the General Laws, the following special speed regulations are hereby adopted. The following speed limits are established at which motor vehicles may be operated in the areas described:

(delete entire section)

By INSERTING into the provisions of **Sec. TPR-84. Speed zones designated.**, the following:

(a) In accordance with the provisions of chapter 90, section 17C of the General Laws, the speed limit on any City controlled street is 25 mph., unless a regulatory speed limit has been established by MassDOT with a Special Speed Regulation.

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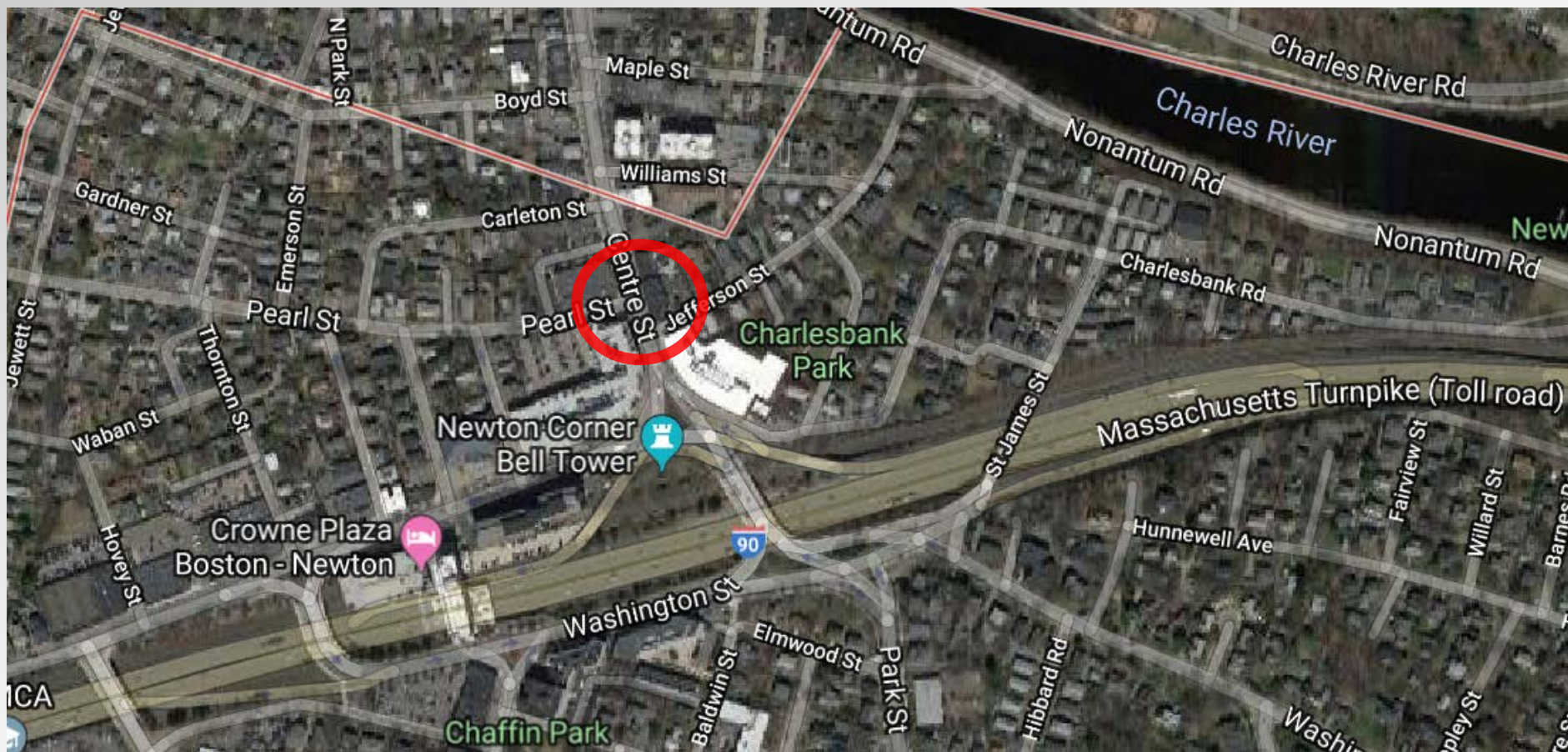
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Request to remove the left turn prohibitions listed in the TPR from Centre Street
onto Jefferson Street and onto Pearl Street

Location Map: Centre/Pearl/Jefferson

TC66-18



By DELETING from the provisions of **Sec. TPR-87**. Left turns prohibited., the following:

Centre Street into Jefferson Street, southbound vehicles

Centre Street into Pearl Street, northbound vehicles, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

CAN BE APPEALED

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TC53-18

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Request to remove the single remaining Underwood School staff permit parking space on Richardson St and returning it to a long-term metered parking space

Recommendation

TC53-18

NAN

(Duplicate of TC61-18)