



Public Safety & Transportation Committee Report

City of Newton **In City Council**

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Present: Councilors Auchincloss (Chair), Downs, Lipof, Malakie, Grossman, Markiewicz and Bowman

Absent: Councilor Ciccone

Also Present: Councilors Leary (Chair), Norton, Crossley, Kelley, Kalis, Danberg, Laredo and Gentile

City Staff: Interim Chief Howard Mintz, Captain Jeffrey Boudreau, Sgt. Daniel Devine, Newton Police Department; Chief Gino Lucchetti, Newton Fire Department; Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer; Nicole Freedman, Director of Transportation Planning; Commissioner James McGonagle, DPW and Jason Sobel, Director of Transportation

Referred to Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees

#391-20 Adoption of a Vision Zero Resolution

COUNCILORS BOWMAN, DOWNS, AUCHINCLOSS, KELLEY, LEARY, MARKIEWICZ, GROSSMAN, LIPOF, NOEL, DANBERG, AND HUMPHREY requesting the adoption of a Vision Zero resolution by the City Council in recognition that no loss of life or serious injury is acceptable on our city streets and that a systematic, data driven approach will achieve higher levels of safety and better ensure equity.

Action: **Public Facilities Committee Approved 8-0 on 10/07/20**
Public Safety & Transportation Committee Approved 7-0

Note: The Committee met jointly with the Public Facilities Committee to discuss this item. Please refer to the Public Facilities Committee report dated October 7, 2020 for discussion on this item.

Councilor Downs made a motion to approve this resolution. Committee members agreed 7-0.

Referred to Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees

#361-20 Discussion on Vision Zero plan for resident safety

COUNCILORS BOWMAN, DOWNS, AUCHINCLOSS, HUMPHREY, NOEL, ALBRIGHT, DANBERG, KALIS, GREENBERG AND RYAN requesting a discussion of Vision Zero with the Planning Department, Department of Public Works, Newton Police Department and the Newton Fire Department in recognition that no loss of life or serious injury is acceptable on our city streets and that a systematic, data driven approach will achieve higher levels of safety and better ensure equity.

Action: **Public Facilities Committee No Action Necessary 8-0 on 10/07/20**
Public Safety & Transportation Committee No Action Necessary 7-0

Note: The Committee met jointly with the Public Facilities Committee to discuss this item. Please refer to the Public Facilities Committee report dated October 7, 2020 for discussion on this item.

Councilor Bowman made a motion for no action necessary. Council members agreed 7-0.

Chair's Note: The Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees will hear from Transportation Director, Jason Sobel about changes within 1500 feet of schools made this summer in response to COVID restrictions on school bus capacity.

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The Committees agreed to discuss this item again when back-up is provided. Jim McGonagle, Commissioner of the Public Works Department, noted that they will provide back-up at a future meeting.

The Committee adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacob D. Auchincloss, Chair