



**CITY OF CHELSEA, MA**  
**Traffic and Parking Commission**

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Resident Member  
**Carolyn P. Boumila-Vega**  
Resident Member

**Minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting.**

The meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission was held in the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts. The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Sergeant John Nofle. Department of Public Works Commissioner Fidel Maltez, Acting Deputy Fire Chief Steven Purcell, resident member Aaron Kraemer and resident member Carolyn Boumila-Vega were present. Director of Housing and Community Development Alex Train was absent.

*Item #2 - Approval of the minutes from the October 5, 2021 meeting.*

Steven Purcell made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2021 meeting. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

*Item #3 - Communication of May 19, 2021 from Argelia Sanitzo of Chelsea Dental Assoc., requesting multiple hearings on parking spaces at 109 Washington Avenue.*

This item was discussed in combination with item #15 and the decision rendered.

*Item #4 - Communication of September 8, 2021 from Aaron Kraemer, requesting the Commission to look into installing a fully functioning traffic light at Cary Square.*

Fidel Maltez stated that the traffic consultant engineers had performed a traffic study on Cary Square and that the recommendations was to have the traffic lights at Cary Square fully functioning. He stated that this would be a big cultural change. He stated the Commission made the same change on Eastern Avenue and it has been very successful for the past two years. He stated that this would be the same. He stated that the traffic engineers would be installing a camera system that would activate the lights as cars approach, not on a timer. Fidel Maltez made a motion to approve this request. Steven Purcell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #5 - Communication of September 15, 2021 from Councilor Melinda Vega Maldonado, requesting the Commission to look into changing Clark Avenue from a two-way to a one-way street, from Webster Avenue to Eleanor Street.*

Fidel Maltez stated that a traffic study was performed by traffic engineers and found that there are more vehicles traveling west bound on Clark Avenue. He stated that the traffic engineers stated that it makes sense to change Clark Avenue to a one way from Webster Avenue to Eleanor Street. He stated that the residents coming from Crest Avenue would have to go around. He explained that those residents would need to be given notice and the implementation would be a slow process. Councilor Melinda Vega Maldonado asked if there would be a public hearing on the request. Fidel Maltez stated that the Commission would hold a public hearing at the December meeting and if passes it would need to go to City Council for approval. He stated that if approved, it will be implemented around February. Fidel Maltez made a motion to move this request to a public hearing at the December meeting. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #6 - Communication of September 15, 2021 from Councilor Enio A. Lopez, requesting the Commission to look into the placement of speed tables to be located at 73 Marlborough Street and 150 Marlborough Street.*

Councilor Enio Lopez stated that this is the second time he has submitted this request to the Commission. He asked that the Commission please consider his request because he has received several complaints from residents about vehicles speeding. He stated that there was an accident recently involving a child. Fidel Maltez stated that the Department of Public Works has installed two speed radar machines this week. He stated that he would have the traffic consultants review the area. He explained that this is a very tight street and they would need to see how speed table would affect the fire apparatus. Fidel Maltez made a motion to table the item until next meeting pending further investigation. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.



*Item #7 - Communication of September 21, 2021 from ElHassan El God, of 63 Winnisimmet Street, requesting a discussion on the safety concerns for children in the neighborhood due to speeding.*

ElHassan El God stated that people are using Winnisimmet Street as a short cut through the waterfront area to Beacon Street. He stated that his son was almost hit a vehicle speeding through the area. He stated that he noticed that speed limit signs were posted for twenty-five miles per hour. He asked if it was possible to install speed bumps because to reduce the speeding. He then asked if it was possible to lower the speed limit to fifteen or twenty miles per hour. He asked if a police officer would monitor the area and ticket those speeding. Fidel Maltez stated that the twenty-five speed limit is citywide. He stated that the Department of Public Works has installed a speed radar sign today which will collect data on how many vehicles are speeding over the twenty-five speed limit. ElHassan El God asked if another speed radar sign could be installed in the opposite direction. Fidel Maltez stated that speed bumps are not possible on that street due to the cobblestone. Fidel Maltez made a motion to install an additional speed radar sign. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

*Item #8 - Communication of September 28, 2021 from Chasen Failla, requesting the Commission to restrict or drastically reduce truck traffic through Chelsea residential areas.*

Chasen Failla stated that he is looking to eliminate tractor trailers and large trucks on residential streets so that they are only allowed on main arteries. Fidel Maltez informed him that it is very difficult to do. In order to implement it, it requires approval MassDOT. He stated that unfortunately the Commissions' hands are tied. He stated that the Commission would receive complaints from the businesses not being able to receive deliveries. Chasen Failla stated that he understands that there are local deliveries but does not see why tractor trailers need to go through residential streets. Fidel Maltez stated that restricting trucks would be very difficult. He stated that a study would need to be done on the traffic throughout the city. He stated that the Commission could look into it with MassDOT. Fidel Maltez made a motion that Department of Public Works and Housing & Community Development would look into the traffic at Park Square to see if a truck restriction is possible. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

*Item #9 - Public Hearing to receive comment regarding the new proposal for the relocation of the MBTA bus stop at Cary Square due to increased safety and health concerns for the neighborhood.*

Stanley Troisi stated that he would support the bus stop moving to the bridge at the Silverline Connection on Washington Avenue. He stated that the businesses in the area of the current bus stop are being affected by the current bus stop. He stated that the Cary Square Club has been in that location for several years. He stated that the MBTA is a guest in the city and they will do whatever the Commission says. Fidel Maltez stated that the proposal is to reinstate the bus stop at Bloomingdale Street and dedicate two parking spaces on Cary Avenue for a layover bus. Stanley Troisi stated that this is a problem for the MBTA and they should make the layover bus at the Silverline Connection. He stated there is no reason to have a layover bus at Cary Avenue. He stated to take away two parking spaces on Cary Avenue would not help the parking problem. He stated that the MBTA should schedule buses so that no layover is needed. He stated that he is strongly opposed to a layover bus. Fidel Maltez stated that this process has been going on for over five months. He went on to say that residents have complained about buses idling and the riders having to board the bus in the middle of the street. He stated that the Commission will be removing the current bus stop in front of Khelsea's Pizza. He stated that he was advised by the MBTA that the mC bus might be eliminated in the future due to low ridership. He strongly agrees that the Commission should work with the MBTA on a layover bus stop. Stanley Troisi stated that the Commission should agree with the residents not the MBTA. Fidel Maltez stated that the Commission explored moving the layover bus to the bridge at the Silverline Connection but it would cause a big gap in service. He stated that the residents would also have to walk from Cary Square creating a longer distance. He stated that the layover bus is intended for riders to board at Cary Square as the m is typically full from Woodlawn at this point. He stated that the MBTA is going to have to figure it out. He stated that if the MBTA were to come back to the Commission we would need to stay firm. John Fantasia asked if the buses were ever measured. He stated that he thinks it would be a bad idea parking a bus in that area where there are many children. He stated that it would cause a lot of traffic if there is a layover bus parked there and another bus was to come. Aaron Kraemer stated that he is a frequently rider in that area and when the buses come down from the Woodlawn area they are generally full. He stated that the layover bus would pick up all of the riders that are not able to get on that bus. He explained that if the layover bus were to be moved to the bridge at Washington Avenue, residents would need to walk further. He stated the space on Cary Avenue is needed so that



the bus can wait until the route starts. He stated he strongly opposes the request to move the layover bus to the bridge at the Silverline Connection. Henry Cordero stated that there is a simple solution if the 111C bus can stop on the bridge at Washington Avenue and idle there. He thinks they can go around City Hall back to Cary Avenue when the route starts. Fidel Maltez stated this request has been going on for over six months and obviously carried a lot of weight and aggravation on our residents. Fidel Maltez made a motion to eliminate the current bus stop, eliminate the layover bus stop request and to reinstate the bus stop at Bloomingdale Street. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. John Nofle and Steven Purcell were in favor. Aaron Kraemer was opposed. Motion passed.

*Item #10 - Handicap sign application of October 5, 2021 from Luz Huertas, at 60 Cottage Street.*

Fidel Maltez made a motion to approve the application. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

*Item #11 - Handicap sign application of October 14, 2021 from Carlos Osorto, at 33 Cherry Street.*

John Nofle stated that there is no parking on either side of the street on Cherry Street. Fidel Maltez made a motion to deny this request. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

*Item #12 - Communication of October 19, 2021 from Mimi Graney, requesting the closure of Walnut Street for the creation of a Playstreet.*

Fidel Maltez stated that Mimi is looking to have Walnut Street, from Fifth Street to Fourth Street, closed for an afterschool event. He stated that it is just a temporary closure. Fidel Maltez made a motion to approve this request. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

*Item #13 - Handicap sign application of October 19, 2021 from Franklin Espinoza Rivera, at 19 Lynn Street.*

Rosa Santiago-Melendez stated that there is currently a handicap sign in this area. Fidel Maltez made a motion to table this request until next meeting to have the applicant clarify the need for the sign. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

*Item #14 - Communication of October 21, 2021 from Leticia Prudencio Chavez, requesting the removal of the handicap sign at 46 Orange Street as it is no longer needed.*

Leticia Prudencio-Chavez stated that she is having a problem with residents not seeing the handicap sign and parking there. She stated that she spoke with a police officer and they suggested having the sign moved. She stated that she does not want it removed, but would like to have it relocated. She stated that it is currently on a utility pole and it is not noticeable. She asked if they could post it on a separate pole. Fidel Maltez made a motion to relocate the handicap sign to its own separate pole. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #15 - Communication of October 21, 2021 from Councilor Roy Avellaneda, requesting the Commission to designate three parking spaces on Washington Avenue between Addison Street and Orange Street for two hour parking only including residents from the hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday through Saturday.*

Fidel Maltez has had several discussions with the business owner. He stated that he suggested removing the resident restriction on three parking spaces in the current two-hour parking restriction. Roy Avellaneda stated that it was more reasonable to leave the current restriction on Washington Avenue between Blossom Street and Addison Street the same and to create three parking spaces strictly two hours between Addison Street and Orange Street. He stated that block was shorter and made more sense. He stated that it would be the same as in front of the laundromat on Washington Avenue. He explained that making this a two-hour limit would help patients visiting the dentist. Rosa Santiago-Melendez stated that this might create confusion among residents parking between the two areas. Roy Avellaneda disagreed and stated that it would encourage turnover for businesses in the area. Fidel Maltez made a motion to add three parking spaces with a two-hour limit with no restriction on Washington Avenue, from Addison Street to Orange Street. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



*Item #16 - Communication of October 26, 2021 from Elmie Innocent, 824 Broadway, requesting the removal of handicap sign as applicant has moved.*

Fidel Maltez made a motion to approve the request. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #17 - Handicap sign application of November 1, 2021 from Linda Pendergraph, at 322 Chestnut Street.*

Aaron Kraemer made a motion to approve the application. Carolyn Boumila-Vega seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #18 - Handicap sign application of November 1, 2021 from Sandra Ramirez, at 73 Maverick Street.*

Fidel Maltez made a motion to approve the application. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Item #19 - Communication of November 3, 2021 from Carolyn Boumila-Vega, 85 Blossom Street, requesting a discussion on traffic safety concerns at the intersection of Beacon Street and Broadway.*

Carolyn Boumila-Vega stated that residents have complained to her about vehicles not stopping at the four way stop on Broadway at Beacon Street. She stated that two of the stop signs are further back from the corner. She asked if it be possible to have the stop signs with the flashing lights installed instead to draw more attention to drivers. Rosa Santiago-Melendez stated that the Parking Department has also received calls from residents about this intersection and vehicles not stopping at the stop sign. Fidel Maltez stated that he would have the Department of Public Works repaint the street markings leading up to the stop sign. Fidel Maltez made a motion to replace the stop signs with flashing stop signs and to reinstall the message board. Aaron Kraemer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rosa Santiago Melendez', written over a horizontal line.

Rosa Santiago Melendez  
Assistant Parking Clerk