

TRAFFIC STUDY COMMISSION

AGENDA

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Department of Public Works

101 Lamb St., Attleboro

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1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 28, 2023
2. Old Business:
 - a. Mike Morgan is the acting secretary for the Traffic Study Commission for the next 5 months until elections are held in February, 2024.
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3. New Business brought forward by the Traffic Study Commission:
4. New Business brought forward by the City Council:
 - a. For Study/ Recommendation: Request to amend 10-4.11 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, Isolated Stop Signs, to add Southbound Drivers on Steeple Chase Circle at Bishop Street. (Public Hearing 10/3). This request comes from a resident who lives on Steeple Chase Cir. who raised concerns about drivers frequently exiting Steeple Chase onto Bishop without stopping.
 - b. For Study/ Recommendation: Request to amend Sec. 10-5.2(A) to extend no parking on Holman Street from the current restriction

of no parking Southerly side of Holman from Pleasant Street to Brook Street to no parking Southerly side from Pleasant Street to Forest Street.

This request comes from a school bus driver who has had challenges navigating this stretch of road with cars (often larger vehicles like vans and SUVs) parked on both sides of the road. The driver picks up several children on this route, and often gets to this stretch of road to find it hard to pass without fear of hitting a vehicle. The current restriction ends the no parking one-side at Brook. The proposal is to take the no parking one side all the way to the end (Forest Street).

Tabled - TSC, DPW to investigate if any other measures could help such as “No Parking Here to Corner” signs or painting the curb for no parking area.

c. For Study/ Recommendation: Request to reduce the signed speed limit on South Ave heading eastbound from South Ave to the start of the state layout for 95.

Currently, there is a sign at the Tiffany Street/ South Ave intersection that indicates speed limit of 50mph for the short stretch of road from Tiffany St. heading toward 95. There are several homes along this stretch just before the State Layout for 95. I have received several calls from residents in these homes who feel unsafe turning into or out of their driveways as cars approach at this high rate of speed. Additionally, this has been the sight of numerous accidents, and affects the safe egress from Green Drive onto South Ave (Eastbound). The speed limit on the opposite side of the highway stretch is 40mph, and the speed limit prior to Tiffany Street is also lower. It is unclear why this small stretch is 50mph, and the

risk to drivers and higher likelihood of serious and frequent accidents is significant.

Tabled

d. Request for Speed limit signs for the following roads: Todd Drive; County Street heading toward Reed Street. Currently, these streets have no posted speed limit signs. County Street did have a sign, which a resident indicated was removed during construction of new homes and was never replaced. Todd Dr. has seen an increase in drivers not from the neighborhood to access Luther Reservoir. Many of these drivers regularly exceed reasonable speed limits for this quiet residential road.

Tabled - DPW to investigate existing speed limit signage.

e. Request for improved crosswalk signage on Locust St. at Hickory. There are about a dozen children who cross here for school, current signage coming around the corner on locust is not sufficient. Several parents have called with concerns that cars are not stopping and are approaching the cross walk too quickly.

Tabled - This is not a legal crosswalk. There is no handicap accessibility to get onto the sidewalk and the other side doesn't have a sidewalk. DPW to investigate options.

5. New Business brought forward by the Mayor: