

CITY OF NEWTON  
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TRAFFIC COUNCIL AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2007

7:00 P.M.  
ALDERMANIC CHAMBER  
City Hall

THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET THIS EVENING TO DISCUSS THE  
FOLLOWING ITEM ONLY:

#152-07      ALD. SAMUELSON & LINSKY requesting creation of an ordinance to provide permit parking on designated streets in the vicinity of Newton North High School effective for duration of the construction of the new high school (Ward 2). [04/24/07 @ 12:41 PM]

*All other items will be held*

Respectfully Submitted,

Clint Schuckel, Traffic Engineer

## Traffic Council

City of Newton



June 4, 2007

Dear Newton Resident,

The City of Newton's Traffic Council is holding a public meeting on Thursday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber of City Hall to discuss a proposal for temporary parking for Newton North High School (NNHS) during construction of the new school. In late June, nearly all of the parking spaces on the school property will be removed to make way for construction staging and storage of materials for up to three years.

A temporary parking proposal has been developed by the City Traffic Engineer and shown to the Newton North Liaison Committee, which includes neighborhood representatives, elected officials, and City staff. The committee has been discussing parking and other construction-related issues with representatives of the firms designing and building the new school, however, the Liaison Committee has taken no position on a parking plan. Presentation materials can be viewed on the City's website at [www.ci.newton.ma.us/liaison/index.htm](http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/liaison/index.htm).

Key features of the City Traffic Engineer's proposal include the following:

1. Public safety will be the primary consideration for locating parking to ensure that emergency vehicle access is not compromised.
2. The program would allow teachers and selected students to park in surrounding residential areas during construction only and would end as soon as on-site parking for teachers is available.
3. From 30 to 40% of the available on-street parking spaces within a 7-8 minute walk of the school would be made available for NNHS permit parking.
4. To distribute parking evenly throughout the area, permits would be assigned by street on one side only within an address range. Permits would be valid from 7:00am to 4:00pm on school days only.
5. The existing restrictions on your street (e.g., one-hour limit, no parking during certain hours, resident permit, etc.) will remain in place and be enforced by the Newton Police. The proposed permits, however, would exempt permit holders from these regulations while all others would be subject to the posted laws.
6. Some areas adjacent to City property, such as Hull Street, would become nearly 100% NNHS permit parking from 7:00am to 4:00pm on school days; parking would be unrestricted outside these times, generally on one side of the street only. (OVER)

7. Up to 1/3 of the parking spaces in the rear of the Austin Street public parking lot would be reserved for NNHS permit holders from 7:00am to 4:00pm on school days only.

The meeting on June 14 will begin with a presentation by City officials regarding the proposal described above. Members of the public will then be given an opportunity to ask questions and comment. After the public comment period ends, it is anticipated that the Traffic Council will then vote to submit their recommendation to the Board of Aldermen. Following the Traffic Council meeting on June 14, additional comments should be directed to the Board of Aldermen.

Since the start of classes in the fall is only a few months away, it is anticipated that the Board of Aldermen will vote on a temporary parking plan by mid-July so that the signage, permits, and associated administrative elements can be in place before students and faculty return. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but wish to comment in writing, please send an email to [rmyers@newtonma.gov](mailto:rmyers@newtonma.gov) or fax to 617-796.1214 by Wednesday, June 13. For more information on the Traffic Council, visit <http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/Aldermen/Agendas/TrafficAgenda.htm>.

As we seek to find a safe and equitable way to manage the parking situation during the construction period, we look forward to the collaborative process ahead. Thank you for your interest and participation in this process.



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