**TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY October 8, 2015 – 4:00PM**

**MAYOR’S CONFERENCE ROOM (CITY HALL – 2ND FLOOR)**

***AGENDA***

1. **New Business**
* Parking restrictions at the intersection of Merrimac and Green (Andy Port)
* “Caution Children at Play” sign request for Union Street (Councilor Heartquist)
* Reilly Avenue – No Truck Restriction Request (Councilor Heartquist)
* #155 State Street – Loading Zone request. (Councilor Eigerman)
* Crosswalks on Merrimac St (Councilor Cronin / Christine Wallace 474 Merrimac)
* Safer Routes to School (Councilors Giunta and Cronin)
* Accidents at Kent and High Streets (Councilor Cronin)

Public Comment

1. **Old Business:**

North Atkinson Street:

* Limit or eliminate street parking from one of both sides of North Atkinson from the Bresnahan to within a few houses of High Street, and also implement at permanent 20 MPH speed limit on the street (Ordinance in PS committee and John Giordano, 7 North Atkinson St)

Low Street:

* Update on truck traffic rerouting from Route 1 intersection to Hill Street and Parker Street – **Submitted to MassDOT Mass Highway Division.**

Green Street:

* Update on MVRTA Design contract status and potential revisions/phasing
* Review of Green St and Merrimac St pedestrian improvements

Turkey Hill Road:

* Update on potential signage on I95S, I95N, and Rt 113E to direct truck traffic to Newburyport Business and Industry Park via Exit 56

Low and Storey Ave intersection:

* Update on TropicStar proposal status with MassDOT and confirmation of April 16 meeting date with Vanasse & Associates

Bike Lane Safety on High Street:

* Sub-committee meeting needs to be scheduled

Newburyport Greenway Concept:

* Sub-committee meeting needs to be scheduled

Pioneer Park

* Follow-up to presentation by Joel Rusnak

Street Cleaning Program

* DPS to prepare draft during Summer / Fall
1. **Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of this meeting.**

*TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS*

*Wayne S. Amaral, DPS Deputy Director, Chair*

*Heather Rowe, Chief Administrative Officer, Co-Chair*

*Robert J. Cronin, City Councilor*

*Mark Murray, City Marshal*

*Richard Jones, City Clerk*

*Steve Hamilton, Fire Department*

*Andy Port, Planning Director*

*Jon-Eric White, City Engineer*

*Anthony Komornick, Transportation Program Manager for MVPC*

**SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

Let's get this to TSAC and see what we have and where we should go

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 22, 2015, at 5:24 PM, Donna Holaday <DHoladay@CityofNewburyport.com> wrote:

Bob,

Thank you, I was recalling the same as relating more to sidewalk and a crosswalk issue.  Let’s continue the discussion and see if we can make this work.  There is also a desire to opn the path from the top of N. Atkinson to Bresnahan.

**Donna D. Holaday**

**From:** croninward3@gmail.com [mailto:croninward3@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 5:16 PM
**To:** Donna Holaday
**Cc:** Larry Giunta, JR; Tom O'Brien; Anthony Furnari; Heather Rowe; Julie Murray; Mark Murray
**Subject:** Re: Safer routes to school

It was but in connection with the sidewalk from Colton to Low. It was described by residents as the preferred way for kids to get to school due to sidewalk issues.  I believe this was about the time that Colton got a small sidewalk upgrade.

My notes on the issue aren't helpful and I'm going from memory.   About 2-21/2 years ago.

It also "could" have been mentioned in the safe routes to school meeting

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 22, 2015, at 4:56 PM, Donna Holaday <DHoladay@CityofNewburyport.com> wrote:

Larry,

There was an issue that came up with the use of this area two years ago?  It may have just been the need for a crosswalk but I need some help in recalling the issue?

Bob, was this addressed at TSAC?

However, any work we can do in areas around the schools to create safer walking routes is important.  I can check on the status of this ‘paper road’ and we can make a decision on how to move forward.

Julie, thank you for organizing a cleanup!

We did receive a Safer-Route-to-School small grant, but I believe it was only an assessment or technical assistance.  I will ask our grantwriter to explore this further.

Thank you

**Donna D. Holaday**

**From:** Larry Giunta, JR [mailto:larrygiunta12@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 8:55 AM
**To:** Donna Holaday; Robert Cronin; Tom O'Brien; Anthony Furnari; Heather Rowe
**Cc:** Julie Murray; Mark Murray
**Subject:** Fwd: Safer routes to school

Dear All,

What do we need to do to make this happen. I think it's a great idea.

Let me know your thoughts,

Larry

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Julie Murray** <jmurray5@hotmail.com>
Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2015
Subject: Safer routes to school
To: "larrygiunta12@gmail.com" <larrygiunta12@gmail.com>

Hi Larry!  We met last year at the walk to school event at squires Glen.  There is a path the kids prefer to take to school as they find hale street intimidating.  The path cuts from pheasant run to Coltin.  The kids then cut through port rehab to the crossing guard.  I've done some research and the path from Coltin to pheasant is a "paper road".  I'm wondering if the city would ever consider paving it(similar to joes path in turkey hill).  It would connect the neighborhood and provide kids a safer route to school.  My family, along with some other neighbors are gathering on Sunday to work on clearing and widening the path.  I'm just wondering if there are any safe routes grants or other funds that might be available to help create a more permanent path for kids?  Thank you for your time and consideration.

Julie

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**Accidents at Kent and High Streets**

Could this be added to the next Traffic Safety Advisory committee meeting as well as other options?

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On Tue, Sep 22, 2015 at 10:04 AM, Lois Klee <lmacklee@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Bob,

We have lived at this address (225 High Street) since 1990, 25 years.  I would hazard a guess that the intersection of Kent and High Street is one of the most dangerous in the city.  When we were first here, I would hear a crunch, look out, see the accident and call 911.  It got to the point that when I would hear the crunch, I’d not bother to look, just call 911.

In the last 15 years, the number seems to have grown, or maybe just in seriousness.  The one this past weekend sent 3 people to the hospital.  Someone suggested there is not a stop sign at Kent, but there isn’t a person with at least a minimally functioning brain that doesn’t stop there.  It’s the visibility that is the issue.  It is difficult to see adequately around the curve from the left when exiting Kent Street onto High.   It seems the two-passenger car was taking a left onto High and was broadsided, which turned it 270 degrees into a pole across High.

My suggestion is three fold.   Make Kent Street one-way from High Street BUT with some way of addressing the problem at the bottom of Kent at Merrimack Street, which is often another insane intersection!

Make Broad Street one-way from Merrimack to High.   Perhaps a light might need to be installed at Broad due to the school, but there has to be a solution to the problem at Kent and making it one-way seems to be the only solution, as it’s not likely that that curve is going to disappear.

Thanks for listening,

Lois Klee

PS  I also wish I could install a sign in front of our house that no SUVs can be parked here!   The lines are faded and sometimes they squeeze in two vehicles, but an SUV is impossible to see through.  With cars, I  can usually see through the windows.