

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

May 8, 2023

AN ORDER APPROVING A BIKE LANE AND TRAFFIC CALMING ON STOREY AVENUE

WHEREAS, the City of Newburyport (“City”) has an interest in reducing vehicle speeds and improving access for cyclists; and

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation is willing to complete a bicycle lane at the intersection of Storey Ave and High Street; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council hereby approves the layout plan below for the installation of a bicycle lane on the City’s right-of-way, attached hereto and incorporated herewith and marked ‘Exhibit A’

Councillor James J. McCauley

In City council May 8, 2023:

Motion to refer to Public Works & Safety by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Cameron. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

EXHIBIT A



MEMORANDUM

To: President and Members of Newburyport City Council

From: Mayor Sean R. Reardon

CC: Wayne Amaral, Director of Public Services
Geordie Vining, Senior Project Manager

Re: Storey Ave Bike Lane

Date: May 8, 2023

This cover memo serves to introduce a bike lane that has been requested by Newburyport residents and that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is willing to construct should the City sign off on this work. MassDOT informed the City on April 18th that they received a request from a group of Newburyport residents for traffic calming and incorporation of a bike lane for a small portion of Storey Avenue, just west of Ferry Road in Newburyport.

According to MassDOT, a bike lane in the eastbound direction would offer connectivity to the existing facility on High Street. To offer such a connection, however, would require MassDOT to modify pavement markings in municipal layout. Exhibit A above shows proposed and existing bike lanes, with the magenta line representing the connection needed in municipal layout. The scope of work would be limited to marking a bike lane along the southern curb line of the intersection as shown, and possibly some minor pavement marking eradication where conflicts exist.

There is still more planning taking place on the Three Roads and potential long-term configurations. The proposed work above will help with the current situation, and MassDOT is willing to perform this work with Council approval.