

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL



Public Safety Committee Meeting

Committee Members:

*Matthew Rushton, Chair
Councilor-At-Large*

*Timothy Fitzgibbons, Member
District 2 Councilor*

*Fred Chase, Member
District 4 Councilor*

Location: Academy Building
66 Central Square
Council Chambers
Bridgewater, MA

Date & Time: February 27, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Agenda

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes
 - a) August 27, 2019
 - b) October 15, 2019
 - c) December 9, 2019
- C. Public Comment
- D. Traffic Mitigation Discussions
 - a) Mitchell Elementary School Project
 - b) East Street Traffic
- E. Referrals from Town Council:
 - a) Order O-FY20-025: Pedestrian Tunnel
 - b) Order O-FY20-043: Construction Vehicle Restriction on Wally Krueger Way
 - c) Resolution R-FY20-008: East Street Traffic
- F. Adjourn

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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Council Order: O-FY20-025

Introduced By: Councilor William Wood and Councilor Matthew Rushton
 Date Introduced: October 1, 2019
 First Reading: October 1, 2019
 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY20-025

PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL

WHEREAS, Plymouth Street separates the Bridgewater State University commuter parking lot from the rest of the campus; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of pedestrians cross Plymouth Street, traveling between parking and campus; and

WHEREAS, crossing Plymouth street in adverse weather or darkness can be hazardous to pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, randomly crossing pedestrians adversely affect the flow of vehicular traffic on Plymouth Street and on the connecting roadways;

ORDERED THAT, the Town of Bridgewater will build a pedestrian tunnel underneath Plymouth Street to minimize risks and maximize both pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow by allowing pedestrians to travel under Plymouth Street instead of across it.

Explanation:

Pedestrians and drivers alike have become increasingly distracted resulting in several near misses and accidents over the years because of congestion at the Plymouth Street crossing. Several times during the day, traffic can back up almost a mile in multiple directions due to the volume of traffic and pedestrians. A tunnel will reduce or eliminate these delays. It is expected that multiple sources of funding will be required for this project, including State resources.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Council Order: O-FY20-043

Introduced By: Councilors William Wood and Frank Sousa
Date Introduced: December 3, 2019
First Reading: December 3, 2019
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY20-043

CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE RESTRICTION ON WALLY KRUEGER WAY

WHEREAS, the public safety of the public using the Senior Center is critical; and
WHEREAS, demolition and construction areas tend to have many vehicles entering and exiting the area during the work day; and
WHEREAS, Wally Krueger Way is an active road leading to the Senior Center; and
WHEREAS, the Senior Center is building used by Seniors and others:

THEREFORE, be it ORDERED, that no construction vehicles will use Wally Krueger Way to enter or exit the Mitchell Elementary Construction area. The only exception to this order shall be for specific road improvements in and about the Senior Center and on Wally Krueger Way.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Council Resolution: R-FY20-008

Introduced By: Councilors Dennis Gallagher and Shawn George
Date Introduced: January 7, 2020
First Reading: January 7, 2020
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Resolution R-FY20-008

EAST STREET TRAFFIC

WHEREAS, With the onset of construction projects in the area, there is a perception that traffic on East Street has recently increased;

THEREFORE, it is requested that the Public Safety Committee, working with the Town Manager's office or their designee, research traffic volume on East Street; including but not limited to: truck traffic, speed limit and general traffic flow.

It is further requested that the committee return findings and recommendations to the Town Council.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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