

CITY OF WORCESTER

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 11, 2026
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Convened: 5:20 P.M.
Adjourned: 5:56 P.M.

MAYOR

Joseph M. Petty

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson Jose A Rivera

Vice Chairperson Luis A Ojeda

Councilor Robert A Bilotta



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Present Were:

Chairperson Councilor Jose A. Rivera
Councilor Luis A. Ojeda, who participated remotely
Councilor Robert A. Bilotta, who arrived at 5:24 P.M. and
participated remotely

Also:

Councilor Tony Economou, who participated remotely
Commissioner of Traffic and Parking Stephen Rolle
WPD Sergeant James T. Foley
Principal Staff Assistant An Pham, clerk

1. Virtual Attendee Call-In Information

- a. Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 and in order to ensure active, public engagement, the City of Worcester currently allows for both in-person and remote participation at all City Council and Standing Committee meetings. To partake in the meeting, you may attend the meeting in-person within the meeting location, follow the below link to join via Zoom or dial the direct line as indicated. If you join a Zoom meeting by dialing in with a phone number, you can raise your hand by dialing *9.

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2. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Order - That the City Council Standing Committee of Traffic and Parking hereby approves the minutes of the Traffic and Parking Committee meeting of July 22, 2026.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and moved for a roll call vote to adopt the item. Order adopted on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

3. Bus Stop Petitions

- a. Councilor Tony Economou request the bus stop between Chino Ave. and 12 Boylston St. be removed.

20j CC June 2, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the following speaker:

- 1. Joe (No last name given), Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to the item

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Councilor Economou, who discussed quality of life issues related to the bus stop.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to hold to determine if a suitable alternative location can be found.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Councilor Ojeda, who discussed increasing concerns related to the bus stop.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera moved for a roll call vote to accept the recommendation.

Recommend Hold on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

4. No Parking Petitions

- a. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of twenty (20) ft. “No Parking Here to Corner” signage along Hamilton St., at its intersections with Commonwealth Ave., Middlesex Ave. and Boston Ave.

8e CC May 19, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized Councilor Bilotta, who discussed traffic challenges at the location.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to approve.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera moved for a roll call vote to accept the recommendation.

Recommend Approval on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

5. Parking and Parking Meter Petitions

- a. Communication of the City Manager recommend adoption of an ordinance establishing a commercial loading zone and two-hour metered parking on a portion of Main Street.

10.11A CM July 21, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to approve.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera moved for a roll call vote to accept the recommendation.

Recommend Approval on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

6. Stop Sign Petitions

- a. Eric Hoffman request installation of stop signs at the intersection of West Boylston Dr. and Scrimgeour Rd.

7p CC June 16, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to approve installation of stop sign facing Scrimgeour Rd.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera moved for a roll call vote to accept the recommendation.

Recommend Approval on a roll call vote of 2 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda absent)

7. Traffic Lane Reconfiguration Petitions

- a. Matthew Germain request installation of a right turn only lane on Lincoln St. at its intersection with Plantation St.

7r CC June 16, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as there are existing good traffic operations at the intersection and the reconfiguration of the intersection lack overall benefit as it will increase delay for through traffic.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera moved for a roll call vote to accept the recommendation.

Recommend File on a roll call vote of 2 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda absent)

8. Traffic Sign Petitions

- a. Councilor Morris A. Bergman request installation of a stop sign on Indian Hill Rd. at Marconi Rd. Further, request installation of a Do Not Block Intersection signage at said intersection. (Amended November 19, 2025)

9y CC August 19, 2025

In Committee November 19, 2025 - Held

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the following speakers:

- 1. Heather Wendorf, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed the item**
- 2. Henry Halpern, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**

Chairperson Councilor Rivera moved to take the item up collectively with items #8b and #8c.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who discussed the traffic challenges at the intersection and the merits of a stop sign versus a yield sign.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera moved for a roll call vote to recommend the item be filed.

Recommend File on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

- b. Henry Halpern request installation of a yield sign on Indian Hill Rd. at Marconi Rd.
10e CC February 24, 2026

Recommend Approval on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a)

- c. Henry Halpern request installation of "Do Not Block Intersection" signage at the intersection of Indian Hill Rd. and Marconi Rd., as well as street markings with an "X" where cars should not block said intersection.

10f CC February 24, 2026

Recommend File on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #8a)

- d. Adam Och request installation of "Blind Driveway" signage in front of 425 Lake Ave. North to warn drivers traveling towards Lincoln St. of said blind driveway.

8p CC January 20, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as Blind Driveway signs are not an official MUTCD sign type.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera brought forth the following Chairman's Order: Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility evaluate and install the appropriate horizontal curve and advisory speed plaques in advance of the driveways at 425 Lake Ave.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera moved for a roll call vote to accept the recommendation.

Recommend File on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

Chairman's Orders

Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility evaluate and install the appropriate horizontal curve and advisory speed plaques in advance of the driveways at 425 Lake Ave.

- e. Kimpa L. Barnes, Jr. request installation of "Do Not Block Driveway" signage in front of 15 Windham St.

8c CC June 23, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as there are no observed extenuating circumstances that should necessitate signing and the resident is encouraged to continue reporting violations to Parking Enforcement.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera moved for a roll call vote to accept the recommendation.

Recommend File on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays

