

CITY OF WORCESTER

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 15, 2026
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Convened: 5:30 P.M.
Adjourned: 8:25 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 Robert A Bilotta, who participated in the meeting
remotely

Also:

Councilor Tony Economou
Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility Stephen Rolle
Assistant Director of Transportation and Mobility Todd
Kirrane
WPD Sergeant Richard Cipro
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 April 1, 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 2 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda absent)**

3. Handicap Parking Petitions

- a. Brendalee Clander-Soto request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 151 Beacon St. (Amended March 18, 2026)

9k CC January 13, 2026

In Committee February 25, 2026 - Held

In Committee March 18, 2026 - Held

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 2 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda absent)

- b. Sherri Way request removal of the handicap parking space in front of 19 Kosta St. (Amended March 18, 2026)

7a CC February 3, 2026

In Committee March 18, 2026 - Held

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 2 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda absent)

- c. Rahela Hussaini request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 118 Eastern Ave.

7d CC February 10, 2026

In Committee March 18, 2026 - Held

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to hold, as further discussion with the petitioner is needed.

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

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

- d. Eva Clark request installation of a handicap parking space in the vicinity of 195 Lincoln St.

7g CC February 10, 2026

In Committee March 18, 2026 - Held

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

1. Eva Clark, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to hold, as further discussion with the petitioner is needed.

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

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

- e. Frank Kuffuor request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 188 Austin St.

10p CC February 24, 2026

In Committee March 18, 2026 - Held

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to approve installation of a handicap loading space.

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)

- f. William R. Robbins, Jr. request the handicap parking space in front of 61 Dorchester St. be relocated to the Arlington St. side of the property near the garage.

9i CC March 10, 2026

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

1. Annie Walters, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item

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 2 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda absent)

- g.** Manuel Vasquez Rivas request removal of two (2) handicap parking spaces in front of 26A Marjorie St.

9j CC March 10, 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 2 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda absent)

- h.** Councilor Luis A. Ojeda on behalf of Sarai Rivera request removal of the handicap parking space in front of 7 Lucian St.

9k CC March 10, 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 2 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda absent)

- i.** Tal Klayman request removal of two (2) handicap parking spaces in the vicinity of 605 Millbury St. at the intersection of Millbury St. and Maxwell St.

8l CC March 17, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to approve removal of one handicap parking space at the location.

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)

- j. Lydia I. Rios request installation of a handicap parking space in front of 9 Preston St.
8m CC March 17, 2026

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

- 1. Tom Ayres, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item**
- 2. Doricel Vasquez, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item**
- 3. Luis Erison Nunez Carbonel, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item**

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to hold, as further discussion with the petition is needed.

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

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

- k. Salah Alzuhairy request removal of a handicap parking space at 125 Chino Ave.
8o CC March 17, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as the location is within the Worcester Housing Authority (WHA)'s Great Brook Valley complex and it has been determined that there is high demand and frequent requests for handicap parking spaces in the immediate vicinity.

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)

- l. Salah Alzuhairy request installation of a handicap parking space at 25 Hooper St.
8p CC March 17, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as the petitioner is requesting a designated handicap parking space in the off-street parking lot for the property.

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)

- m. Marilyn Rosa request installation of handicap parking space in front of 20 Shepard St.
7t CC March 24, 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 2 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda absent)

4. Speed Hump Petitions

- a. Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Randy Chapdelaine request installation of speed humps on Enid St.
9h CC March 10, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided an overview of the speed humps program and provided the recommendation to file.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the following speakers:

- 1. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to the item

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who discussed the recommendation to file, the timeline concerning the speed hump selection process, policy concerning installation of temporary and permanent speed humps and how streets are evaluated for installation of permanent speed humps with Speaker #1.

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)

- b. Joseph Zwirblia request installation of speed humps on Fourth St., in the vicinity of 4 Fourth St., as well as at other locations throughout the street.

9p CC March 10, 2026

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

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the following speakers:

- 1. Anthony Nganga, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**
- 2. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**
- 3. Veronica (No last name given), Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to the item**
- 4. Joseph Zwirblia, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**

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)

- c. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Robert Sala request installation of speed humps on Copperfield Rd.

9q CC March 10, 2026

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

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the following speakers:

- 1. Ed Brackett, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who discussed consideration relative to steeping grades of street in the speed humps selection process and timeline concerning installation of school zone signage across the city with Speaker #1.

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)

- d. Lisa McHugh request installation of a speed hump on Standish St. between Cohasset St. and Hamilton St.

9r CC March 10, 2026

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

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the following speakers:

- 1. Lisa McHugh, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**
- 2. Laurance Aulo, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**

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)

- e. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Gina Spreadbury request installation of permanent speed humps on Moreland Green Dr.

8q CC March 17, 2026

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

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the following speakers:

- 1. Gina Spreadbury, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**
- 2. Carol Manila, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**
- 3. George Skritakis, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**
- 4. Tamara Kearns, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item**

Chairperson Councilor Rivera then discussed when speeding often occurs with Speaker #2.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Councilor Bilotta, who spoke concerning the item.

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)

- f. Shauna Gaffney request installation of speed humps on Blackstone River Rd.
7r CC March 24, 2026

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

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the following speakers:

- 1. Nicole Anuszczyk, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**

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)

5. Crosswalk and Lighted Crosswalk System Petitions

- a. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Erik Vickstrom request installation of rapid rectangular flashing beacons at the crosswalk on Pleasant St. at its intersection with Huntley St.

10c CC February 24, 2026

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

- 1. Erik Vickstrom, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**

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

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

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

6. No Parking Petitions

- a. John Mulryan and Timothy Johnson, on behalf of 22 Waverly LLC, request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage along the entire frontage of 22 Waverly St.
10e CC November 18, 2025

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

1. Michael Bonner, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Councilor Bilotta, who discussed the intent of the petitioner with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility.

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 2 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda absent)

- b. Michael J. Grandone request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage where Vernon St. and Winthrop St. intersect, on one side of the street.
9r CC January 13, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as on-street parking in the area is heavily utilized by abutting residential multi-family properties – many of whom lack sufficient on-site parking – and some small commercial and retail businesses with no on-site parking.

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)

- c. Julia C. Chilton request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage on the even side of Sterling St. from Seymour St. to Euclid Ave.

8o CC January 20, 2026

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

- 1. Julie Chilton, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**
- 2. Desmond Jose, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**
- 3. Adam Ross, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**
- 4. Marek Brzoska, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item**

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who discussed the parking challenges on the street relative to its narrow width provided the recommendation to approve installation of No Parking Anytime signage on the even side of Sterling St. from Seymour St. to View St.

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)

- d. Elena Lapriore Rivera request removal of the "No Parking Anytime" restriction on the odd side of Blodgett Pl.

7b CC February 3, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as the street is not wide enough to accommodate on-street parking on either side of the street, and No Parking Anytime restriction ensures emergency vehicle access.

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)

7. One and Two-Way Street Reconfiguration Petitions

- a. Councilor Luis A. Ojeda request Beaver St. from Park Ave. to 575 Park Ave. driveway be made a two-way street. Further, request installation of stop sign and right turn only sign on Beaver St. at Park Ave. (Amended March 18, 2026)

10o CC February 24, 2026

In Committee March 18, 2026 - Held

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

1. Nathalie Gibson, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item

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 2 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda absent)

8. Parking and Parking Meter Petitions

- a. Mohammad Arman Hossain request installation of 15-minute parking zone on Grand St. in the vicinity of 103 Canterbury St. (Amended February 25, 2026)

9z CC November 18, 2025

In Committee February 25, 2026 - Held

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 2 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda absent)

9. Resident Permit Parking Petitions

- a. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Larry Marinelli et al. request removal of resident permit parking on Home St.

7k CC March 24, 2026

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

1. Lary Marinelli, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item
2. Keith Harland, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item
3. Erica Beecher, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item
4. Sally Bowditch, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item
5. Mario Borci, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item
6. Eliza Lawrence, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item
7. Name Indiscernible, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to the item
8. Vanessa Calixto, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item
9. Amina Moore, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who discussed parking and navigation challenges on the street and the impact of extending the RPP zone in comparison to removing the RPP zone on the street.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Councilor Bilotta, who discussed parking challenges on the street.

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

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

10. Speed and Traffic Enforcement Petition

- a. Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Mark Rubin request increased speed and truck traffic enforcement on Richmond Ave.

71 CC March 24, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized Councilor Economou, who discussed traffic issues relative to speeding at the requested location.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who discussed recent speed observations at the requested location.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the WPD Sergeant, who discussed increasing enforcement at the requested location.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera brought forth the following Chairman's Order: Request City Manager request Police Chief provide additional traffic enforcement on Richmond Ave.

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

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

Chairman's Orders

Request City Manager request Police Chief provide additional traffic enforcement on Richmond Ave.

11. Stop Sign Petitions

- a. Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of the Columbus Park Neighborhood Association request installation of a stop sign at the corner of Minthorne St. and Clive St.
8p CC July 15, 2025

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

- 1. Richard Legacy, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to the item**
- 2. Mary Legacy, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to the item**
- 3. Billy Harris, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to the item**

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who discussed the area with significant speed and traffic issues and traffic calming methods for the area and provided the recommendation to file, as the intersection does not meet the warrants for installation of an All-Way Stop Control (AWSC).

Chairperson Councilor Rivera brought forth the following Chairman's Order: Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility develop a concept design for an intersection realignment to be constructed by the Department of Public Works when either Minthorne St. or Clive St. are reconstructed.

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)

Chairman's Orders

Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility develop a concept design for an intersection realignment to be constructed by the Department of Public Works when either Minthorne St. or Clive St. are reconstructed.

- b. Councilor George J. Russell on behalf of Marielis Colon request installation of four-way stop signage at the intersection of Pilgrim Ave. and Cohasset St.
9r CC August 19, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as the intersection does not meet the warrants for installation of an AWSC.

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)

- c. Councilor Etel Haxhiaj on behalf of Kerri Wentworth request installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Wedgewood Rd. and Westmorland Dr.

10b CC September 9, 2025

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

2. Kerri Wentworth, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to approve installation of stop sign for Wedgewood 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)

- d. John Charron request installation of stop signage at the intersection of Sophia Dr. and Tennyson St.

9j CC November 25, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to approve installation of stop sign for Sophia Dr.

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)

- e. Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of William McCarthy et al. request installation of four-way stop signage at the intersection of Davenport St. and Electric St.

7k CC September 16, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with Item #11f.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the following speakers:

- 1. William McCarthy, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**
- 2. Jennifer Daniel, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who discussed findings from the intersection analysis for Davenport St. and Electric St. intersection and Davenport St. and Dutton St. intersection and provided the recommendation to file Item #11e, as the intersection does not meet the warrants for installation of an AWSC, and approve Item #11f.

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)

- f. Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of William McCarthy et al. request installation of four-way stop signage at the intersection of Davenport St. and Dutton St.

7l CC September 16, 2025

Recommend Approval on a roll call vote of 2 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda absent) (See Item #11e)

12. Traffic Control Signal Petitions

- a. Laurie Ghiz request installation of flashing traffic lights at 11 Lake Ave.
10p CC August 19, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized Councilor Bilotta, who spoke concerning the item.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as municipalities are not allowed to mix traffic signals with the flashing yellow lights of a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB) according to federal and state regulations.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera brought forth the following two (2) Chairman's Orders: 1) Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility prioritize the repair of maintenance related issues identified at the traffic signal located at 11 Lake Ave. and; 2) Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review the intersection at 11 Lake Ave. for the feasibility of installing a pedestrian refuge island.

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)

Chairman's Orders

Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility prioritize the repair of maintenance related issues identified at the traffic signal located at 11 Lake Ave.

Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review the intersection at 11 Lake Ave. for the feasibility of installing a pedestrian refuge island.

13. Traffic Lane Reconfiguration Petitions

- a. Stephen B. Harris request the three (3) lanes headed north at the intersection of Norton Dr. and Shore Dr. be reviewed for the purposes of making the middle lane a left turn/straight lane.
10q CC November 18, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as the intersection is under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and the request has been communicated to them by DTM staff.

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)

- b. Scott Dworman request installation of lane-use control signage at the intersection of Norton Dr. and Shore Dr.

7h CC February 10, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as the intersection is under the jurisdiction of MassDOT and the request has been communicated to them by DTM staff.

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)

- c. Aravind Melatur request traffic study on Gold Star Blvd. be conducted to make the third lane right-turn only with added right-turn only signage at the traffic light before 160 Gold Star Blvd. and change the layout of the third lane after the traffic light for the purposes of improving safety for cars navigating merging traffic around entrance to the facility at 160 Gold Star Blvd.

7p CC March 24, 2026

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

- 1. Aravind Melatur, No resident given, spoke in favor of the item**
- 2. James Lott, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who discussed the traffic challenges at the requested location and provided the recommendation to hold, as DTM will complete a study and conceptual design for this location to address the noted issues.

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

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

14. Traffic Sign Petitions

- a. Nicole Anuszczyk request installation of additional speed limit signage on Blackstone River Rd.

10d CC September 9, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and moved to take the item up collectively with Item #14b.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the following speakers:

- 1. Nicole Anuszczyk, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**

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 2 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda absent)

- b. Nicole Anuszczyk request installation of additional speed limit signage on Greenwood St.

10e CC, September 9, 2025

Recommend Approval on a roll call vote of 2 Yeas and 0 Nays (Ojeda absent) (See Item #14a)

15. Traffic Study Petitions

- a. Stephen B. Harris request a traffic study be conducted on Highland St. for the purpose of installing crosswalk signals near the entrance of Doherty Memorial High School (299 Highland St.) and its intersection with Suburban Rd.

8m 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 an initial warrant analysis was conducted for the intersection of Highland St., Suburban Rd, and the Doherty High School's main driveway and did not meet the relevant warrants; DTM's consultant will conduct a new study with projected traffic volume increase relative to potential residential development on Suburban Rd.

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)

16. Truck Ban Petitions

- a. Councilor Candy Mero-Carlson on behalf of Paul and Aurora Brule request installation of a truck ban/weight restriction on North Pkwy.

9q CC August 19, 2025

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

1. Paul Brule, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as preliminary review of truck use of North Pkwy indicates the street will not qualify for heavy vehicle restrictions per MassDOT's guidelines.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Councilor Bilotta, who discussed the needs to pursue the heavy vehicle exclusion study.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera brought forth the following Chairman's Order: Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct a heavy vehicle exclusion study according to MassDOT requirements, pending funding.

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)

Chairman's Orders

Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility conduct a heavy vehicle exclusion study according to MassDOT requirements, pending funding.

- b. Councilor Tony Economou on behalf of Bob McCauley request installation of a truck ban/weight restriction on Ararat St. that would augment where the State has restrictions, in an effort to ensure truck ban/weight restriction limits can be enforced on the street.

10a CC January 13, 2026

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

1. Bob McCauley, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Councilor Economou, who discussed the traffic challenges relative to truck traffic at the requested location.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to hold, as MassDOT and city records concerning the existing Heavy Vehicle Exclusions are inconsistent and will need to be clarified with MassDOT.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Councilor Economou, who discussed the area at the request location with truck traffic challenges.

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

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

17. Miscellaneous

- a. Petition of Sean Lovely on behalf of the tenants of the Webster Square Towers (1050-1060 Main St.) request angled lines be painted on Main St. in the vicinity of the Webster Square Towers to discourage motorists from blocking the driveway of the property.

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Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as the complex roadway geometry with multiple intersections at the requested location complicates any potential lane markings, and “Do Not Block” lane markings are also typically not applied at driveways because of the number of driveways and lack of legal prohibition for queuing in front of driveway curb cuts.

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)

18. Communications of the City Manager

- a. Transmitting an informational communication relating to planning and design improvements at Newton Square and Highland Street.

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Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to hold, as future updates will be provided to the committee once the project design is finalized.

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

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