

CITY OF WORCESTER

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

Monday, August 31, 2026
Esther Howland (South) Chamber
Convened: 5:00 P.M.
Adjourned: 7:04 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

Councilor Robert A. Bilotta, who arrived at 5:03 p.m. and participated in the meeting remotely

Also:

Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility Stephen Rolle

Assistant Director of Transportation and Mobility Todd

Kirrane

WPD Sergeant James Foley

Principal Staff Assistant An Pham, clerk

1. Virtual Attendee Call-In Information/Important Notice to Petitioners

- 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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- b. Important Notice: Please be aware our office has been notified of an ongoing scam involving the impersonation of city officials and departments. Scammers are fraudulently requesting payments be made for planning and zoning permits, as well as City Council petitions. All official emails regarding your petition will come exclusively from an @worcesterma.gov email address (such as clerk@worcesterma.gov), or via physical mail on the City of Worcester's official letterhead. Any legitimate hearing letter will always include your specific application details, along with the scheduled hearing date, time, and location. The City of Worcester will never request payments via wire transfer.

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 August 25, 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 (Bilotta absent)

3. Children Sign Petitions

- a. Councilor John P. Fresolo request installation of a "Go Slow Children" sign on the portion of Ames St. between Vernon St. and Stockton St.

7r CC July 21, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as these sign types are no longer allowed under the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

Chairperson Councilor Rivera brought forth the following Chairman's Order: Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install a MUTCD compliant Playground Advisory sign on Ames St. approaching Vernon Hill Park.

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 (Bilotta abstained)

Chairman's Orders

Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install a MUTCD compliant Playground Advisory sign on Ames St. approaching Vernon Hill Park.

- b. Alexander Volkov request installation of "Children" signage in front of 457 Granite St.

8u CC July 21, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as these sign types are no longer allowed under the MUTCD.

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

4. Crosswalk and Lighted Crosswalk System Petitions

- a. Brian Thamel request installation of a crosswalk with flashing beacon lights between 335/337 and 338 Park Ave.
10q CC August 19, 2025

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

- 1. Brian Thamel, 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 the location cannot be made safe for pedestrian crossing with pavement markings and a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) due to the motor vehicle speeds, volume, and crash history; the establishment of a safe midblock crossing in this vicinity would require roadway redesign and construction and the safest option is to utilize the crosswalk at Chandler St. to travel between the parking lot and building on the opposite side of the street.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Councilor Ojeda, who discussed concerns related to speeding in the area and traffic calming methods to address traffic issues.

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

- b. Joseph Corazzini request installation of an additional crosswalk at 271 Salisbury St. and Forest St.
8v CC October 21, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as City Council has previously approved orders requesting the design and implementation of a Traffic Signal and additional pedestrian crosswalks at this location.

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

- c. Patrick Grady request installation of solar-powered flashing crosswalk indicators at the crosswalk located on Gold Star Blvd. in the vicinity of its intersection with Woodbury St.
9s 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 safety of the existing crosswalk cannot be improved with installation of an RRFB and an additional RRFB could instill a false sense of security for crossing pedestrians; the establishment of a safe midblock crossing in this area would require a complete redesign of the roadway and the safest current option is to utilize the signalized crosswalk at Millbrook St. intersection.

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

- d. Councilor Jenny Pacillo on behalf of Jodi Bishop request installation of a rapid flashing beacon crosswalk in the vicinity of Beverly Rd. and Rexhame Rd.
9g CC December 9, 2025

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

Chairperson Councilor Rivera brought forth the following Chairman's Order: Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility design and install a crosswalk on Beverly Rd. at its intersection with Rexhame Rd. that includes ADA/PROWAG compliant ramps, MUTCD compliant pavement markings and MUTCD compliant Pedestrian in Crosswalk signage, pending funding.

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 design and install a crosswalk on Beverly Rd. at its intersection with Rexhame Rd. that includes ADA/PROWAG compliant ramps, MUTCD compliant pavement markings and MUTCD compliant Pedestrian in Crosswalk signage, pending funding.

- e. Councilor Jenny Pacillo on behalf of Michael Benz request installation of a rapid flashing beacon, improved crosswalk signage and additional line painting at the intersection of Willowbrook Ln. and Salisbury St.

8i CC December 16, 2025

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

Chairperson Councilor Rivera brought forth the following two (2) Chairman's Orders: 1) Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install ADA/PROWAG compliant ramps and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon at the intersection of Willowbrook Ln. and Salisbury St., pending funding; and 2) Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install MUTCD compliant Pedestrian in Crosswalk signage at the intersection of Willowbrook Ln. and Salisbury St.

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 install ADA/PROWAG compliant ramps and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon at the intersection of Willowbrook Ln. and Salisbury St., pending funding

Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install MUTCD compliant Pedestrian in Crosswalk signage at the intersection of Willowbrook Ln. and Salisbury St.

- f. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of a rapid flashing beacon on Elm St., at its intersection with Maple St.

7c CC February 3, 2026

In Committee July 22, 2026 - Held

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized Councilor Bilotta, who discussed the needs for crosswalks relative to the plans for two-way street conversion for the area.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as the roadway is being converted to two-way and there is potential to add a crosswalk on the south side of Maple St. extension in longer-term.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera brought forth the following Chairman's Order: Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install a crosswalk across Elm St. at its intersection with Maple St., pending funding.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Councilor Ojeda, who discussed the timeline and parking plans relative to the two-way street conversion project for Elm St. with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility.

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 install a crosswalk across Elm St. at its intersection with Maple St., pending funding.

- g.** Councilor Morris A. Bergman on behalf of Paul and Aurora Brule request installation of crosswalks on North Pkwy. at any and all appropriate locations.

7s CC March 31, 2026

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

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

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Councilor Bilotta, who discussed the needs for additional crosswalks on North Pkwy.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to approve the design and installation of crosswalks on North Pkwy. at its intersection with Davidson Rd. and in the vicinity of #22 to #36, including ADA/PROWAG compliant ramps, MUTCD compliant pavement markings and a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon, pending funding.

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

- h.** Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Dana Felicitti request installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at the crosswalk on Grove St. at its intersection with Chadwick St.

7z CC July 21, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as there is already a RRFB installed at the crosswalk on Grove St. at its intersection with Chadwick St.

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

- i. Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Dana Felicitti request installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at the crosswalk on Gold Star Blvd. at its intersection with Chadwick St.

8a CC July 21, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as the location cannot be made safe for pedestrian crossing with pavement markings and a RRFB due to the motor vehicle speeds and traffic volume; the establishment of a safe midblock crossing in this area would require a complete redesign of the roadway and the safest current option is to utilize the signalized crosswalk at Millbrook St. intersection.

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

- j. Mayor Joseph M. Petty on behalf of Dana Felicitti request installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at the crosswalk in the vicinity of 60 Gold Star Blvd.

8b CC July 21, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as the location cannot be made safe for pedestrian crossing with pavement markings and a RRFB due to the motor vehicle speeds and traffic volume; the establishment of a safe midblock crossing in this area would require a complete redesign of the roadway and the safest current option is to utilize the signalized crosswalk at Millbrook St. intersection.

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

- k. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of crosswalks at appropriate locations on North Lake Ave. between North Rd. and Belcourt Rd.
8f CC July 21, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized Councilor Bilotta, who discussed concerns relative to the lack of pedestrian infrastructure on North Lake Ave.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as there are no sidewalks along the eastern curblineline of North Lake Ave. from North Rd. to Natural History Dr. for a crosswalk to connect to.

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

- l. Councilor Satya B. Mitra request installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Richmond Ave. and Pleasant St.
8g CC July 21, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as there is not a practical way to install ADA compliant crosswalk and wheelchair ramps due to the steep downhill section on Pleasant St.

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

5. No Parking Petitions

- a. Joshua Calvi request installation of "No Parking Anytime" signage at the intersection of Bristol St. and Burncoat St.
20k CC June 2, 2026

In Committee July 22, 2026 - Held

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to approve for the installation of 40 foot No Parking zone on the northern curblane of Bristol St. from Burncoat St.

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. One and Two-Way Street Reconfiguration Petitions

- a. Steve Edwards request Gage St. be made a one-way street.
8f CC May 19, 2026

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

1. Michelle Gurney, Worcester resident, spoke in neither in favor nor opposed to the item

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to approve Gage St. be made one-way street eastbound between Eastern Ave. and Berkeley St.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Councilor Bilotta, who discussed traffic challenges related to the narrow width of Gage St.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera brought forth the following Chairman's Order: Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review Gage St. at its intersection with Ford St. and Berkeley St. for the feasibility of prohibiting parking across the street from Ford St./the northern side of Gage St.

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

Chairman's Orders

Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility review Gage St. at its intersection with Ford St. and Berkeley St. for the feasibility of prohibiting parking across the street from Ford St./the northern side of Gage St.

- b. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request Thorne St. be made a one-way street, with cars travelling from east to west.

7s CC June 16, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized Councilor Bilotta, who discussed the intent of the petition.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the following Speakers:

1. Maggie Grogan, No resident given, spoke in favor of the item
2. Tricia Appert, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item
3. Diane Stanley Choruzek, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition of the item

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

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Councilor Bilotta, who discussed ways to address traffic challenges in dense neighborhoods with high vehicular and pedestrian traffic volumes and the needs to upgrade infrastructure to accommodate rising housing development.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Councilor Ojeda, who discussed snow plowing operations on the street in the winter with Speaker #2 and Speaker #3.

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

7. Parking and Parking Meter Petitions

- a. Councilor Satya B. Mitra and Councilor Robert A. Bilotta on behalf of William Aldridge, owner of Theatre Café, request removal of the existing parking regulations on the odd side of Main St. from Federal St. to Franklin St., with One (1) Hour Parking from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. being installed in its place.

7i CC January 27, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized Councilor Bilotta, who discussed the intent of the petition.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as the current parking regulations along this block, where parking is designed and allowed, is already a posted One Hour Limit 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. except for the last 40 feet, which is a Loading Zone.

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. Councilor Satya B. Mitra and Councilor Robert A. Bilotta on behalf of William Aldridge, owner of Theatre Café, request removal of the existing parking regulations in front of 484 Main St., the site of the former Denholm Building, with One (1) Hour Parking from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. being installed in its place.

7j CC January 27, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as there will be a comprehensive update to Main St. parking regulations in the fall.

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)

- c. John Jeorgos request metered parking spaces in front of 25 Harvard St. be reviewed for modification or removal.

10k CC February 24, 2026

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

- 1. John Jeorgos, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to approve for the removal of the parking spaces in front of 25 Harvard St.

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

- d. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Jason Dasilva request installation of two (2) hour parking directly in front of 43 and 47 Stafford St., with parking being allowed closest to the curb and the bike lane being made more consistent with other sections of Stafford St.

14t CC April 28, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as shifting the parking to the odd side of the street will require a redesign of the roadway for the entire 1365 feet of the street.

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

8. Resident Permit Parking Items

- a. Eduard Shehu and Laorent Miha request removal of residential permit parking on Wamsutta Ave.

10m CC August 19, 2025

In Committee May 27, 2026 - Held

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to approve removal of Resident Permit Parking (RPP) on Wamsutta Ave. from Potomska St. to westerly terminus.

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

- b. Alyssa Benefit request removal of resident permit parking on South Flagg St.

10t CC August 19, 2025

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

- 1. Alyssa Benefit, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item**
- 2. John Eismeier, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item**
- 3. Sean Johnson, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item**
- 4. Cheryl Szufat, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item**

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as the RPP protects residents from institutional impact and per testimonies provided by residents, it is still being used.

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

- c. Olsi Gjinko request removal of resident permit parking on Shirley St.
10d CC February 24, 2026

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

- 1. No name given, No resident given, spoke in favor of the item**

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Councilor Ojeda, who discussed residents' concerns related to institutional impact from Clark University and parking spaces being taken up by nearby autobody business.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as RPP protects residents from institutional impact from nearby businesses and university and there is high utilization by residents.

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

9. Speed and Traffic Enforcement Petitions

- a. Katherine O'Leary request installation of a speed monitoring sign on Lovell St. going uphill towards May St., in the vicinity of the rotary.
7h CC September 30, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided findings from traffic study on Lovell St.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the WPD Sergeant, who discussed installing temporary speed trailers and enforcement on Lovell St.

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)

- b. Councilor Jose A. Rivera on behalf of Heather Flavin request installation of a dynamic speed monitor display on May St. between Chandler St. and Pleasant St.

8e 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 the street has low traffic volume.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera brought forth the following Chairman's Order: Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install MassDOT compliant speed limit signs on May St. between Chandler St. and Pleasant St.

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 install MassDOT compliant speed limit signs on May St. between Chandler St. and Pleasant St.

- c. Raymond Augustine request installation of radar enforced speed limit warning signage facing both direction in the vicinity of 22 Valmor St.

8q CC July 21, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as a speed feedback sign is not appropriate at this location based on the speed, volume, and crash history.

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

10. Stop Sign Petitions

- a. Songsong Le request installation of stop signage at the intersection of Newton Ave. North and Terrace Dr.
8w CC July 21, 2026

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

1. David Chester, Worcester resident, spoke in opposition to the item

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to approve for the installation of a yield sign facing Terrace Dr.

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

11. Traffic Lane Reconfiguration Petitions

- a. Lauren Cordeiro request installation of turn signal lights and a turning lane at the intersection of Park Ave. and Pleasant St.

9t CC March 10, 2026

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

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the following Speakers:

1. Vinnie Minneo, Worcester resident, spoke in favor of the item
2. Stephen Hopkins, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to the item
3. Robert O'Connor, 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 the intersection does not meet volume guidelines for protected left turns from Park Ave. for northbound or southbound.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera then discussed feasible traffic light configurations at the Park Ave. and Pleasant St. intersection with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who discussed selective widening of streets for the intersection and the required minimum width for sidewalks with Speaker #2.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera then discussed the modifications to Highland St. and Park Ave. intersection to allow for shared left turn with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Councilor Ojeda, who discussed modifying traffic lanes and traffic line painting at the intersection, prohibiting parking near the intersection and the feasibility of adding curb extension to create more distance between traffic and the building at the intersection with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Speaker #2, who discussed concerns relative to removal of parking spaces in the area with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera brought forth the following Chairman's Order: Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility prioritize and address safety concerns for left turning traffic on Park Ave. at its intersection with Pleasant St. during the upcoming Bottleneck traffic signal improvement project.

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 prioritize and address safety concerns for left turning traffic on Park Ave. at its intersection with Pleasant St. during the upcoming Bottleneck traffic signal improvement project.

- b. Michael Rapsomanikis request installation of designated left turn lanes on Park Ave. at its intersection with Pleasant St.

7k CC June 16, 2026

Recommend File on a roll call vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays (See Item #11a)

12. Traffic Sign Petitions

- a. Nicole Anuszczyk request the School Zone signage on Blackstone River Rd. be reviewed for the feasibility of changing the time from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

10g CC September 9, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as DTM's contractor in the process of installing over 120 new school zone signs to reflect the newly adopted School Zone ordinance time of 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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. Nicole Anuszczyk request the existing School Zone signage on Blackstone River Rd. be updated to include flashing beacons.

10h CC September 9, 2025

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as the Safe Routes to School Taskforce will be assessing locations to prioritize for the installation of flashing school zone signage assembly.

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

- c. Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request installation of thru way street signage at the northern corner of Tampa St., in the vicinity of 47 Tampa St.

8c CC July 21, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized Councilor Bilotta, who discussed the residents' request for signage to signal to driver that Tampa St. is a through street.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as there is no sign in the MUTCD to designate that a street does continue through.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera brought forth the following Chairman's Order: Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install a Sharp Curve sign on Tampa St. in the vicinity of 47 Tampa St.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized Councilor Bilotta, who discussed installation of non-standard signage with the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the following Speaker:

1. Sandra Krause, Worcester resident, spoke neither in favor nor opposed to the item

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 install a Sharp Curve sign on Tampa St. in the vicinity of 47 Tampa St.

13. Miscellaneous

- a. Petition of Councilor Khrystian E. King and Councilor Robert A. Bilotta request the intersection of Plantation St. and Orient St. be reviewed for the purpose of installing speed calming measures at the location.

7c CC April 14, 2026

Chairperson Councilor Rivera read the item and recognized Councilor Bilotta, who discussed traffic and pedestrian challenges related to the configuration of the intersection.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera recognized the Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility, who provided the recommendation to file, as the crash volume at the location is not higher than typical rates for similar intersections and modifications to Orient St. can be done with future resurfacing to improve traffic safety.

Chairperson Councilor Rivera brought forth the following Chairman's Order: Request City Manager request Commissioner of Transportation and Mobility install MassDOT compliant speed limit signage on Plantation St.

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 install MassDOT compliant speed limit signage on Plantation St.