

## COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/PUBLIC SAFETY

**October 5, 1999**

**6:00 PM**

Chairman Clancy called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

**Present:** Aldermen Clancy, Reiniger, Pinard, Cashin, and Hirschmann

**Messrs:** Alderman Pariseau, Sgt. Winn, J. Webster, D. Clay, S. Tierney,  
R. Murphy

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Ratify and confirm poll conducted September 16, 1999 approving  
Temporary changes to the Traffic Ordinance at the corner of Stark and Elm  
Street.

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted  
to ratify and confirm the poll.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from Alderman Pariseau requesting that President Road be  
discontinued as a thru street at the intersection of Ross Avenue.

Alderman Pariseau stated I don't think we have to go that far to Ross Avenue. In  
my anger in writing this memo to the Committee, I did extend it to Ross Avenue,  
but if we put up a guardrail at the end of the property line at 208 President Road  
that would suffice. That is just beyond the last residential home and before  
McDevitt. Just for the Committee's information, I do have a petition signed by the  
residents of President Road. The problem on President Road being a residential  
street has been created for the most part by the City for allowing commercial  
development along the frontage of Ross Avenue and of course you have Gold  
Street being the gateway to South Willow Street. People have been concerned  
with commercial traffic on President Road for approximately 30 years now. They  
even at one time requested the City to rezone it from commercial to residential so  
that it would eliminate the heavy traffic at the time. They did have signs installed

“No Trucks” and that didn’t work. We had the police surveying the area many, many times concerning the heavy volume of traffic. We even installed, Alderman Burkush and myself, signs indicating a \$300 fine if commercial vehicles use President Road to no avail. They continually use that residential street. The only solution that I can see and maybe somebody else has another, but we can’t have the Police Department on President Road every day of the week I am told for enforcement and that is the major problem so in order to alleviate commercial traffic and people who don’t belong on President Road, the only alternative is to discontinue it.

Alderman Clancy asked so you want to put a guardrail on 208 President Road.

Alderman Pariseau answered on the property line of 208 President Road.

Alderman Pinard asked what about emergency vehicles like fire trucks for instance.

Alderman Pariseau answered they have access to the other areas through Ross Avenue, Frontage Drive, etc. There is no problem with access and if anything happens on President Road, they could go down South Beech Street and onto President Road.

Mr. Lolicata stated my only concern is how does Highway feel about it with their refuse and Fire and Police. You are blocking off the whole road. Is that from South Beech Street forward?

Alderman Pariseau replied from South Beech Street easterly.

Mr. Lolicata stated the only problem would be emergencies.

Chairman Clancy replied they could put a gate like we have in some other areas and somebody can have the key to open it up.

Mr. Lolicata stated as long as Highway is okay with it and Fire and Police then it would be all right with me. I think the businesses might have a problem.

Alderman Pariseau stated I suspect that if the Police and Fire had a problem with the request that they would have at least called me and they haven’t so I assume that they don’t have any concerns.

Sgt. Winn stated I had a conversation with the Chief about this today and we are in favor of it as long as if there is a gate we can have a key and assign it to an officer.

Alderman Cashin asked what are all of these people here for.

The group answered President Road.

Alderman Cashin asked to hear from them.

John Webster, Manchester Transit Authority stated we have about four bus routes right now that are going directly through there. If you landlock that road, and I am not saying that we can't come up with a solution but some of those use President and they come up to get onto 293 to get out onto the other side where the connecting road is because it is such a very bad area to try to take a left turn on Brown Avenue. You can landlock it as long as the neighbors understand that the children that live along President will now be walking to Beech Street to catch the buses because they are going to have to go up and use Gold Street to try to find their way because they can't connect from President to get under the highway and we have Highland Goffs Falls and we have St. Francis and we have some St. Casmir and St. Joseph's school bus runs that use Presidential on a daily basis. You are going to have to give us a little bit of a lag time so that the gate doesn't go up and the bus is up against it and has to back out. There is no easy access if you can't go beyond there to get to Ross. We have some buses that are coming in...I think even some of the junior high schools go down through there. I don't have all of the particulars because this is the first I have heard of it. I can tell you that at least four different schools use President as a vital link in order to do their bus route.

Alderman Pariseau replied that is part of the problem, too, buses. I am not privy to the number of students living on President Road. I think there may be two or three or four.

Mr. Webster responded you are right. Four young children go to Highland Goffs Falls. They take the school bus every morning.

Alderman Pariseau asked what would be the problem if you came down Blossom to President Road.

Mr. Webster answered I am not saying there is a problem but they use that road as a link.

Alderman Pariseau replied shortcuts, that what you use it for.

Mr. Webster responded we don't go down President if we don't pick up any children there. It is not just used as a shortcut. We always pick up there.

Alderman Pariseau stated you just said it was used to get on the other side.

Mr. Webster replied that is right. That is the way the route is devised to go because you have the other side of the highway and that side of the highway on the same bus route. We just need some time to re-route it. Right now, tomorrow, we are still going to use President. I will get overruns out and get a copy to whoever needs it of where the bus routes go. A lot of time with the parochial school runs they are tailored to where the children live. For a safety aspect, I think if you are coming south on Brown Avenue and trying to take a left turn to go up into Connecticut, it is a lot easier to go onto the highway.

Chairman Clancy stated people on President Road have had enough over a number of years of commercial trucks going through that way. Now I was on the Fire Department and I have seen the signs and the commercial vehicles go through there like it is a freeway. We have to help the constituents and the people on President Road. How would you like to own a house and have your windows open and some big diesel truck goes by? Did you ever see the black smoke come out of those trucks?

Mr. Webster replied I am not saying it is not a good idea but if it impacts the bus routes, we have to change them.

Alderman Cashin asked but it is possible for you to work around this.

Mr. Webster answered yes, it is.

Alderman Cashin asked the residents if they are in favor of it.

They all responded yes.

On motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to close President Road at 208 President Road to through traffic and install a gate for emergency vehicles.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Copy of a communication from the MTA General Manager seeking authorization to alter MTA routes due to implementation of a "modified pulse" system which in effect would require taking away parking spaces along Merrimack Street adjacent to Veterans' Park.

Alderman Reiniger stated there are a couple of letters from neighbors. There is one from Atty. Dahar's Office and from the Merrimack Street Garage. Have you seen these letters?

Mr. Clay replied I have seen the one from the attorney but not the one from the Merrimack Street Garage.

Chairman Clancy stated I will read the one from the Merrimack Street Garage.

Dear Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

The above problem item was brought to my attention by Victor Dahar and his fine letter to your office (with which I heartily agree).

Parking on Merrimack Street I already a near disaster. Merrimack Street Olds-Volvo employs 44 people. These jobs and the taxes they generate depend on our customers having access to our Merrimack Street facility. We have remained at this location for over 80 years, one of the very few firms servicing the public to remain loyal to Manchester's downtown.

I strenuously object to the City taking away any public parking spaces from Merrimack Street or the surrounding area streets. This would be bad for us and our neighbors and bad for Manchester in general.

Very truly yours,

s/Raymond Saidel, President  
Merrimack Street Garage, Inc.

Alderman Reiniger asked Mr. Clay do you have a plan B or C alternative to the proposal for Merrimack Street.

Mr. Clay answered we definitely have a plan B but what we see is that plan B necessitates people crossing the street. Southbound buses would be on the south side and north buses on the other side of the street. What you have now is people crossing the street. They get off of the bus and race across the street to CFX Bank. There are no crosswalks there and no cross lighting for them. It is an unsafe situation. We are looking for two things. A little bit more safety for our passengers who have to make connections across the street and also to make the pulse system which makes it more beneficial because all of the buses come in at the same time, people change from bus to bus and in that corner or that type of a corner nobody is out in the street at all. We can put our wheelchair ramps down and do a big sidewalk area and they can go from bus to bus where they have to go.

It is a safety issue as far as that is concerned. With the elderly, who are our core riders, we need to do something that is safe for them. Any other place in the City around the Elm Street area, there are no corners available. We already have three buses on the north side of the park and we are looking for three buses on Merrimack Street, right on that corner, to facilitate this. Anything else is...I don't know of any other place on Elm Street where this could be accomplished. Anything else is criss-crossing. The safest and best place is down on the corner of Veteran's Park. We have had studies done since 1987 which said that we should be doing the pulse system to make it more convenient so people get off and leave at the same time. Right now, we come in at different times and people may have to stand there for a half-hour waiting for another bus. This way, you would get off one bus, go right across the sidewalk and get into your next bus and continue on to wherever you happen to be going.

Chairman Clancy stated well everyone has a back-up system. You must have something?

Mr. Clay replied like I said, we could take the loading zone here and the only reason I don't like it as well is instead of the buses being nose to nose on opposite sides of the street so they can see passengers that are crossing, we would be in the same area but take the parking spaces in front of Stanton Park on the other side of the street. The buses are then back to back. They have already gone by the northbound buses. We have one parking space there. If we could take some parking spaces out of that location.

Chairman Clancy asked are you talking about 770 Elm Street, the old telephone company.

Mr. Clay answered no, beyond that in front of the Center of New Hampshire. There are three or four meters there now and we have a parking space and a half. There is no shelter on that side. The good thing about that is that there is a cross-walk. In fact, there are two. One at the intersection where you can push a button and cross.

Alderman Cashin asked on the east side of Elm Street you already have places for the buses, right.

Mr. Clay answered right.

Alderman Cashin asked in front of Stanton Park there are three or four meters and you are asking to eliminate those meters.

Mr. Clay answered yes I would ask that to be done because we need to have three or four buses on each side of the street. On one or two trips a day, you figure there would be seven buses. The rest of the time there would be six.

Alderman Cashin asked so if they eliminated three meters at Stanton Park, you have the cross-walk there so that would solve the safety problem and we don't have to affect Merrimack Street Garage which has been there for a long time and I can understand that they need parking. It seems to me that it would be worth the effort just to try it, even if we just bag the meters for awhile and try it and see how it works. If it works, fine. If it doesn't, we will have to come back and talk about it. Is that fair?

Mr. Clay asked Mr. Webster if he sees a problem with it.

Mr. Webster answered only the fact that you have a crosswalk and you are trying to put down a wheelchair lift in front of the Center of New Hampshire. This thing has been studied as far back as 1987 and speaking as a driver in the winter time, trying to drop a wheelchair lift onto a snowbank, it is better if you have one major area that you can clean out real quickly even if you can't drop someone off in front of City Hall or First Essex Bank at least you have that...the location was the best because you are having buses that are there. Can you work it with the Center of NH? You can work it with anything but, which is the best way to do it. I guess what I look at, as an Administrator is that the MTA has 1,500 people a day going through their system. Many of them are elderly. Many of them are handicapped and wheelchair lifts that weren't in effect back in 1992 when some of these studies were done, we are doing on a daily basis along with our demand response. This type of thing where you have a comfort station, when they redid City Hall a lot of people who used to wait in the hallway here now have to wait outside. Ultimately, the Merrimack Street plan is the best. We are not looking to impact businesses, but we are a business also that has 1,500 customers a day. Many people use the bus and come back in and every study that I have ever seen on the pulse shows you coming into a central business district area. Many of the transfers have to wait 20 or 30 minutes to continue their trip. We just want to try to bring everything in. As a bus driver, I have seen many times that the bus is waiting for them across the street and they don't even look. They go right across the road. They don't wait for the crosswalk or anything. I have also seen people in electric wheelchairs doing the same thing.

Chairman Clancy stated but you guys have radios now, right.

Mr. Webster replied yes we do.

Chairman Clancy stated if you see someone who is handicapped get off the bus and cross the street you can just call over there and tell them to hold the bus.

Mr. Webster replied sometimes you see a person get off and not even realize that there is a bus over there. If they set it up that way, that will work.

Chairman Clancy responded you could also tell the bus drivers that when they come downtown they should be on alert for getting a radio call from another bus for somebody crossing the street.

Mr. Clay stated we could try it. If it doesn't work, we can come back and discuss it.

Mr. Lolicata asked where are we talking exactly.

Alderman Clancy answered Center of New Hampshire, there is a park in front of it called Stanton Park.

Mr. Lolicata asked and there are meters there.

Chairman Clancy answered yes; there are three or four meters.

Alderman Cashin stated the only problem is they are going to have to cross Elm Street and that could be a problem.

Mr. Clay stated we are not ready to kick this off yet. We have to put a blitz out there of all of our changes and we will let you know and at that point you can get them out.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Cashin, it was voted to temporarily allow MTA to use the space in front of Stanton Park for their new "modified-pulse" system.

Mr. Lolicata asked is this going to be a temporary ordinance for a bus stop. That is my question because we are going to have to put signs up or something.

Alderman Cashin answered it is temporary for now.

Mr. Lolicata asked so you want me to cover the meters for now.

Chairman Clancy answered yes.

Mr. Webster stated there is going to be some lag time before this gets implemented. We have to do a lot of publicity. One of the things that hasn't been mentioned is that we are going to be adding service to the Millyard. We are going to have two buses an hour going down there.

Alderman Reiniger asked when is that going to start.

Mr. Clay answered we were looking to start it in November, but seeing as how we are already into October, we need to do a lot of publicity. If we can get it off the ground in December, that is what we are looking for.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 6 of the agenda:

Communication from Gail Leach Carvelli seeking temporary closure of certain City streets as outlined herein in conjunction with the CMC Community Race/Walk scheduled for October 23, 1999.

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to approve this request.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 7 of the agenda:

Copy of a communication from Joseph Gardner to Chief Driscoll relative to a recent incident whereby his vehicle was towed due to a paving project on Spruce Street and seeking a hearing and reimbursement of fine(s) paid.

Mr. Tierney stated unfortunately, we don't have time enough to notify people because we are under a lot of constraints. Weather constraints, if the asphalt plants breaks down or something. We would look very foolish if we put a list of streets that we want to pave on a daily basis. If the plant calls us up and says can you skip tomorrow because we have a big job up in Hooksett or Bow or someplace and we skip another day, we would look very foolish. To my knowledge, we have only had maybe one or two complaints over the past 10 or 15 years on this.

Sgt. Winn stated I would like to tell the Committee that there was a hearing held at the Police Department because Mr. Gardner challenged this. Deputy Dale Robinson, under City Ordinance, conducted the hearing. Mr. Gardner had a chance to come in and present testimony as to what happened and the Police Department also presented testimony. It was found that the Highway Department posted Spruce Street no parking six days prior to Mr. Gardner's vehicle being towed. Also, before we towed his vehicle we put a red tag on his car saying that if it wasn't moved within 24 hours it would be towed. Additionally, the day the car

was towed we ran a listing of his plate, got his address, knocked on his door and there was no one home. We attempted to get a phone number to call him but there was no answer. I think the Police Department and the Highway Department acted very reasonably. The car was out there for at least a week and then we did tow it. The ruling made by Deputy Robinson was that the tow would stand and the Police Department would need to bill.

Alderman Pinard asked how many other times has this happened.

Mr. Tierney answered maybe once or twice before. This is the first one I actually noticed. There might have been others that we haven't heard about.

Chairman Clancy asked how much is it, \$55.

Sgt. Winn answered yes.

Mr. Tierney stated we religiously go out there and post the street at least one day ahead of time.

Sgt. Winn replied this was posted five days ahead of time.

Alderman Pinard stated as I understand it, the gentleman was in Florida.

Sgt. Winn replied I know he was on vacation but I don't know where he was. Either way, if you are on vacation according to City Ordinance your vehicle has to be moved once every 24 hours so as far as we were concerned either way he was in violation.

Alderman Reiniger asked when was the hearing.

Sgt. Winn answered the hearing was held on September 7 at 1 PM.

Alderman Reiniger stated I noticed that this letter is dated August 16 and he is asking for a hearing.

Sgt. Winn replied we have a letter drafted to him explaining that the towing decision stands. We were going to wait and see what the Board was going to do before we sent the letter to him.

Alderman Reiniger moved to deny the request.

Alderman Cashin stated wouldn't you say that this was an extenuating circumstance, though. Here is a guy who goes to Florida or wherever he went. He is on vacation. He parks his car on the street. Okay, the Ordinance says that the car has to be moved every 24 hours and you and I know that but everyone doesn't know that. If this was a perfect world that would happen, but it is not. I would like to see the guy get reimbursed. I really would.

Alderman Cashin moved to approve the request and reimburse Mr. Gardner for the fine. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Cashin stated I just think that with the parking problems we have in Manchester that we are all aware of, people are just going to park in the street. If it was posted 24 hours and the guy is gone, he has left town, how is he to be held responsible for not moving his car. He is not even here.

Sgt. Winn replied I guess it would be the same thing if it were a snow emergency, Sir.

Alderman Cashin stated a snow emergency is different. That could cause problems with snow removal and I can buy that.

Sgt. Winn replied but it could also cause a problem for these folks who are trying to do a job and pave and they have tar and materials coming and they have to stop the job because the car is in the way. We run into that all of the time when we are working construction jobs.

Mr. Tierney stated the RSA refers specifically to street maintenance. It could be street sweeping or anything. We usually only do it for snow removal and paving if we have to.

Chairman Clancy stated in other words if someone goes away and leaves their car out on the street for a week or 10 days and comes back and the street is paved, this guy got away with it so why can't I.

Sgt. Winn replied don't get me wrong. I feel bad for the guy.

Alderman Cashin responded you make a valid point. If we do this, where does it stop.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to deny this request.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 8 of the agenda:

Communication from Brian Shaughnessy seeking temporary closure of certain City streets as outlined herein in conjunction with the Third Annual Citizens Bank Run for Shelter scheduled for October 17, 1999.

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Cashin, it was voted to approve this request.

Chairman Clancy addressed Item 9 of the agenda:

Communication from Scott Thornton seeking the installation of additional stop signs at the intersections of Concord Street with Belmont and Beacon Streets.

Mr. Lolicata stated I spoke with Mr. Thornton. He was a traffic engineer also. I told him that we could probably implement something like that once this other school starts their charter. It is the old Chandler School. He is in that vicinity. Until such time, we will leave it alone. We will look at it for a four-way stop once that school begins and he agreed.

On motion of Alderman Reiniger, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to receive and file this item.

Chairman Clancy advised that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed as follows:

**STOP SIGNS:**

**On Glenwood Ave., at Patterson Street, nec, swc 4-way stop**

**Alderman Cashin**

**On Gurtner Street at Pickering St.**

**Alderman Wihby**

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to accept these items of the traffic agenda.

**CROSSWALK (EMERGENCY):**

**Across Candia Road east of Peabody Ave.**

**Alderman Pinard**

**ONE WAY STREET:**

**Huntress Avenue, from Lewis Street to Prince Street southbound**

**Alderman Cashin**

**RESCIND ONE WAY:**

**Huntress Avenue, from Prince Street to Lewis Street northbound  
Alderman Cashin**

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to accept these items of the traffic agenda.

**NO PARKING ANYTIME:**

**On Brock Street, east side, from Milford Street to Charleston Ave.  
Alderman Cashin**

**On Lincoln Street, west side, from a point 300 feet north of Valley Street to a point 105 feet north  
Alderman Clancy**

**On Pinard Street, north side, from Edmond Street to a point 75 feet easterly  
Alderman Cashin**

**On Cypress Street, east side, from Young Street to a point 95 feet southerly  
Alderman Shea**

**On Young Street, south side, from a point 95 feet east of Cypress Street to a point 55 feet easterly  
Alderman Shea**

**On Rogers Street, east side, from Hayward Street to a point 260 feet southerly  
Alderman Shea**

**On Youville Street, west side, from a point 140 feet south of Dexter Street to a point 40 feet southerly  
Alderman Hirschmann**

**On Brown Avenue, east side, from Brent Street to a point 100 feet northerly  
Alderman Girard**

**On Brent Street, north side, from Brown Ave. to a point 55 feet easterly  
Alderman Girard**

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Reiniger, it was voted to approve these items of the traffic agenda.

**NO PARKING (EMERGENCY):**

**On Nashua Street, east side, from East High Street to a point 150 feet northerly  
Alderman Sysyn**

**NO PARKING LOADING ZONE:**

**On Maple Street, east side, from Londonderry Lane to a point 35 feet northerly  
Alderman Sysyn**

**NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS:**

**On South Porter Street, west side, from Fernand Street to a point 190 feet south of Roysan Street**

**On South Porter Street, west side, from a point 555 feet south of Roysan Street to Weston Road**

**Alderman Rivard**

**NO PARKING (BUS STOP) DURING SCHOOL HOURS:**

**On South Porter Street, west side, from a point 190 feet south of Roysan Street to a point 365 feet southerly**

**Alderman Rivard**

**RESCIND 30-MINUTE PARKING :**

**On Wayne Street, south side, from Dubuque eastback street to Cartier Street**  
**Alderman Thibault**

**On Maple Street, east side from a point 80 feet north of Lake Ave. to Central Street**

**Alderman Clancy**

**RESCIND PARKING 1 HOUR:**

**On Cedar Street, south side, from Manhattan Lane to Willow Street**  
**Alderman Reiniger**

**On Maple Street, east side, from Laurel Street to Laurel southback street**  
**Alderman Clancy**

**RESCIND PARKING 2 HOURS:**

**On Amory Street, north side, from Cartier Street to Cartier westback Street**  
**Alderman Thibault**

**RESCIND NO PARKING LOADING ZONE:**

**On Maple Street, east side, from a point 30 feet north of Lake Ave. to a point 50 feet north**

**Alderman Clancy**

**PARKING 30 MINUTES:**

**On Maple Street, east side, from Litchfield Lane to Central Street**  
**Alderman Clancy**

**PARKING 30 MINUTES (8AM-6PM):**

**On Pine Street, east side, from a point 100 feet north of Grove Street to a point 55 feet northerly**

**Alderman Reiniger**

**HANDICAP PARKING ONLY:**

**On A Street, south side, from B Street to a point 30 feet easterly  
Alderman Cashin**

**RESCIND NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS:**

**On South Porter Street, west side, from Weston Road to a point 590 feet  
northerly**

**On South Porter Street, west side, from Fernand Street to a point 205 feet  
south of Celeste Street**

**Alderman Rivard**

**RESCIND NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS DAYS OR  
EVENINGS:**

**On South Porter Street, west side, from a point 205 feet south of Celeste  
Street to Roysan Street**

**Alderman Rivard**

**RESCIND PARKING ¼ HOUR (8PM-2AM):**

**On Thorpe Street, both sides, from Second Street to the dead end unlimited**

**On Hill Street, both sides, from McQuesten Street to Master Street**

**Unlimited**

**On Wentworth Street, both sides, from McQuesten Street to Poor Street  
unlimited**

**On Master Street, both sides, from Second Street to Hill Street**

**Unlimited**

**On McQuesten Street, south side, from Second Street to a point 135 feet  
easterly - unlimited**

**On McQuesten Street, south side, from a point 175 feet east of Second Street  
to the dead end – unlimited parking**

**On McQuesten Street, north side, from Hill Street to the dead end –  
unlimited**

**Alderman Cashin**

**RESCIND PARKING ½ HOUR (8AM-6PM):**

**On Maple Street, east side, from Monadnock Lane to a point 40 feet south of  
Hanover Street**

**Alderman Sysyn**

**PARKING ½ HOUR (8AM-6PM):**

**On Maple Street, east side, from a point 35 feet north of Londonderry Lane  
to Hanover Street**

**On Maple Street, east side, from Monadnock Lane to Londonderry Lane**

**Alderman Sysyn**

**PARKING 1 HOUR:**

**On Wilson Street, west side, from Harvard Street to a point 90 feet northerly  
Alderman Shea**

**PARKING 1 HOUR DURING SCHOOL HOURS:**

**On Youville Street, west side, from Mason Street to a point 165 feet south  
Alderman Hirschmann**

**NO RIGHT TURN ON RED DURING SCHOOL HOURS:**

**On Hanover Street, eastbound at Page Street  
Alderman Pinard**

**DISCUSSION:**

**Improvements at West Brook and Canal Street – see attached letter**

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Cashin, it was voted to accept the remainder of the traffic agenda.

**TRAFFIC AGENDA ADDENDUM:**

**TRAFFIC SIGNALS:**

Bridge Street and Candia Road  
Alderman Pinard

**RESCIND PARKING 2 HOURS:**

On Willow Street, both sides, from Cedar Street to Auburn Street  
Alderman Reiniger

**STOP SIGNS:**

On Heckler Street, at Main Street – swc  
On Schuyler Street at Main Street – swc  
On Chagnon Street at Allard Drive – swc  
Alderman Thibault

**RESCIND PARKING 2 HOURS 8AM-6PM:**

On Amory Street, north side, from Cartier Street to Cartier Westback Street  
On Amory Street, north side, from Dubuque Eastback Street to Dubuque Street  
Alderman Thibault

**PARKING 1 HOUR ONLY – 24 HOURS:**

**NO TIME RESTRICTION:**

On Amory Street, north side, from Cartier Street to Dubuque Street  
Alderman Thibault

**NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS (EMERGENCY ACT):**

On Walker Street, north side, from Third Street to Fourth Street  
Alderman Cashin

**RESCIND ONE WAY STREET:**

Dixwell Street, from Whalley Road to Brown Avenue, eastbound

**ONE WAY STREET:**

Depot Road, from Brown Avenue to Whalley Road, westbound

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Cashin, it was voted to accept the addendums to the traffic agenda.

Discussion took place regarding the lights at Candia Road and Bridge Street Extension. Alderman Pinard noted that it has been moved up to 2003. He is asking for temporary lights there. Mr. Lolicata stated that if temporary lights are wanted up there, he will need about \$6,000 to put them up. Alderman Pinard stated he will try to get the money out of some budget.

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Cashin, it was voted to approve the temporary lights at Candia Road and Bridge Street subject to funding.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Richard Murphy stated I work for Thomas J. Hastings Properties and I was told permit parking in the Pearl Street Lot was going to be on the agenda tonight.

Chairman Clancy asked are there any spots in that parking lot so this gentleman can be taken care of.

Mr. Lolicata answered right now we have 60 for the Bridge and Elm Street building. How many are you looking for?

Mr. Murphy stated 15 spots. We have been pursuing this for several months and our understanding was that there was a good chance that there would be some spots available in September. The understanding is that 60 spots went to someone else.

Mr. Lolicata stated can you call my office tomorrow and talk to Denise and we will work out something so that you can have 12-15 spaces.

Chairman Clancy stated I have a letter addressed to James Hoben from Fred Bishop, Division Manager – Customer Services of PSNH.

Dear Jim:

Thank you for the time that you spent with us going over proposed improvements to the pedestrian crossing at the corner of West Brook and Canal Streets. As you are aware, we continue to have concerns for employees and public safety at this intersection. The primary problem is southbound vehicles on Canal Street turning right on red onto Commercial Street. This occurs even when the pedestrian walk lights are in the “walk” mode. Some vehicles make only “rolling stops” and/or stop in the crosswalk before turning right. As a result, some of our employees crossing in the “walk” mode have reported “near misses” in being struck.

We understand that if PSNH is willing to fund the \$1,000 equipment purchase of the “No right turn” cabinet/lights, the City will install this equipment. This light will operate only when the pedestrian walk signals are in the “walk” mode, and would be unlit at all other times.

We believe this new equipment will greatly enhance pedestrian safety at this intersection. It will not only benefit the PSNH employees who park in the North Commercial Street parking lot, but the general public as well.

Please proceed with this installation as soon as possible. You may submit a bill for \$1,000 for the equipment to my attention. Fred W. Bishop, Division Manager – Customer Services, PSNH, PO Box 330, Manchester, NH 03105. Upon receipt of this invoice, we will forward payment to the City of Manchester.

Thanks again for the time you have spent developing a solution to this safety concern.

Very truly yours,

s/Frederick W. Bishop  
Division Manager – Customer Services

Mr. Lolicata stated basically we are looking for your okay. I know it is a dangerous situation coming off the ramp down onto Brook Street. These new lights are emphasized lights.

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Cashin, it was voted to approve this request.

**TABLED ITEMS**

11. Communication from Yvonne Calimeri advising the Board of her support relative to a proposed new leash ordinance.  
(Tabled 6/7/99)

This item remained on the table.

12. Communication from Thomas Lynch expressing his concerns for the lack of a "walk light" at the intersection of South Willow Street and Weston Road.  
(Tabled 6/7/99)

This item remained on the table.

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to remove this item from the table.

Communication from Lorraine Chauvin, West Side Catholic School Board requesting that Walker Street be changed to a one-way street going east to west to address safety concerns for their children.

On motion of Alderman Cashin, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted to have this as No Parking During School Hours from Third to Fourth Street on Walker Street, north side.

Chairman Clancy asked what is someone has an apartment over there and they have no place to park their car.

Alderman Cashin answered they could park on the other side of the street. This is just during school hours. What is happening is people are parking there when they are dropping their children off and the children are running between the cars.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee