Traffic Advisory Committee Agenda
Virtual Committee Meeting Via Zoom
http://www.falmouthmass.us/TrafficAdvisory
February 22nd, 2021
9:00AM

In accordance with the Governor’s Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A s 20, relating to the 2020 novel Coronavirus outbreak emergency, the February 22nd, 2021 public meeting of the Falmouth Traffic Advisory Committee shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. Alternative public access to this meeting shall be provided in the following manner:

1. The meeting will be held via Zoom video conference. The public can view and hear the meeting in real time by joining the Zoom video conference.

2. Real-time public comment may be permitted at the discretion of the chair utilizing the ZOOM virtual meeting and send a comment or question to the Chair via the Chat function. Submitted text comments may be read into the record at the appropriate points in the meeting as determined by the Chair.

   A. Zoom Login instructions:
      i. Instructions and the meeting link for this specific meeting can be found at the following web address: http://www.falmouthmass.us/TrafficAdvisory

      ii. Please plan on 10-15 minutes of preparation time to log in though it may be less if you have previously used Zoom on the device you will use to access this meeting.

3. Additionally, public comments may be sent in advance of the meeting to the committee via: (trafficadvisory@falmouthma.gov) at least 5 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting. Documents and audio or video files may also be submitted via email in advance of the meeting. Submitted email comments and documents will be made a part of the meeting record and may be read into the record, summarized or displayed during the meeting at the discretion of the Chair.
Minutes

Date: February 22nd, 2021

Time: 9 A.M. – 11 A.M.

Location: Zoom meeting
http://www.falmouthmass.us/1170/Traffic-Advisory-Committee

Members in Attendance: Barbara Pratt, James Porter, Ahmed Mustafa, Nick Croft

1. Old Business:

   Review Town Manager actions on recommendations from last meeting (November)

   A. Request to discuss traffic safety concerns in the vicinity of 147 Trotting Park Rd. TAC: Recommends data collection, speed enforcement and use of speed trailer.

   B. Request to discuss traffic safety concerns on Cliffwood Ln. TAC: No action recommended, this is a private development.

2. New Business:
A. Request from the Ashumet Valley Property Owners for “No Jake Braking” signage on Sandwich Rd. Additionally, a request has been made to add beach parking on Austin Stokes Dr. **TAC: Officer Porter will contact Mr. Cavossa regarding the concern of jake braking. A suggestion was made regarding handing out leaflets at the transfer station requesting drivers refrain from jake braking. TAC recommends DPW conduct a survey and Parks conduct a feasibility study regarding adding beach parking on Austin Stokes Rd.**

B. Request to discuss traffic safety concerns near Maravista Ave. Ext. / Teaticket Elementary. Possible interventions suggested include: Limiting the speed limit to 25MPH, marking the crosswalks in the area, and adding a “push to cross” crosswalk. **TAC: Recommends Engineering review speed limits in the area and ensure that they are in compliance with state law and Falmouth warrants. TAC also recommends replacing any missing crosswalk warning signage in the area. Finally, TAC recommends referring this matter to the School Committee.**

C. Request for “horse crossing” signage on Currier Rd. near Cape Woods Dr. **TAC: Recommends 2 horse crossing signs on Currier Rd. in the vicinity of Cape Woods Dr. DPW to determine appropriate placement.**

D. Request for signage marking Bounty Ln. as “Not a thru way”. **TAC: Engineering will research the proper usage and limitations of “Not a Thru Way” signage.**

E. Request to discuss the following items from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee:

1. Planned re-surfacing and striping of Main St. from Falmouth Heights Rd. to Gifford St., and proposal for traffic calming and Complete Streets improvements (including discussion of future separated bike lanes). **TAC: Recommends speaking with area business regarding the elimination of parking spaces in front of 424 Main St. Further, TAC recommends 11’ traffic lanes be considered as part of the Main St. improvement project.**
2. Proposed modified traffic circulation for section of Kathy Lee Bates from Rt. 28/Palmer Ave. to Library Lane (see attached). **TAC: Recommends a review of widening the sidewalk on Katharine Lee Bates so it may facilitate a multi-use path.**

3. Proposed installation of push button activated crosswalk warning lights at KLB Rd and Palmer Ave. for safer bike/ped connection to SSBW and Falmouth Depot. **TAC: Recommends researching land ownership at the Kathatherin Lee Bates/Rt.28/Palmer Ave. intersection in regards to crosswalk improvements.**

4. Strategic use of FPD flashing speed warning trailers for traffic calming and education. **TAC: Advised that speed trailer requests should be directed through Officer Porter.**

5. Proposed installation of permanent flashing speed warning signs - (i) Gifford St. Southbound by Trotting Park ball field, (ii) Palmer Ave/Rt. 28 southbound between Braeside and Old Palmer Ave., (iii) Woods Hole Rd. northbound before Locust St. & SSBW crossing. **TAC: Recommends utilizing the temporary speed trailers to determine if this intervention has an effect prior to entertaining permanent signage.**

6. Placement of "Bicycles May Use Full Lane" at corner of Clinton and Scranton, on Grand Ave westward near the Kite Park and FYC, and at Menaunt and Elysian Ave. **TAC: Recommended**

3. Announcement of Next Meeting: March 15th, 2021