



Lowell City Council

Transportation SC Minutes

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City Clerk

Date: March 28, 2023
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber / Zoom Hybrid

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call was Chairman Rourke. C. Jenness, C. Nuon. Also present was Elizabeth Oltman (Transportation Engineer), Yovani Baez-Rose (DPD) and C. Mercier.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Rourke called meeting to order and outlined agenda items which resulted from the numerous motions of Council regarding traffic, as well as, noted attendance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Ms. Oltman made power point presentation entitled "Shared Streets and Spaces Update" outlining the goals, trial periods and installations. Ms. Oltman noted goals were to reduce speed, retain space and heighten awareness of others. Ms. Oltman commented on installing temporary speed bumps for a trial period and indicated where they would be installed and the length of the trial. Ms. Oltman noted further installation of traffic circles and chicanes on a temporary basis and the areas of installation. Ms. Oltman noted additional measures such as bump outs, medium intervention and alternate street parking to alleviate speed and congestion. Ms. Oltman laid out the schedule and means of communication to residents. C. Rourke noted the timing would be when schools were not in session. C. Mercier noted the need for all of the traffic calming measures. C. Nuon commented favorably on the plan and work must be done with the neighborhoods when it is implemented. C. Nuon questioned roll out of 25 MPH signage. Ms. Oltman noted once contracts are signed they will begin rollout. C. Nuon questioned adding locations. Ms. Oltman noted temporary equipment is movable and durable. C. Jenness lauded the plan and questioned durability of equipment. Ms. Oltman noted 2-3 years life expectancy. C. Rourke questioned criteria from going temporary to permanent. Ms. Oltman noted it was data driven and feedback from neighborhood.

C. Rourke opened meeting up to public. Sandra McNamara addressed the body.



C. Rourke noted effort of the Transportation Engineer and that they are moving in the right direction and that there would be further meetings on the subject.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Jenness. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

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