Public Safety Committee Meeting

Location: Academy Building
66 Central Square
Council Chambers
Bridgewater, MA

Date & Time: February 27, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Agenda

A. Call to Order
B. Approval of Minutes
   a) August 27, 2019
   b) October 15, 2019
   c) December 9, 2019
C. Public Comment
D. Traffic Mitigation Discussions
   a) Mitchell Elementary School Project
   b) East Street Traffic
E. Referrals from Town Council:
   a) Order O-FY20-025: Pedestrian Tunnel
   b) Order O-FY20-043: Construction Vehicle Restriction on Wally Krueger Way
   c) Resolution R-FY20-008: East Street Traffic
F. Adjourn
Order O-FY20-025

PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL

WHEREAS, Plymouth Street separates the Bridgewater State University commuter parking lot from the rest of the campus; and
WHEREAS, hundreds of pedestrians cross Plymouth Street, traveling between parking and campus; and
WHEREAS, crossing Plymouth street in adverse weather or darkness can be hazardous to pedestrians; and
WHEREAS, randomly crossing pedestrians adversely affect the flow of vehicular traffic on Plymouth Street and on the connecting roadways;
ORDERED THAT, the Town of Bridgewater will build a pedestrian tunnel underneath Plymouth Street to minimize risks and maximize both pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow by allowing pedestrians to travel under Plymouth Street instead of across it.

Explanation:
Pedestrians and drivers alike have become increasingly distracted resulting in several near misses and accidents over the years because of congestion at the Plymouth Street crossing. Several times during the day, traffic can back up almost a mile in multiple directions due to the volume of traffic and pedestrians. A tunnel will reduce or eliminate these delays. It is expected that multiple sources of funding will be required for this project, including State resources.
Order O-FY20-043

CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE RESTRICTION ON WALLY KRUEGER WAY

WHEREAS, the public safety of the public using the Senior Center is critical; and
WHEREAS, demolition and construction areas tend to have many vehicles entering and exiting the area during the work day; and
WHEREAS, Wally Krueger Way is an active road leading to the Senior Center; and
WHEREAS, the Senior Center is building used by Seniors and others:

THEREFORE, be it ORDERED, that no construction vehicles will use Wally Krueger Way to enter or exit the Mitchell Elementary Construction area. The only exception to this order shall be for specific road improvements in and about the Senior Center and on Wally Krueger Way.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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WHEREAS, With the onset of construction projects in the area, there is a perception that traffic on East Street has recently increased;

THEREFORE, it is requested that the Public Safety Committee, working with the Town Manager’s office or their designee, research traffic volume on East Street; including but not limited to: truck traffic, speed limit and general traffic flow.

It is further requested that the committee return findings and recommendations to the Town Council.