

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL



Public Safety Committee Meeting

Committee Members:

*Matthew Rushton, Chair
Councilor-At-Large*

*Timothy Fitzgibbons, Member
District 2 Councilor*

*Fred Chase, Member
District 4 Councilor*

Location: Academy Building
66 Central Square
Room 201B
Bridgewater, MA

Date & Time: October 21, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Agenda

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes – August 27, 2019
- C. Public Comment
- D. August 27, 2019 Action Items Update
- E. Referrals from Town Council:
 - a) Order O-FY20-025 Pedestrian Tunnel
- F. Discussion Items:
 - Vape Detection Devices
- G. Adjourn

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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Council Order: O-FY20-025

Introduced By: Councilor William Wood and Councilor Matthew Rushton
 Date Introduced: October 1, 2019
 First Reading: October 1, 2019
 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

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.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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