

Sampson, David

To: Rebekah Zincavage; Traffic Commission; Rocca, Thomas
Cc: Gardner, Nicole; Rocca, Thomas
Subject: RE: Item for Traffic Commission Agenda and consideration

Good afternoon Ms. Zincavage,

I have received your email and have placed your request on the Traffic Commission agenda for discussion. The Traffic Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday November 29, 2023 at 1:30 pm in the Council Chambers (Administration Building 149 Main Street). You are not required to attend the meeting, but you are encouraged to do so. Please let me know whether you intend to be at the meeting.

Respectfully,
Sgt. D. Sampson

From: Rebekah Zincavage <rzincavage@brandeis.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 3:05 PM
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Dear members of the Watertown Traffic Commission,

My name is Rebekah and I live on the corner of Boylston St and Concord Rd adjacent to the Hosmer elementary school. I am writing to request that the commission please address the issue of cars idling for long periods of time around the Hosmer school.

During the hours surrounding school pick up time, we have a grave, and unnecessary, issue with parents idling for at times 45-60 mins while waiting to pick up their children. For example, just last week as I was walking my dog I counted 42 cars with the engine on and idling while there was still 15 mins before school dismissal. Unfortunately, this is a regular occurrence and is bad for the neighborhood, for the school children as well as the environment.

I am asking that multiple signs indicating "No idling" be posted all along the roads that abut the Hosmer School. Specifically, this includes Boylston Street (from the corner of School St all the way around to the corner of Concord Rd as well as both sides of the street in front of the Brigham House, Concord Rd, Chauncy St. and Hancock St.. Signs should be placed on BOTH sides of the road. I suspect that visible and abundant signs as well as some occasional enforcement would go a long way to helping to alleviate this situation.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like any additional information or discussion on this issue.
Thank you.

Cheers,
Rebekah Zincavage

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HOSMER SCHOOL AREA – No Idling Signage Request

