

SUMMARY OF TOM TERRANOVA'S JULY 10 & NOVEMBER 25, 2014 WALNUT & SALEM ST COMMUNITY MEETING

<u>QUESTIONS/PROBLEM</u>	<u>SOLUTIONS</u>
1 Trucks using Walnut Street illegally	<p>1A Police enforcement during identified usage times and sporadic during day</p> <p>1B Addition of Police officers to department as discussed with the Towns Study of Market Street</p> <p>1B Larger signs coming from Saugus down Walnut Street</p> <p>1C More or larger sign at Walnut St and Salem St intersection</p>
2 Drivers running lights at Market St/Walnut St intersection and Walnut St/Salem St intersection predominantly during rush hour	<p>2A Police enforcement</p> <p>2B Curb cut for police car to park and observe traffic at the corner of Walnut and Salem St. by the 128 North bound entrance ramp. Second curb cut for a police car to park and observe traffic on both sides of Walnut Street by the entrance to Market Street.</p> <p>2C Install a painted "Basket". This is a painted box with lines crossing it that if a driver is caught within it after the light for their direction has turned red they will be issued a traffic citation. Chief Breen will have to investigate this suggestion.</p> <p>2D Increase vehicle storage area at traffic light</p> <p>2E Better traffic light sequencing</p> <p>2F No right on red at Salem St and Walnut St.</p>
3 U Turns on Walnut St	<p>3A Install No U Turn signs all along Walnut St</p> <p>3B Better signage entering Market Street Mall, closer to Walnut St</p> <p>3C Once signs are installed police enforcement</p> <p>3D Make Walnut Street a one way.</p> <p>3E Installation of Traffic Sticks. (as seen in Peabody on Lowell Street at Route 1 South entrance ramp.)</p> <p>3F Installation of signs on Route 95 North Exit Ramp to Walnut Street on right and left side of ramp informing drivers to take a Left to Market Street.</p>

4 What can be done to prevent U Turns using Sparhawk Dr. and Blue Jay Lane?	<p>4A Narrow Street by extending sidewalks (Sparhawk)</p> <p>4B Island in the middle of Sparhawk Dr.</p> <p>4C Create a dead end with gate for emergency vehicles</p> <p>4D Change to one way towards Walnut St.</p> <p>4E Better communication and follow up with residents in area</p> <p>4F Signs to be installed that says "Children Playing"</p>
5 No U Turn Signs	5A Angle the signs so drivers considering making a U Turn can easily see the sign.
6 Speeding on Walnut St and Salem St	<p>6A More signage</p> <p>6B Police enforcement</p>
7 Sparhawk Dr and Blue Jay Road used for short cut to/from Salem St	<p>7A Create a dead end with gate for emergency vehicles</p> <p>7B Change to one way towards Walnut St.</p> <p>7C Better communication and follow up with residents in area</p> <p>7D Signs to be installed that says "Children Playing"</p> <p>7E This is a global issue that effects Sparhawk, Blue Jay, Tedford, Hidden Valley and Salem Street residents. One solution is for there to be a meeting just for this area's residents to meet and consider solutions to determine what solution will result in a harmonious situation.</p> <p>7F Make Sparhawk a dead end just after Tedford Lane.</p> <p>7G This issue must be addressed in the new traffic study.</p>
8 The intersection of Walnut St and Market Street Mall has vehicles driving head on that are taking a left into Market Street with the vehicles taking a left on to Route 95 South	<p>8A Sequence needs to allow one left turn at the beginning of a green light and the other at the end, I believe it is called a "protected" left.</p> <p>8B Citizens asked for left turn signal time to be increased</p>
9 Cars bearing right onto Walnut St from Route 95 South exit ramp have poor vision of people using cross walk which creates a very dangerous situation	<p>9A Install a traffic light with pedestrian walk signal.</p> <p>9B Install a Stop Sign.</p>

- 10 Southbound on Walnut St after Salem St there is a quick merge of two lanes into one on a curve. This results in cars racing off the stop line to be the first one down Walnut St.
- 10A The merge area should be lengthened and a merge sign installed
- 10B Inform drivers of two lane shift after crossing Salem Street.
- 11 Cross walks along Walnut Street in the Market Street and Route 128 exit and entrance ramps are extremely dangerous for pedestrians, this is an safety concern. Children walk to school using this Street as well as adults walking, jogging and cycling.
- 11A Install cross walk lights for pedestrians to use that will stop traffic as a pedestrian's cross the street by route 128/95 exit and entrance ramps.
- 12 Eliminate traffic running lights at Walnut and Salem Street intersection.
- 12A Install a painted "Basket". This is a painted box with lines crossing it that if a driver is caught within it after the light for their direction has turned red they will be issued a traffic citation. Chief Breen will have to investigate this suggestion.
- 13 Speeding along Salem Street by Hidden Valley.
- 13A Install a "Basket" so drivers use their side of the road only and not speed.
- 14 Safety concern regarding drivers taking a left turn from Gianna Dr on to Walnut Street.
- 14A Installation of Traffic light that flashes until a Gianna Dr vehicle stops on a pressure pad to allow the driver to turn left with a green light and Walnut Street drivers will have a red light in both directions.
- 15 How many warnings/citations for traffic violations have been issued to trucks in the past 60 days?
- 15A Here's the breakdown for the streets requested;
2012- 208 traffic enforcement actions
2013- 207 " " "
2014- 225 " " " (YTD)
Accidents
2012- 17 2013- 13 2014-- 10 (YTD)

Accidents @ Walnut + Salem St's
2012-5 2013-6 2014-5 (YTD)
- 16 In the VHB traffic study it was stated that the traffic intersection would go from an F Level Of Service (LOS) to a C LOS. Is that the current level?
- 16A DPW Director Lafferty will address this issue. Have emailed Paul Steadman of Mass DOT for a response to this questions as well
- 16B Entire VHB study is at the Library

16C Per DPW Director Lafferty LOS C rating is a 30 second traffic delay during peak traffic to drive through an area. LOS F rating is an 80 second traffic delay during peak traffic to drive through an area.

17 How many warnings/citations for U-turns in particular?

17A Specific citation information is not available.

18 How many accidents have been reported in the past 6 months?

18A Per Fire Chief: 8/8 Walnut @ Market Street, 10/24 Walnut @ Sparhawk, 10/26 Walnut @ Market Street, 11/11 Salem at Walnut Street and 11/21 Salem at Walnut Street. As far as responses during rush hour, obviously traffic can have an adverse effect on response time Fire Dept. vehicles are equipped with a device called Opticom. This device will change the light to green in the direction the fire apparatus is approaching, the other advantage we have is our red lights and sirens this allows us to move fairly quickly through traffic congestion. To date we have not experienced significant delays in response times due to Market Street congestion.

19 What are the primary issues that need to be addressed to get it to a level C and is it a town or state responsibility

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20 How is a LOS C defined? I could not find it in the VHB reports. If this is level C then perhaps we have to live with this.

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20B See 16

21 Will current Level of Service (LOS) level C be maintainable when next phase open?

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21B Not known at this time

22 Has modification to Traffic Signaling by Mass DOT been successful?

22A Response from attendees is no

23 Vehicles making a left from Market Street onto Walnut Street should have a left turn arrow that coincides with cars taking a left off Route 95/128 South onto Walnut Street.

23A Have a sole left turn green arrow for people leaving Market St. Address with Mass DOT

23B This could coincide with left turn arrow exiting 128/95 South onto Walnut Street

- 24 There should be no right turn from Salem St to Walnut St. 24A Several townsfolk voiced positive input
- 25 Ability of Emergency Medical Service ability to access a home on Walnut Street for a medical emergency during rush hour or a traffic jam? 25A Per Fire Chief: responses during rush hour, obviously traffic can have an adverse effect on response time. Fire Dept. vehicles are equipped with a device called Opticom. This device will change the light to green in the direction the fire apparatus is approaching, the other advantage we have is our red lights and sirens this allows us to move fairly quickly through traffic congestion. To date we have not experienced significant delays in response times due to Market Street congestion.
- 26 Safety concerns when a School Bus was stopped at 744 Walnut Street to allow a child to enter the bus. While stopped a three car accident occurred in the opposite lane of travel, can any additional safety precautions be taken at the Bus Stop? 26A DPW Director Lafferty and School Superintendent Tremblay are investigating this situation.
- 27 Are you aware of any situation where Market Street will construct any type of a Movie Theatre Complex? 27A Per Ted Tye (11-25-14) There are no current plans for a theater. If one is proposed in the future it would have to be brought to Town Meeting for the residents of Lynnfield to decide.
27B Per the Planning Board Chair John Faria, member Alan Dresler - Market Street is a 40R development in which a theatre is excluded. If a Theatre was to be requested by the Developer the Planning Board would have to receive an application for a movie theatre and would request a traffic study at that time.
- 28 OTHER GENERAL ISSUES 28A Lynnfield's study of Market Street's effect on the town indicated 3 to 4 additional police officers would be required to support the town's needs. This issue should be addressed as soon as possible.
28B The Real Estate Tax, Meals Tax and Personal Property Tax the Town is collecting from Market Street and its tenants should first be used to mitigate problems that the Town did not have to this magnitude prior to Market Street.
28C Train Lynnfield Police in truck enforcement
28D If we are currently going to hire transfer officers, we should target at least one person who is a specialist in dealing with traffic issues, and will be a bonus if they have been trained in truck enforcement

- 28E Update Town By Laws that would allow the Town to keep 100% of all citation revenue.
- 28F Installation and use of Camera's at Market St/Walnut St intersection and Walnut St/Salem St intersection to issue tickets. Police Chief Breen can analyze the merits of this situation.
- 28G Update traffic study around Market Street Mall to exclude exit 42 so that we may better analyze the vehicle stress placed on Walnut St, Salem St and Exit 43 from Route 95.
- 28H Widen Walnut Street
- 28I The Developers of Market Street did not pay for the approximate \$6 million dollar Traffic study and road improvements around Market Street, thus they should be willing to pay for any road upgrade and mitigating costs the Townsfolk desire that will solve this issue. This would specifically include road work and additional police officers.
- 28J The Scope of Work included in the new Traffic study should be made public so that all issues are addressed.