

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD: JUNE 2, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M.  
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

A Special Traffic Commission Meeting was scheduled Tuesday, June 2nd at 1:00pm. The only discussion item was to approve authorization to temporarily close a portion of Moody Street and/or parking lanes to allow for outdoor dining during times that restaurants are not permitted full occupancy.

The area of concern is Moody Street from Pine/Crescent Streets, south to High/Maple Streets. The request was initiated by Mayor McCarthy, the Downtown Business Partnership and restaurant owners. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic State regulations limited dining at this time to outdoor use only. The closing of Moody Street will allow owners to set up dining tables on the street. All on-street parking will be removed and a single travel lane will be maintained at all times for emergency vehicles access.

A proposal was made by Traffic Engineer, Mr. Garvin, to close Moody Street to all northbound and southbound traffic from Pine/Crescent Streets to Cushing/Walnut Streets. Moody Street between Walnut Street and Chestnut Street would open to southbound traffic only, the southbound traffic will turn west (right) onto Chestnut Street. Moody Street will be closed from Chestnut Street to High/Maple Streets.

Vehicles traveling east/west will be able to cross Moody Street from Walnut Street to Cushing Street. All northbound through traffic will be redirected at High/Maples Streets to use Hall and Lowell Streets or Adams and Crescent Streets. Gordon Street, Spruce Street, and Taylor Street would be blocked at Moody Street. Walnut Street will be converted to two-way traffic. MBTA Buses will use Crescent Street to Pine/Moody Streets.

This plan allows for maximum use of the street for outside dinning and leaves a 12-foot access lane for emergency vehicles. In addition, all off-street parking lot facilities will have adequate access for parking.

The Commission voted to close Moody Street every day until November 1, 2020. In addition, the Commission authorized the Traffic Engineer, Mr. Michael Garvin, to amend, alter or rescind any rule or regulation that exists under the authority of the Traffic Commission that may be needed to improve or adjust conditions needed to keep Moody Street closed and any adjustment to the adjoining streets.

Adjourned @ 3:24 PM

Attendance: All members except Mr. Magno; Mayor McCarthy, Councillor George Darcy; Councillor Cathyann Harris; Councillor Jonathan Paz; Mr. Wayne Brasco; and many other attendees.

Respectfully Submitted

Frank S, Lombardo, Clerk