

- 1 g) Citizen Request: Concord High School Parking Discussion with incoming CHS Principal Jim
2 Corkum (*at request of Tony Schinella following up on 2025 requests*)

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4 Mr. Schinella and Mr. Corkum discussed the challenges of parking in the area surrounding
5 Concord High School (CHS). Mr. Schinella in particular encouraged the committee to look at
6 expanding parking opportunities in the area around the school, and asked that the committee
7 reconsider 2 of his previous requests (20-minute parking on Warren Street and the
8 enforcement hours for those spaces) and further study broader changes to parking in the areas
9 surrounding CHS. Mr. Corkum added that most meetings that take place at the school are
10 longer than 20 minutes and parking for any meeting by parents is challenging.

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12 Mr. Thompson referred the committee to his 2023 memo and summary of the existing parking
13 restrictions related to CHS, and reminded the committee that the policy direction for years
14 relative to CHS was to minimize the impact of student parking on the surrounding
15 neighborhoods, and that expanding parking in these areas would be a significant policy shift.

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17 The committee discussed the challenges of parking in the area, determined that discussion of
18 the CHS area would be a recurring agenda item, and determined that the initial 2 requests
19 should be move on to the City Council.

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21 On a motion made by Councilor Kalob and seconded by Councilor Sekou, the Committee
22 unanimously directed staff to prepare an ordinance to increase the maximum parking time on
23 spaces on the north side of Warren Street between Westbourne Road and the entrance to CHS
24 from 20 minutes to 1 hour.

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26 On a motion made by Councilor Kurtz and seconded by Councilor Kalob, the Committee
27 unanimously directed staff to prepare an ordinance to reduce the enforcement hours for the
28 spaces on the north side of Warren Street between Westbourne Road and the entrance to CHS
29 from 7 a.m. to midnight to 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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31 f) City Council Re-Referral: Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code;
32 Chapter 18, Parking, Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-6, Schedule I, to
33 modify no parking restrictions on Church Street between Bradley and Rumford Streets
34 (***Referred back to the Parking Committee at the May 11, 2026 City Council meeting***)

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36 Mr. Thompson summarized the City Council's decision to re-refer the ordinance back to the
37 Parking Committee.

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39 Ms. Whitmer, Ms. Ferrara, and Mr. Donovan presented their thoughts to the committee. They
40 expressed thanks to Councilor Davie for organizing a meeting of those residents in the area.
41 The Committee and residents discussed the issues associated with parking along the stretch of
42 Church Street, and reached consensus on a compromise position of a seasonal restriction on the
43 north side of the street located between Jackson and Lyndon Streets.

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45 On a motion made by Councilor Kurtz and seconded by Councilor Kalob, the Committee
46 unanimously directed staff to prepare a modification to the tabled ordinance to enact a winter
47 season (January 1 through March 1) parking restriction on the north side of Church Street
48 between Jackson and Lyndon Streets.

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50 b) City Council Referral/Citizen Request: Columbus Avenue Parking Sign (*referred by City Council*
51 *on 4/13/26*) and request from Columbus Avenue Residents to remove parking restrictions on
52 the east side of roadway (*Serena & Paul Varley, Pete & Molly Brandt, Sarah & DJ Burdette, and*
53 *Charlie Russell*) ***Continued from 4/27/26***

1 Mr. Thompson summarized the changes to the previously prepared staff memo in April, due to
2 an error in the side of the street the residents are seeking to change the parking restrictions on,
3 concluding that the decision to make a change would be a policy decision, and not one that
4 requires any planning or engineering design consideration.

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6 Mr. & Mrs. Varley noted that the majority of their neighbors were in support of the request to
7 remove the school year parking restrictions from the west side of Columbus Avenue, due to the
8 availability of on-site parking at Bishop Brady High School, which has seen less utilization over
9 recent years and plenty of open and available spaces during the school day.

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11 On a motion made by Councilor Sekou and seconded by Councilor Kalob, the Committee
12 unanimously directed staff to prepare an ordinance to remove the school year (September
13 through June 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.) parking restriction on the west side of Columbus Avenue.

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15 a) Citizen Request: Request for a comprehensive traffic study of Knoll and Wyman Streets to
16 implement a No-Parking designation on both streets (Robert Murdoch, 6 Knoll St) **Continued**
17 **from 3/23/26 & 4/27/26**

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19 Ms. Dineen discussed the various concerns that she shared with Mr. Murdoch regarding traffic
20 in the area, parking too close to intersections and driveways and the impact on public safety
21 access to Knoll Street from Wyman Street.

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23 The committee and staff discussed the request, and remarked that, while sympathetic to the
24 issues seen in the area, the low levels of traffic volume and ample room design-wise for parking
25 to be allowed on the streets, no ordinance action was warranted. The committee urged Ms.
26 Dineen and others in the neighborhood to utilize the “see-Click-Fix” app or contact the Parking
27 Division should there be a need for enforcement action for vehicles too close to intersections
28 and driveways.

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30 e) Citizen Request: No parking sign at 142 Pleasant Street (Megan Hewey, 142 Pleasant St)
31 **Continued from 4/27/26**

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33 Ms Hewey gave an overview of the issues near her home, as high schoolers park for longer than
34 the time limit and too close to her driveway, which resulted in her having an auto accident in
35 February. She stated the closeness to the driveway was the more significant issue, and does not
36 think adding no parking would be effective in this location, as it will likely not deter students
37 from parking there.

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39 The committee discussed the request, and remarked that high school student parking will
40 always be a challenge in this area, and agreed that making the area no parking will likely not
41 change that. Discussion ensued regarding enforcement activities, and potential for physically
42 striping the area on the pavement to specify the parking space distances from driveways. The
43 consensus of the committee was to take no formal action, and Councilor Kurtz indicated she
44 would touch base with the City Manager about potential for striping.

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46 c) Citizen Request: Extending no parking zone at intersection of Rumford & Wyman Streets
47 (Audrey Melewski, 131 Rumford St) **Continued from 4/27/26**

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49 No one was present to discuss this item.

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51 The committee discussed the request, and determined no additional action was necessary, and
52 remarked that this was in the same area discussed earlier in the evening under agenda item 3a.

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54 d) Citizen Request: Loading Zones in downtown (Corey Neveu) **Continued from 4/27/26**



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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 22, 2026
To: Brent Todd, Chair, & Members, Parking Committee
From: Timothy J. Thompson, AICP, Assistant Director of Community Development
Subject: **Updated Report - City Council Referral/Citizen Request: Columbus Avenue Parking Sign / Request from Columbus Avenue Residents to remove parking restrictions on the east side of roadway**

Recommendation

Review the referral and request from the Columbus Ave residents, and direct staff to report back to the City Council.

Background

This item is both from a City Council Referral on April 13, and a citizen request received on April 6. See the attached referral and request for details. The Parking Committee previously discussed this item on April 27 (see attached for further background).

Discussion

Staff has revised this report, after understanding that the request was to remove the seasonal parking restrictions from the west side of the roadway, and not the east side parking prohibition.

The rationale for the current parking restrictions are to prevent student parking and/or drop off & pick up parking/stacking for Bishop Brady High School along the public right-of-way.

The residents requesting the modification indicate that the on-site parking for BBHS appears to be adequate for student parking, and do not object to opening up the west side of the street to additional parking during weekday hours.

Staff does not have any particular guidance to offer the committee regarding the request, other than to express caution regarding unintended consequences (as have been observed in the School Street area near Concord High School) particularly if BBHS is eventually utilized for other age groups (elementary and middle school) should the diocese move forward with restructuring the City's catholic schools (as was discussed in April).

repairs and renovations). The Committee also expressed a desire to move forward with changes to rates, fees, and penalties to ensure that the Parking Fund remains in good fiscal shape as capital projects are commenced in future years. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Florence indicated that they would begin research and development of various options for the Committee's consideration, and that this would be an ongoing, regular committee agenda item moving forward, with a goal of implementing rate/fee/penalty changes for FY28.

4. Citizen Requests and City Council Referrals

Mr. Thompson noted that he had not notified any of the people involved with referrals and request, and suggested that the Committee discuss each item preliminarily and he would notify everyone in advance of the next meeting to attend if they chose to do so. The Committee agreed with this approach, and decided that no formal votes or actions would be taken until the June meeting.

- a) Citizen Request: request for a comprehensive traffic study of Knoll and Wyman Streets to implement a No-Parking designation on both streets (Robert Murdoch, 6 Knoll St) *Continued from March 23*

The committee discussed the updated information from Mr. Murdoch and the staff report. The Committee requested that staff reach out again to Mr. Murdoch asking if there are any others in the neighborhood in support of his requests. Mr. Thompson stated he would follow up and bring the item back at the June meeting. The Committee commented that given low traffic volumes and the apparent geometry of the streets in the area that they were unlikely to be desirous of making any significant changes in the area.

- b) City Council Referral/Citizen Request: Columbus Avenue Parking Sign (referred by City Council on 4/13/26) and request from Columbus Avenue Residents to remove parking restrictions on the east side of roadway (Serena & Paul Varley, Pete & Molly Brandt, Sarah & DJ Burdette, and Charlie Russell)

Following clarifying comments from Ms. Varley, Mr. Thompson indicated that he had not reviewed the correct portion of the street, and would need to further consider the request in advance of the June meeting. The committee discussed the request, and the potential changes to the school area with consolidation of the City's private catholic schools co-locating at Bishop Brady High School. The Committee preliminarily indicated a willingness to explore options once staff has updated their analysis and report in June. Mr. Thompson indicated that regardless of the Committee decision in the future, a report would go back to the full City Council at the appropriate time in accordance with the referral process.

- c) Citizen Request: Extending no parking zone at intersection of Rumford & Wyman Streets (Audrey Melewski, 131 Rumford St)

The committee discussed the request, and remarked that even if requested changes were considered, sight lines at the hill would remain difficult. Staff and the Committee considered alternatives to ordinance and signage changes, the existing parking restrictions along Rumford Street, and the driving realities of densely populated urban neighborhoods where limited off-street parking is available.

- d) Citizen Request: Loading Zones in downtown (Corey Neveu)

The committee discussed the request, and remarked that, while sympathetic to the lack of loading areas downtown, illegal parking is not the solution to the problem, and that people need to explore options not in the immediate vicinity of their destination. Mr. Florence mentioned



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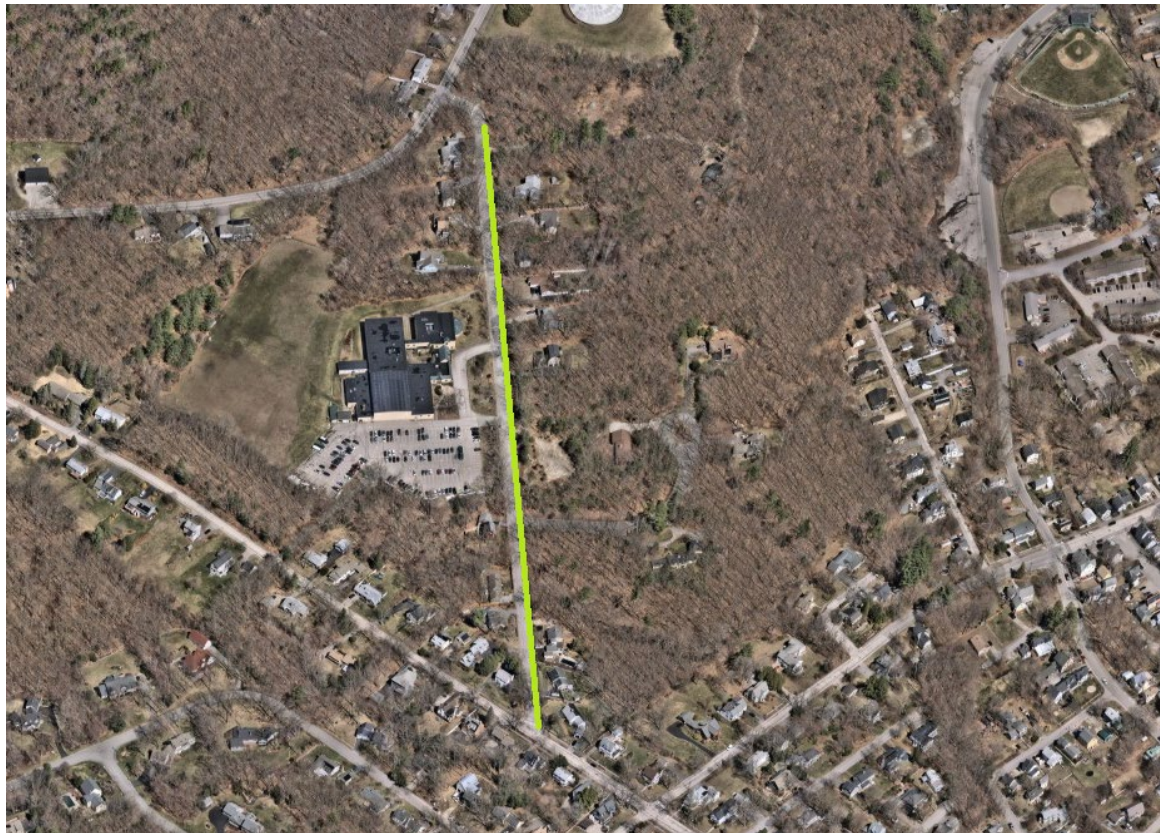
Date: April 27, 2026
To: Brent Todd, Chair, & Members, Parking Committee
From: Timothy J. Thompson, AICP, Assistant Director of Community Development
Subject: **City Council Referral/Citizen Request: Columbus Avenue Parking Sign / Request from Columbus Avenue Residents to remove parking restrictions on the east side of roadway**

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Staff visited the site on April 20, and offer the following photos:



Discussion

Staff understands that the Diocese of Manchester, the catholic organization that operates Bishop Brady High School, is in the midst of potentially reorganizing and relocating other private catholic schools to this location at an undetermined point in the future. The current parking restrictions in this area were established to prevent student parking along Columbus Avenue. Given the potential additional influx of students (ranging potentially from elementary through high school age), staff believes that it may not be in the best interest of the City to eliminate parking restrictions in this area.

Should the Committee wish to pursue some changes to the area, staff would recommend a school year daytime limit much like is used in the areas near Concord High School (parking restricted Monday through Friday between 7am and 3pm between September 1 and June 30).

From: [Serena Varley](#)
To: [Thompson, Timothy](#)
Cc: [Paul Michael Varley](#); [Sarah Burdette](#); Moism@yahoo.com
Subject: Parking rule & sign removal request for Columbus Avenue
Date: Monday, April 6, 2026 8:01:06 AM

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Dear Mr. Thompson,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my husband, Paul, as well as our neighbors, Pete and Molly Brandt, Sarah and DJ Burdette, and Charlie Russell (Molly, Sarah, and Charlie copied here), to request that the Concord Parking Committee remove the parking restrictions on the sidewalk side of Columbus Avenue. While we believe the restrictions on the opposite side of the street should remain, we find the restrictions on our side to be unnecessary.

Having lived here for nearly 22 years, Paul and I have not encountered any issues with vehicles parking on the sidewalk side. Conversely, the current restrictions have caused difficulties for residents when driveways are being repaved or when we have visitors during daytime hours. Although the signs were originally installed to discourage student parking, Bishop Brady no longer has a parking overflow issue. Furthermore, we would not object to students parking on our side of the street if the need ever arose. Additionally, the sign poles have become rusted and unsightly.

While I have not yet consulted all of our neighbors, I believe there would be broad support for this change. Thank you for your time and for considering this request.

Best regards,

Serena Varley

From: [Tuite, Deborah](#)
To: [Thompson, Timothy](#)
Cc: [Brown, Stacey](#)
Subject: City Council Referral to the Parking Committee
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026 1:21:06 PM
Attachments: [Communication \(32\).pdf](#)

Tim,

City Council referred the attached document to the Parking Committee at their April 13, 2026 City Council meeting.

After committee and/or staff review, please prepare a report and/or ordinance, resolution or an agreement and submit via Granicus to the City Clerk's Office for inclusion within a future City Council agenda.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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From: [Brown, Stacey](#)
To: [* City Clerk](#)
Subject: Removal of No Parking sign on Columbus Street
Date: Friday, April 3, 2026 1:11:30 PM

Good morning!

Would you kindly send my email to the necessary department? My constituents at 29 Columbus Ave would like to have the No Parking sign on the west side of Columbus Street, just north of their driveway entrance removed. The student population at Bishop Brady has shrunk dramatically to where the parking lot is never full.

Thank you!

Respectfully,
Stacey

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