



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Karen Hill, P.E., Transportation Engineer, on behalf of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

DATE: October 5, 2023

SUBJECT: Response to City Council Referral in regards to parking on South Street in the vicinity of Abbot-Downing School.

Recommendation

Accept this report recommending that parking restrictions remain unchanged on South Street between Conant Drive and Coolidge Avenue.

Background

On September 9, 2022, Keith Burbank, owner and resident of 172 South Street, contacted the City's Parking Division and requested that school zone related parking restrictions located along the frontage of his property on the west side of South Street (Conant Drive to Coolidge Avenue) be removed.

Said parking restriction was enacted in June 2013 by Ordinance 2906 following construction of the Abbot-Downing Elementary School to manage stopping, standing, and parking activities during student drop-off and pick-up times at the beginning and end of the school day.

During its June 26, 2023 meeting, the Parking Committee reviewed Mr. Burbank's request. Mr. Burbank was present at the meeting and testified to the Committee. Upon review, the Parking Committee voted unanimously to recommend elimination said parking restriction on the west side of South Street between Conant Drive and Coolidge Avenue. Upon removal of said restrictions, on-street parking at this location will become an unregulated parking zone, subject to the City's 48-hour parking limit and parking ban ordinances.

City Council then discussed the recommendation at its September 11, 2023 meeting. Council members had concerns regarding the sight lines of vehicles exiting Conant Drive. The request was referred to the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee for reconsideration by the Council in November.

Discussion

At its September 28, 2023 meeting, the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC, the Committee) discussed the referral. Staff circulated prior reports and meeting minutes to the Committee and they also reviewed videos and photos of the traffic on South Street prior to

Ordinance 2906. The videos showed vehicles parked along South Street, during the winter months, partly in the traveled way, also parking too close to the intersections impeding sight lines. This coupled with children getting out of their vehicles in the roadway while vehicles are trying to get around one another. Staff and Committee members recommended Ordinance 2906 in April 2013 to help mitigate these unsafe conditions, see attached report from Parking Enforcement and Engineering Services.

After review of various historical documents, the Committee unanimously agreed to recommend that parking restrictions remain unchanged on South Street between Conant Drive and Coolidge Avenue. The Committee felt that removing the school zone hour restrictions would allow these unsafe conditions to return. See attached DRAFT TPAC meeting minutes from September 28, 2023.

Attachments:

September 28, 2023 DRAFT TPAC Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2013 Report from Parking Enforcement and Engineering Services

Locus Map, attachment to 2013 Report

cc: Transportation Policy Advisory Committee
Parking Committee