# CITY OF CONCORD

## REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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**DATE:** January 25, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Report from the Traffic Engineer on behalf of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee in response to a referral from Councilor Matson regarding a constituent concern with delivery trucks parking in the median area on Main Street too close to crosswalks.

### Recommendation

Accept this report.

### Background

On November 27, 2017, Councilor Matson forwarded to the City Clerk a constituent concern regarding delivery trucks parking in the median area on Main Street too close to crosswalks. City Council referred this request to the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) on December 11, 2017. Staff followed up on the concern shortly thereafter with reviews by TPAC on December 15, 2017 and January 25, 2018.

### Discussion

Since the reconstruction of Main Street downtown, delivery trucks commonly straddle the cobble median divisor when parking for deliveries. At issue is a concern that some trucks park too close to crosswalks, limiting sight lines between crossing pedestrians and oncoming traffic. Main Street sidewalk improvements were designed to maintain at least a 20-foot offset between crosswalks and adjacent on-street parking, a value recommended in Federal guidelines for locating crosswalk markings. Because of the informal use of the median area for delivery trucks, physical marking of this 20-foot offset has potential to be confusing to motorists. As such, Engineering discussed the issue with Parking Enforcement, and particularly the need to inform delivery drivers of the need to stay at least 20 feet from crosswalks. Parking Enforcement Officers have been apprised of the median-setback requirement and have been spreading the word to delivery drivers in the course of their patrols. This referral and staff follow-up were reviewed by TPAC on December 15, 2017 and endorsed January 25, 2018. Staff will continue to monitor.

cc: Transportation Policy Advisory Committee