



# CITY OF CONCORD

## REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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Traffic Engineer

**DATE:** June 26, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Report from the Traffic Engineer on behalf of the Parking Committee recommending revised on-street parking restrictions on Warren Street in the vicinity of Concord High School.

### **Recommendation**

Accept this report and set a public hearing to amend the Code of Ordinances, Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking; Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking.

### **Background**

In conjunction with this year's water main (CIP 85) and street reconstruction (CIP 78) along Warren Street in the vicinity of Concord High School (CHS), General Services provided for the reconstruction of Warren Street crosswalks at the CHS frontage. Three former crosswalks were removed and replaced by two enhanced crosswalk locations including bump-outs to improve pedestrian safety. These improvements were developed several years ago by Engineering staff in collaboration with Concord School District (CSD) and included crosswalk improvements by the City coupled with on-site sidewalk and landscaping modifications by CSD. SAU 8 submitted an additional request on March 15, 2018 regarding potential changes to the current 2-hour parking along CHS's Warren Street frontage that might better accommodate short-term, drop-off and pick-up parking. The changes in on-street parking associated with the crosswalk improvements as well as the SAU 8 request were considered by the Parking Committee on March 26 and June 25, 2018.

### **Discussion**

The new crosswalk locations, as well as current and proposed parking restrictions are illustrated on the attached location map. Removal of the three former Warren Street crosswalks to CHS, coupled with the installation of the two new enhanced crosswalk locations require several minor housekeeping adjustments to the Ordinance related to limits and locations of current on-street parking restrictions. One significant update is to prohibit parking on the south side of Warren Street from Pleasant Street to the new crosswalk bump-out at the CHS main entrance. This area has allowed 20-minute parking with space to accommodate about 4 vehicles (Ordinance dates back to 1988), but eastbound

lane width has been and continues to be insufficient to properly accommodate parked vehicles.

Also attached is the March 15, 2018 request by SAU 8 to consider changes to the current 2-hour parking along CHS's Warren Street frontage to accommodate short-term, drop-off and pick-up parking. The specific location is the parking zone along the north side of Warren Street between Westbourne Street and the crosswalk at the main school entrance. This area is currently restricted to 2-hour parking and is fully located between the bump-outs constructed at the two new crosswalk locations. The Parking Committee considered several options and endorsed swapping the 2-hour parking time limit on the north side of the street (between the two new crosswalks) with the 20-minute parking time limit as currently posted on the south side of the street west of the CHS parking lot entrance. As a result, the shorter-term 20-minute zone will be located adjacent to the school-side sidewalks and will be more conducive to the short term parking turnover requested by SAU 8. The longer-term 2-hour parking will be available on the south side of the street for businesses and residents. For simplicity, applicable time-of-day restrictions currently specified in the Ordinance for the respective 20-minute and 2-hour restrictions are retained.

Several amendments to the Parking Ordinance are recommended:

- Revise parking on the north side of Warren Street, between the two new crosswalk locations, from current 2-hour parking to proposed 20-minute parking;
- Revise parking on the south side of Warren Street, between the two new crosswalk locations, from current 20-minute parking to proposed 2-hour parking; and
- Prohibit parking along the south side of Warren Street from the intersection at Pleasant Street easterly to the new crosswalk location at the CHS main entrance walkway.

The Parking Committee reviewed and endorsed the Warren Street bump-out and crosswalk safety improvements at its March 26, 2018 meeting, with final endorsement of the related amendments to the Parking Ordinance as noted herein occurring at its June 25, 2018 meeting.

Attachments: Location Map; March 15, 2018 letter from SAU 8.

Cc: Parking Committee; T. Forsten, Superintendent, SAU 8.