



City of Kingston Public Safety/General Government Committee
Meeting Agenda
Monday, December 21, 2020
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Public Safety/General Government Committee Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: December 21, 2020

Submitted by: Elisa Tinti

Submitting Department:

Item Type: Informational Purposes

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Orchard Street

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

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Stop Signs

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Dear President Shaut,

I am submitting this communication for referral to Public Safety based on previous discussions that the City of Kingston may have stop signs in locations throughout the city that are not referenced in our city code.

I am requesting that an inventory of all stop signs with and without legislation, be submitted to the Common Council by Monday, December 21st so Aldermen may begin creating legislation in their wards, to keep the stop signs in place.

In the meantime, I am requesting that no stop signs shall be removed until the above mentioned inventory is completed and any new legislation on existing stop signs has been addressed.

Thank you.

With kind regards,

Michele Hirsch
Alderwoman, Ward 9

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Submitting Department: Common Council

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Agenda Section:

Subject:

Removal of handicap parking on Fair Street

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[20201217134530.pdf](#)

Tinti, Elisa

From: Shaut, Andrea
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa; Sills, Dee
Cc: Davis, Tony; Tallerman, Donald
Subject: FW: Communication - Handicap sign removal - 93 Fair Street

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
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Hi Elisa,

Can you please add the below communication from Alderman Tallerman as a late communication for December's Public Safety meeting on Monday 12/21? Alderman Davis is aware of the addition.

Thank you,
Andrea

-----Original Message-----

From: Tallerman, Donald
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: Communication - Handicap sign removal - 93 Fair Street

Hello President Shaut -

This requests the removal of handicap signs at 93 Fair Street. They are no longer required.

Thanks you very much.

Don

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Don Tallerman
Alderman - Ward 5
917-318-7420

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Submitted by: Elisa Tinti

Submitting Department: Common Council

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Agenda Section:

Subject:

Removal of handicap parking on Klingberg

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[20201217134537.pdf](#)

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Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa; Sills, Dee
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Subject: FW: Communication - Handicap sign removal - 37 Klingberg

Hi Elisa,

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Thank you,
Andrea

-----Original Message-----

From: Tallerman, Donald
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: Communication - Handicap sign removal - 37 Klingberg

This requests the removal of handicap signs at 37 Klingberg Ave. They are no longer required.

Thanks you very much.

Don

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Alderman - Ward 5
917-318-7420

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Communication-Orchard Street

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[20201217141120.pdf](#)

Tinti, Elisa

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Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 1:10 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa
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The original communication was never put on the agenda for November.

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Michele Hirsch
Alderwoman, Ward 9

From: Hirsch. Michele
Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 2:46 PM
To: Shaut, Andrea; Davis, Tony
Cc: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Orchard street

Great, thank you!

Michele Hirsch
Alderwoman, Ward 9

From: Shaut, Andrea
Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 6:57:20 AM
To: Davis, Tony; Hirsch. Michele
Cc: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Orchard street

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From: Davis, Tony
Sent: Saturday, November 7, 2020 6:36 AM
To: Hirsch. Michele <mhirsch@kingston-ny.gov>; Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>
Cc: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>; Davis, Tony <tdavis@kingston-ny.gov>
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Michele,

Good morning. You should include City Engineer John Schultheis on this communication, since his department will have research this issue.

Tony

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Date: 11/6/20 6:43 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Shaut, Andrea" <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>

Cc: "Tinti, Elisa" <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>, "Davis, Tony" <tdavis@kingston-ny.gov>

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From: The Commish <dan.mawhinney@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 8:14:15 PM

To: Hirsch, Michele

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To: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: Fwd: Orchard Street
Attachments: ComplianceAndRiskReport.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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I am not sure if the Speed Report was included in the last email to you.

Thanks!

Michele Hirsch
Alderwoman, Ward 9

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Schultheis, John" <jschultheis@kingston-ny.gov>
Date: December 1, 2020 at 7:24:04 PM EST
To: "Hirsch. Michele" <mhirsch@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: Orchard Street

Hi Michele-

Here is the speed sign report for Orchard Street for the period 11/12/20 to 11/29/20.

The 85% speed is around 28 mph during the daytime and lower at night. This means 85% of drivers go 28 mph or slower, and 15% are driving faster than that. Among those that are going faster, it looks like none went more than 39 mph during the period of time the sign was in place. About 93% are operating at legal speeds of 30 mph or less.

Although 28 mph is a legal speed while the limit is 30 mph, it is somewhat higher than the 85% speed on most other city streets. This is not surprising since there is a relatively long straight section of the street and it is these types of sections that usually have the higher speeds.

It is not clear what measures could be implemented. A speed table or two might help lower operating speeds a little, however I would expect the effect to be small and the cost could be large.

Do you want to review these findings with your constituents and let me know if you'd like to discuss further?

Thank you,

John M. Schultheis, P.E.

City Engineer

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420 Broadway

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From: Tinti, Egidio

Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 2:11 PM

To: Schultheis, John

Cc: Marion, Gerald
Subject: FW: Compliance and Risk Report

John,

Attached is the report from the speed sign that was placed on Orchard Street.

Thanks

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From: Marion, Gerald
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Tinti, Egidio <etinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: FW: Compliance and Risk Report

From: Benicase, Joel
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 1:53 PM
To: Marion, Gerald <gmarion@kingston-ny.gov>
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November 12-Now

Joel Benicase

Network Support Technician

City of Kingston

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From: Hirsch, Michele
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Should John's Speed report and communication from Mr. Dan Mawhinney regarding parking be included in the Orchard Street Public Safety Meeting packet?

Thank you!

With kind regards,

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From: "Hirsch, Michele" <mhirsch@kingston-ny.gov>
Date: December 11, 2020 at 9:44:54 AM EST
To: "Schultheis, John" <jschultheis@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: Re: Orchard Street

Thanks, John!

Michele Hirsch
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On Dec 11, 2020, at 9:20 AM, Schultheis, John <jschultheis@kingston-ny.gov> wrote:

Yes will do

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From: Hirsch. Michele
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Schultheis, John <jschultheis@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: Re: Orchard Street

Perfect! Thank you. Do you want to call me on 845-746-3013?

Michele Hirsch
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From: Schultheis, John
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 7:59:03 AM
To: Hirsch. Michele
Subject: Re: Orchard Street

Sure, how is 10 AM on Friday?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 10, 2020, at 7:48 AM, Hirsch. Michele <mhirsch@kingston-ny.gov> wrote:

Hi John,

My apologies, I've been tied up during the days for the last couple of weeks with my job. I will be off on Friday. Can we schedule a time to speak?

Thank yo for all of this!

With kind regards,

Michele Hirsch
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On Dec 9, 2020, at 12:39 PM, Schultheis, John
<jschultheis@kingston-ny.gov> wrote:

Hi Michele – I am following up on this. I also see the letter attached to the upcoming PS /GG agenda from Mr. Dan Mawhinney.

He presents an idea for one-side of the street parking.

I visited the site to measure the width of the street; it measures 25-ft wide. Normally we allow 8-ft wide for parking spaces. Where cars are parked on both sides, this would leave only a 9-ft lane which is less than desirable. However, this arrangement can result in lowered speeds as drivers perceive the road as narrow and adjust their speeds accordingly.

I think restricting parking to one side would likely cause problems with owners who may not be happy about which side is selected, and could actually cause an increase in speeds in some circumstances.

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Traffic Study

Suggested Action:

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Start: 2020-11-12
End: 2020-11-29
Times: 0:00-23:59

Compliance & Risk Report

Orchard St., NB

Medium Risk Threshold: Speed Limit + 10

High Risk Threshold: Speed Limit + 20

Speed Range: 1 to 100

Time View: By Hour (Avg Volumes)

Time	Speed Limit	Mode	Compliant	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk	Total Num Vehicles
0:00	30	Speed Display	1	0	0	0	1
1:00	30	Speed Display	1	0	0	0	1
2:00	30	Speed Display	1	0	0	0	1
3:00	30	Speed Display	1	0	0	0	1
4:00	30	Speed Display	1	0	0	0	1
5:00	30	Speed Display	12	0	0	0	12
6:00	30	Speed Display	7	2	0	0	9
7:00	25, 30	Unknown, Speed Display	16	2	0	0	18
8:00	25, 30	Unknown, Speed Display	16	2	0	0	18
9:00	30	Speed Display	17	2	0	0	19
10:00	30	Speed Display	18	1	0	0	19
11:00	30	Speed Display	16	1	0	0	17
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19:00	30	Speed Display	12	1	0	0	13
20:00	30	Speed Display	10	1	0	0	11
21:00	30	Speed Display	6	1	0	0	7
22:00	30	Speed Display	3	0	0	0	3
23:00	30	Speed Display	2	0	0	0	2
Average			12	1	0	0	13



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Compliance & Risk Report

Orchard St., NB

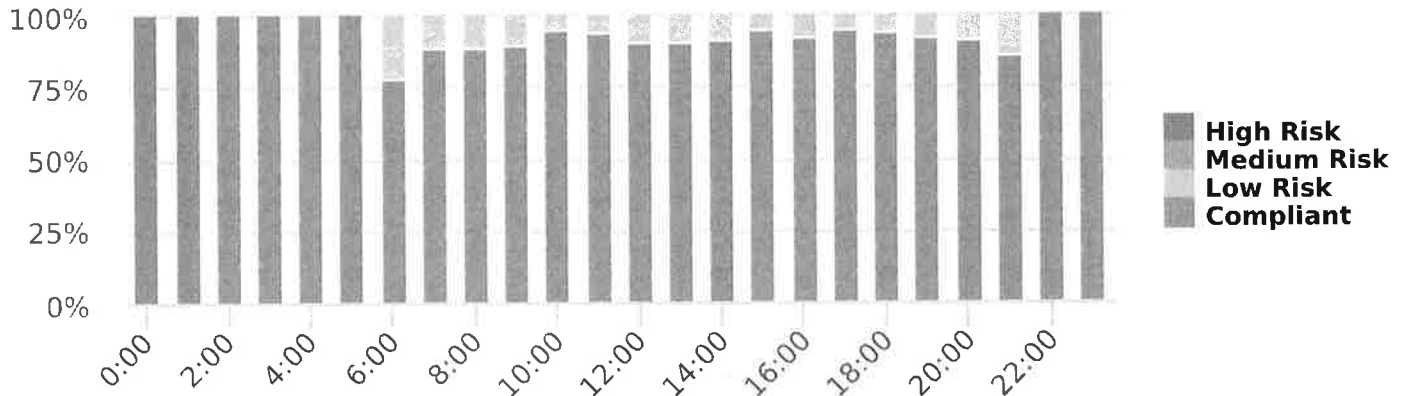
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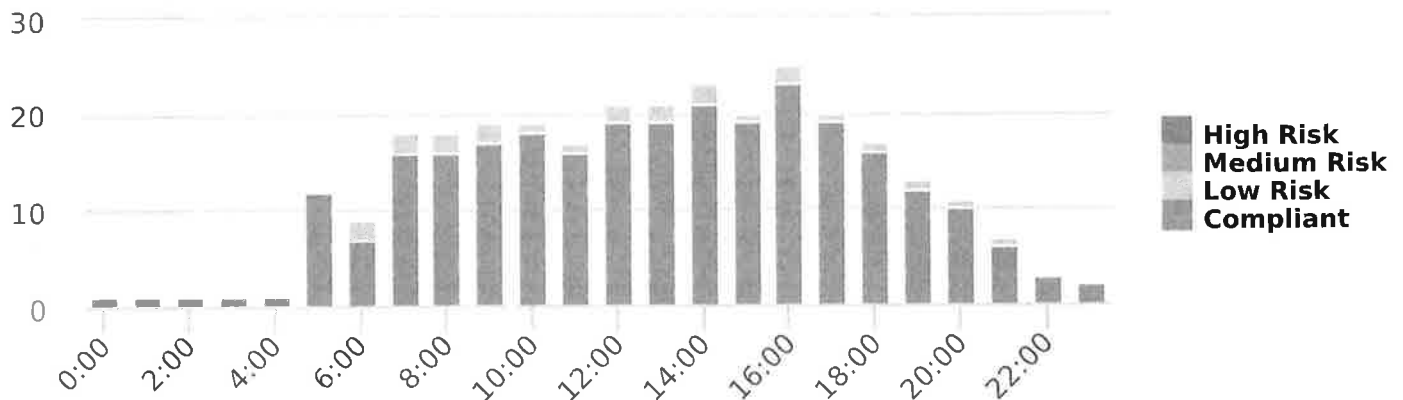
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Compliance % by Hour (Avg)



Compliance by Hour (Avg)



Speeds

