

# TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday January 18, 2017

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Members Present: Tom Soyk, Deputy Commissioner of Parking, Acting Chairman  
John P. Larson, Commissioner of Parking  
Daniel Spencer, Deputy Corporation Counsel (for J. Callahan)  
James R. Bradley, Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety (for D. Chong)  
Anthony Carr, Deputy Commissioner of DPW (for R. Hope)  
Melissa Briggs  
Ken Burford

Staff Members Present: Anthony Marena, Transportation Engineer  
Nicholas Kralik Capt.-Commander, Traffic Div.  
Edward Ignaszewski, Supervisor of Enforcement

Members Absent: Christopher Gomez, Commissioner of Planning

Staff Members Absent:

Others Present: Lisa Lopilato, Secretary to Commissioner Larson  
  
David Vander Wal  
John Collins  
Seth Mandelbaum

### I. Approval of Minutes

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the December 21, 2016 meeting was approved.**

## II. Old Business

**1. Double White Line Ordinance** - Request from Parking Department/Traffic Division to create an ordinance that prohibits lane changing where a double white line is painted on the roadway.

*The staff discussed this again and still felt that many drivers are unaware of the law which would require signage at each location to educate the driver and to enforce. The staff felt that additional pavement markings and simple signage could be used to convey the same message (stay in lane). These signs could also be enforced by the Department of Public Safety if necessary. Since most drivers aren't aware of this law the staff did not feel a new ordinance should be created which would only be used at a few locations.*

Deputy Commissioner Soyk stated that he did copy the sections of Municipal Uniform Traffic Control Devices which states under Section 3B.04 "Standard: Where crossing the lane lines markings is prohibited, the lane line markings shall consist of a solid double white line. Also in the New York State Supplement same section states "Support: A solid double white line is used where lane changing is legally prohibited by official regulation. An order, ordinance, rule, or regulation establishing specific lane changing prohibitions for a particular section of roadway is necessary for no-lane-changing markings to be "official markings," as referred to in Section 1128(d) of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law."

Deputy Commissioner Soyk added that he is not suggesting this be used throughout the City but it is used in other municipalities and he feels that this area would benefit from it. He continued this area does have a history of conflicts because of cars merging into the lane at the last minute. Whether we enforce it or not, creating the ordinance would be beneficial. Captain Kralik added that signage is needed to reinforce this because knowledge of this ordinance is not universal. Deputy Commissioner Bradley agreed that added signage is needed. It was suggested that a signage plan be created but

Deputy Commissioner Bradley added that we have the train station plans with major renovations in that area at this time. He felt that we should take time and plan before this goes into effect.

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.**

**2. Hillside Terrace** - Request from Ms. Fran Kempler, Account Executive, Hudson North Management LLC, to modify the parking restriction from one hour to three hours on Hillside Terrace. Ms. Kempler states that they did not receive a letter in May and that the residents of Hillside Terrace support a change.

*The staff has already sent letters to the residents in the area and has received several responses, however the staff recommended that this item be held another month to allow time for additional responses.*

Deputy Commissioner Soyk added that we continue to get letters in on a daily basis so he would agree with this recommendation.

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.**

**3. New York Avenue** - Request from Ms. Shelly Perkins, President, Prospect Park Association, to modify the parking restriction to allow parking on one side of New York Avenue, between West Post Road and Winslow Road. Currently both sides of the road in this area are posted "No Parking Any Time".

*The staff has already sent letters to the residents in the area and has received responses, however the staff recommended that this item be held another month to allow time for additional responses.*

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.**

**III. New Business**

**1. Mamaroneck Avenue at Hunting Ridge Road -** Request from the Parking Department - Traffic Division to add the existing signal to the Traffic Control Signal Ordinance.

*The staff recommended that this existing signal be added to the "Traffic Signal Ordinance" so that the records are accurate.*

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.**

**2. North Broadway at Westview Avenue -** Request from Mr. Kevin M. Roseman, 11 Westview Avenue, to remove the existing turn restrictions during peak hours at this intersection.

*Currently a "No Right Turn 7AM to 9AM Mon-Fri" exists for motorists traveling southbound on North Broadway at Westview Avenue, and a "No Left Turn 4PM to 6PM Mon-Fri" for motorists on Westview Avenue. The staff discussed the possibility of removal of the morning restriction, but felt that it may lead to additional volumes on Church Street during the student arrivals at the Church Street School. Due to the proximity of this intersection to the I-287 ramps intersection, the staff had operational concerns during the PM peak hours since both of these intersections are signalized and only approximately 100 feet of storage exists. The staff recommended that the restriction times for both AM and PM could be reduced after peak hour observations have been made to determine the appropriate times.*

Deputy Commissioner Soyk added that we are not looking to lift the restrictions but maybe modify them. He stated that shared with the staff was a letter received this morning opposing any

changes to these restrictions. The Commission found that it was not necessary to poll the neighbors because the staff found that modifications of the current restrictions could be problematic. It was unanimously decided that the restrictions remain unchanged.

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission decided to leave all current restrictions in place.**

#### **IV. COMMON COUNCIL REFERRALS**

**1. One Maple Avenue (a.k.a 100 Bloomingdale Road "The Source")** - Request for an amendment to a previously approved site plan and special permit approval.

*The staff has no objections.*

John Collins, Maser Consultants, addressed the Commission. Mr. Collins stated that Dannon will be using the upper level of the former Fortunoff site that was retail in the past. Parking will be restriped and documentation has been submitted showing these changes. Mr. Collins added that additional documentation with the evaluation of traffic impact has been submitted as well. Maser Consultants attended as a courtesy and to answer any questions from the Commission.

Deputy Commissioner Soyk questioned with reference to the traffic analysis trip generation, are you taking credit for retail trips? Mr. Collins stated he took no credit for it. He just showed it as a comparison.

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.**

**2. 200 Hamilton Avenue (a.k.a. The White Plains Mall)** - Communication from City Clerk on behalf of WP Mall Realty, LLC to amend the zoning ordinance of the City of White Plains to allow the

creation of a "Transit Development District (TD-1)" in relation to the proposed development of an existing site, 200 Hamilton Avenue which is currently a B-2 Zoning District.

*The staff had concerns about the locations of these driveways on Hamilton Avenue and Barker Avenue. Both of these driveways appear to allow two way traffic and they are very close to signalized intersections. The driveways should be relocated further away from the intersections.*

For now, Deputy Commissioner Soyk added that this is only to create this zoning district the Transit Development District (TD-1). The concept of having more residential there was found to be in line with the study to make the area more appealing. There is no objection to the zoning change but there is a problem with the location of the driveways.

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Commission approved the staff recommendation.**

**V. ADDENDUM**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:49AM.**