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MEMORANDUM

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TO:

TOWN COUNCIL

FROM:

MAYOR ROBERT L. HEDLUND

RE:

TRAFFIC REGULATION - BUS STOPS, NEW BUS ROUTE 226

DATE:

NOVEMBER 7, 2019

I submit the following measure to Town Council:

"That the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, § 22, and the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Section 13-106(a), authorize the placement of markings and signs regulating motor vehicle movement and parking as follows:

Bus Stop		
Street	Side	Location
Columbian Street	Southwest	Between points 55 feet and 155 feet southeast of
		Burton Terrace
Washington Street	Southwest	Between points opposite Prospect Street and 55 feet
,,		to the northwest
Washington Street	Southwest	Between points 120feet and 170 feet southeast of
W mpining over a second		Richmond Street

and cause the above restriction to be listed in the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Regulations Affecting Motor Vehicles, Attachment 1 Appendix A under Schedule VII, Bus Stop.

A report from the Traffic Engineer and the Police Department on this subject is attached.

This measure requires a Legal Notice and Public Hearing.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council

FROM: Owen MacDonald, Traffic Engineer; Sgt. Brendan Fogarty, WPD

COPY: Ted Langill, Chief of Staff, Bob Luongo, Planning Director

DATE: November 7, 2019

SUBJECT: Bus Stop Regulation - New Bus Route 226 - Washington Street, Columbian Street

Purpose: In December, 2019, the MBTA will implement a new bus route #226 to serve the area between Weymouth Landing and Columbian Square, replacing Route 225C. This bus will run between Braintree Station and Columbian Square. Outbound buses will run on Washington Street instead of Summer Street (Route 225 will continue to serve Summer Street). New bus stops are needed on the west side of Washington Street between Front and Federal Streets. Also, a longer layover bus stop is needed on Columbian Street outside of South Shore Hospital's parking lot.

Recommendations:

- Extend the length of the Columbian Street layover bus stop west of Fogg Road, from 65 feet to 100feet
- Locate an outbound bus stop on the west side of Washington Street between points opposite Prospect Street and 55 feet to the northwest, in front of 89 Washington Street.
- Locate an outbound bus stop on the west side of Washington Street between points 120feet and 170 feet southeast of Richmond Street, in front of 159 Washington Street.

Background: MBTA has found that its Route 225 buses fill to capacity at Quincy Center during the evening peak period. Route 225C to Columbian Square, runs less frequently than the buses that turn at Federal Street, but serve the same local stops in Quincy, Braintree and off Summer Street. This results in some South Weymouth passengers being unable to board the 225C bus, and having a long wait for the next one.

Bus Route 226 will address this issue by leaving from a different station (Braintree), and not serving stops in Quincy and along Summer Street. Route 226 bus stops in Weymouth Landing are needed to provide service between Weymouth Landing and South Weymouth, and to provide transfer service between South Weymouth and Quincy Center.

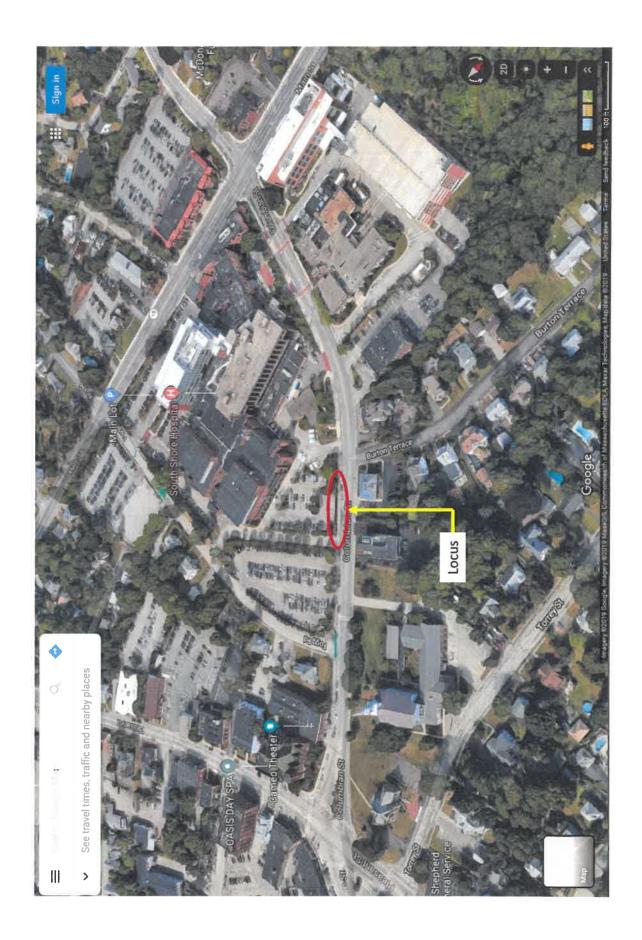
The Columbian Street layover stop modification would remove 2 potential parking spaces. The South Shore Hospital has garage parking off Columbian Street

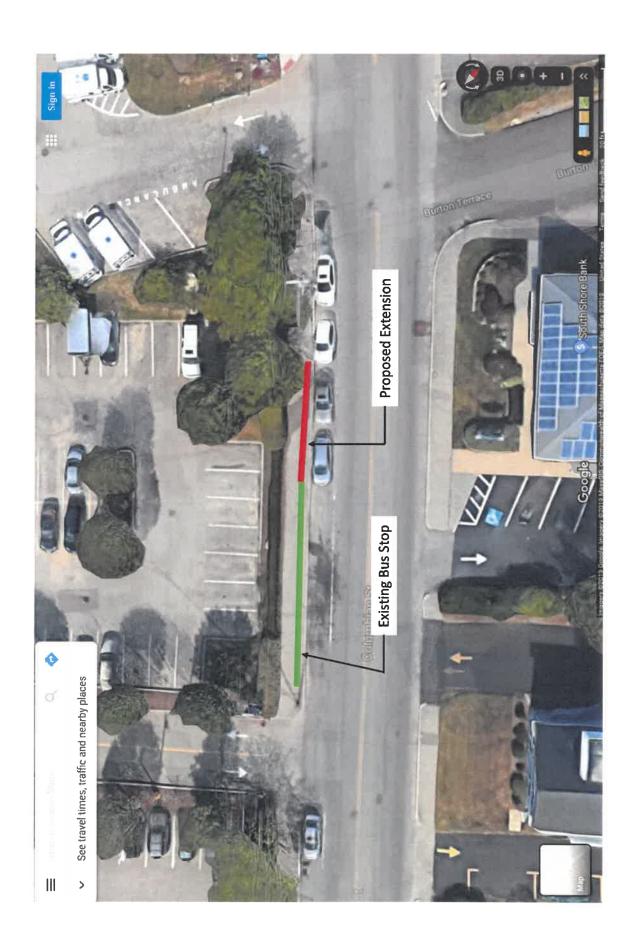
The 89 Washington Street bus stop would remove 3 potential parking spaces. The business at 89 Washington Street has a parking lot, visible from the street in its entirety.

The 159 Washington Street bus stop would remove 2 to 3 potential parking spaces. The church at this location reports having services Saturday evenings starting at 8:00 PM. The last Route 226 bus on Saturdays is expected around 6:30 PM, and the Route will not run on Sundays.

Sgt. Brendan Fogart

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