



**City of Biddeford  
Traffic Committee**

October 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom

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1. Call to Order
2. Staff Update
3. Approval of Minutes
  - 3.a Approval of September 23, 2025 Minutes.
4. Discussion/Review
  - 4.a Limited Parking on Lester B. Orcutt Blvd.
5. Adjourn

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Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes  
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**1. Roll Call** - The Committee was called to order at 6:00 PM by Councilor Beaupre, as chairperson.

**ATTENDANCE**

- Councilor Beaupre (Chairperson)
- Mayor Grohman
- Councilor Doughty
- Councilor Whiting
- Drew Guild

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Adjustment(s) to Agenda** – None

**4. Approval of Minutes** – July 29, 2025 meeting

Motion: Councilor Doughty

Second: Councilor Whiting                      Vote: Unanimous

**5. Discussion/Review** –

a. Discussion by Committee on pending traffic changes at the bottom of York Hill (Saco side) regarding an additional traffic signal and the impact on traffic.

b. DPW Director Jeff Demers gave an update on Elm Street project.

c. Review of deleting current no parking restriction in front of 163 Main Street (one parking stall).

Motion: Councilor Doughty

Second: Drew Guild                              Vote: Unanimous

d. Addition of one 15-minute parking stall on Main Street by York St. Change from two hour existing.

Motion: Councilor Whiting

Second: Councilor Doughty                      Vote: Councilors Beaupre, Doughty, Whiting Mayor Grohman vote in support. Drew Guild opposed motion passed.

e. Director Demers regarding parking on Hill Street by St. Louis field and creation of new parking area adjacent to field. Further discussion on restrictions such as no overnight parking.

f. Review of existing crosswalk from Ray Street crossing to Emmons. Two residents speaking to the need for a pedestrian signal. Director Demers further discusses the need for additional reviews. Councilor Beaupre requests a review by the city's engineers. Discussion on the upcoming grant funding for Alfred Street.

g. Kevin Locke discussing an issue at the pedestrian crosswalk at the Hill Street crosswalk at intersection of Main Street. Also, pedestrian signal at the crossing by Mechanics Park at Water Street.

h. Councilor Beaupre questions the possibility of a sidewalk that would connect Hill and Prospect Streets along West Street on the north side.

i. Mr. Guild speaks about the Safe Streets Plan and how to proceed.

j. Chief Fisk recommends the city either contracts or employs a certified Traffic Engineer.

**6. Motion to adjourn:** Councilor Beaupre

Motion to accept: Councilor Doughty

Motion second: Councilor Whiting                      Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.



## Traffic Committee

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**Meeting Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Agenda Item No:** 4.a  
**Item Description:** Limited Parking on Lester B. Orcutt Blvd.  
**Submitted By:** JoAnne W. Fisk, Chief of Police

### Key Terms:

### Executive Summary:

The Traffic Committee at its March 2025 meeting voted to recommend the Chief of Police under the authority of City of Biddeford ordinance **Sec. 42-2.1 Temporary rules** to eliminate 130 feet of parking on Lester B. Orcutt Blvd. for a period of 90 days as allowed by Sec. 42-2.1.

### Sec. 42-2.1 Temporary Rules.

The Chief of Police may place, or cause to have placed, appropriate signs establishing temporary rules regulating traffic, to include, but not be limited to: traffic flow, traffic direction, rules of the road, and parking for the purpose of trial and evaluation for a period not to exceed three days. A temporary rule for the purposes of trial and evaluation that exceeds three days must be approved by the Policy Committee or a committee specifically delegated to address such matters, prior to implementation, and shall not exceed 90 consecutive days. These rules shall become effective immediately upon the placing of appropriate signage.

### Detailed Review:

The members of the Biddeford Pool Improvement Association at its regular summer meeting in July of 2024 raised concerns regarding the area of Lester B. Orcutt Blvd. prior to the intersection of Ocean Avenue.

Residents of the area cited strong concerns for pedestrian safety as vehicles parallel park along Lester B. Orcutt close to the intersection of Ocean Avenue. Area residents attended Traffic Committee meetings to voice concerns to the committee. At the March of 2025 Traffic Committee meeting, committee members voted to recommend to the Chief of Police a 90-day trial period during the summer of 2025.

The Chief of Police under the authority of city ordinance **Sec. 42-2.1 Temporary rules** eliminated 130 feet of parking on Lester B. Orcutt Blvd. for a period of 90 days as allowed by Sec. 42-2.1. The specific area is located on the even-numbered side of Lester B. Orcutt Blvd. 130 feet from the intersection of Ocean Avenue.

The purpose was to evaluate the creation of a no-parking area along this 130-foot area to create a safe passageway for both pedestrians and vehicles in what becomes a congested area when vehicles are parked stationary. This area is a focal point for both pedestrians and vehicles seasonally due to the walking trails of East Point Audubon Sanctuary entrance on Lester B. Orcutt and the rocky coastline along Ocean Avenue.

The 90-day evaluation period began on June 15, 2025, ending on September 13, 2025. No parking signs were placed by the city's Department of Public Works on June 12, 2025, at two locations in this 130-foot location.

The Biddeford Pool Improvement Association at its July 19th, 2025 meeting noted an improvement in both pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Biddeford Police Patrol staff and Parking Control assigned to that area also noted an improvement in pedestrian and vehicular movement after the 90-day evaluation period.

**Funding Source:**

N/A

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends a **formal vote by the Traffic Committee to forward to City Council** for amendment to city ordinance **Section 42-90 No Parking** as follows:

- (a) There shall be no parking on the following streets for the specified distance:  
Lester B. Orcutt Boulevard beginning 130 feet west from the intersection of Ocean Avenue.

**Next Steps:**

Formal vote by Traffic Committee to forward matter to City Council to amend Section 42-90.

**Attachments:**

1. Lester B Orcutt Blvd - Mapping
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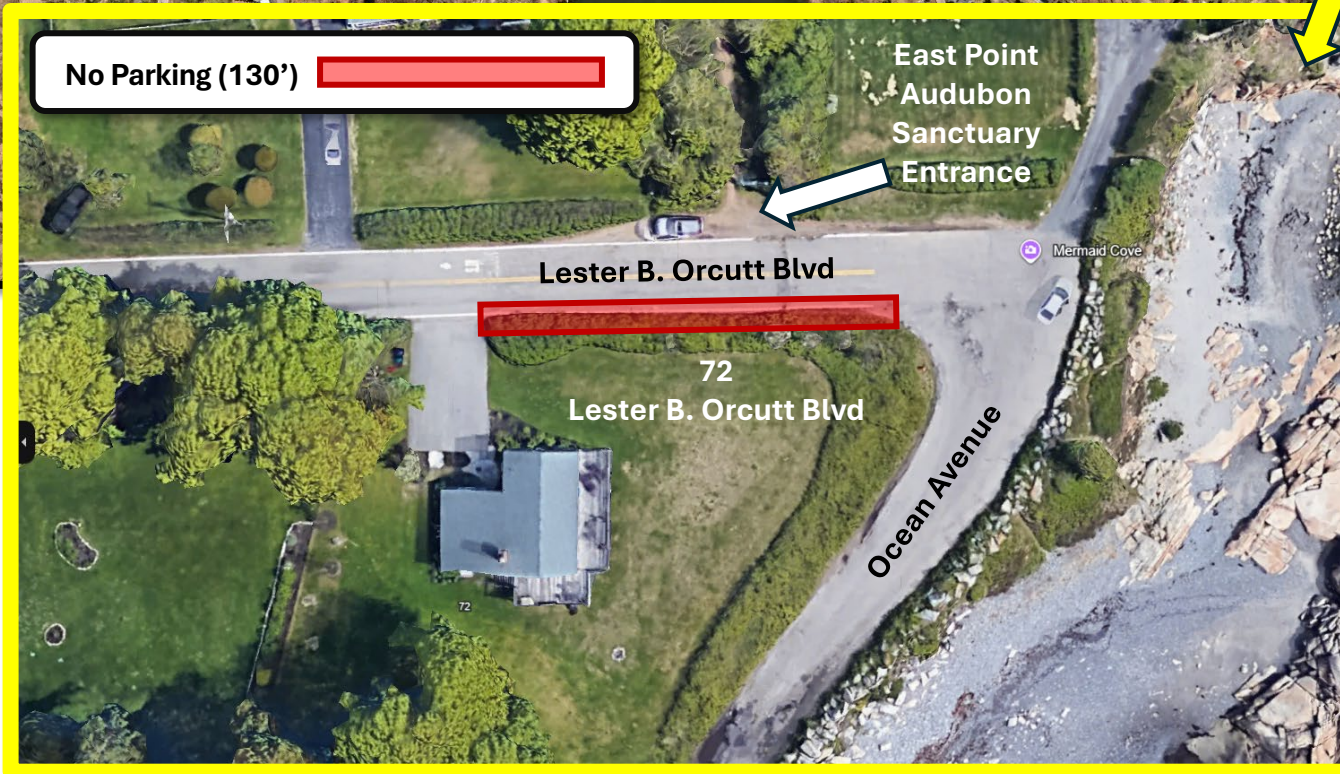
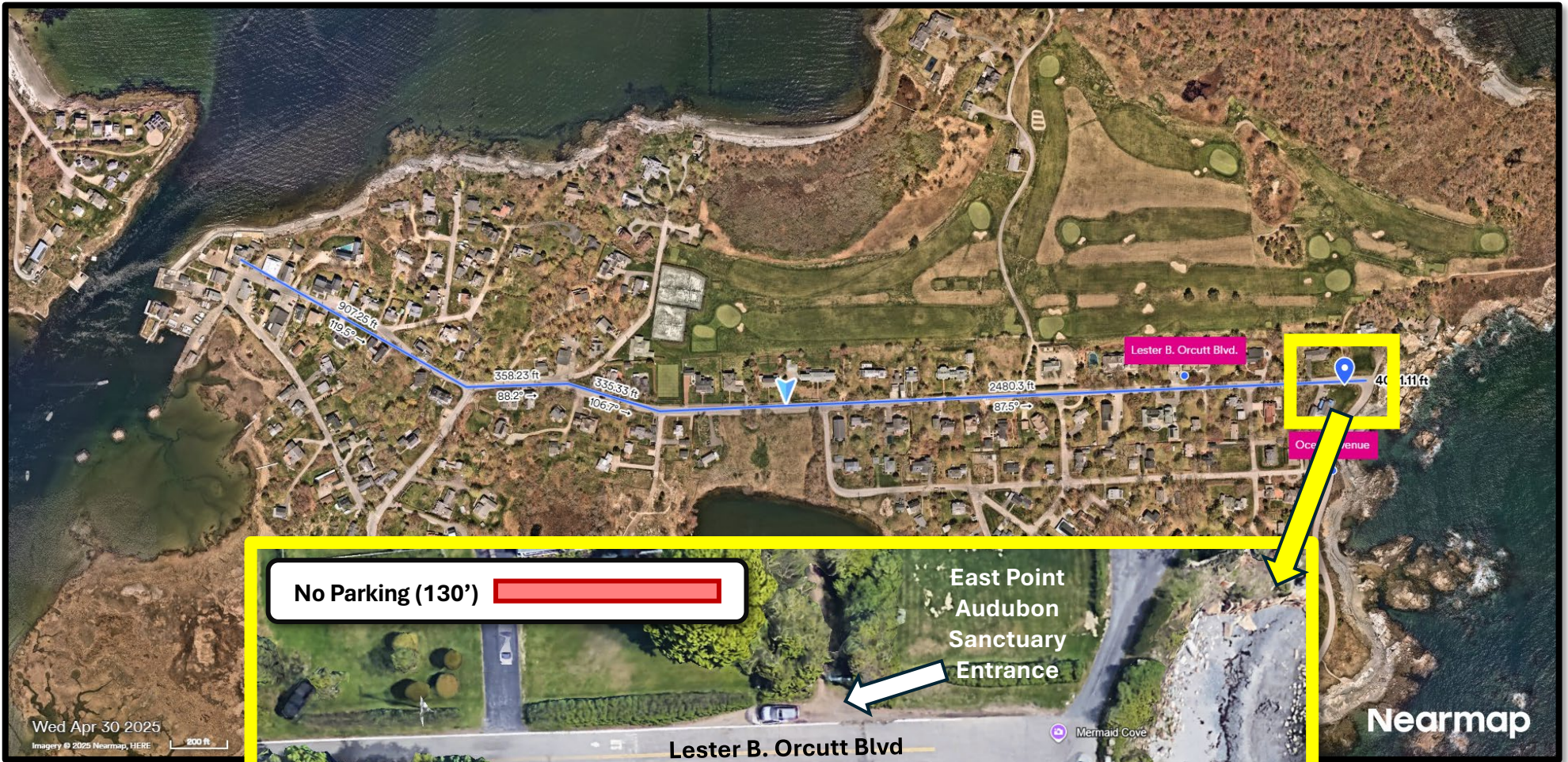
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