

Dear Federal Street Neighborhood Association members,

The City of Salem’s Bicycle Committee and Traffic and Parking Commission both met this month and presented their response to concerns raised in the May, 2021 FSNA Traffic Calming application. The FSNA Board and FSNA Traffic Calming Committee have several concerns about the draft plans presented at the April 13, 2022 Traffic and Parking Commission meeting. The chart below outlines the draft plans presented at this meeting, and the FSNA Board and Traffic Calming Committee concerns, responses and recommendations in response to those draft plans.

The FSNA Board recommend that you take the following actions (also see the FSNA website for the links <https://federalstreetsalem.org>):

- Please provide FSNA with your [feedback](#) on this [FSNA survey](#) by May 2nd – (the FSNA Board will send a letter from FSNA to the feedback list below which will incorporate your responses to the survey – we will email a copy this letter to the FSNA membership)
- Please provide your feedback on the draft Traffic Calming plans on the [City’s website](#), or send a note directly to the following to the City’s Traffic and Parking Commission and other associated staff and consultants:

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City of Salem Traffic and Parking Commission draft plans reported at the April 13, 2022 meeting, and FSNA concerns, responses and recommendations in response to the City’s draft plans:

<i>City of Salem Traffic and Parking Commission draft plans presented April 13, 2022 (response to our May, 2021 Traffic Calming Application)</i>	<i>FSNA Responses to City of Salem Traffic and Parking Commission draft plans presented April 13, 2022 (many of which were voiced during the community feedback period of the meeting)</i>
<p>Speed Cushion or Speed Hump locations were presented; it was mentioned they were not final locations</p> <p><i>FSNA concerns: Raised or painted crosswalks are not included</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FSNA recommends installing Speed Humps or Raised or Painted Crosswalks in the locations noted on the original Traffic Calming application, and as Bridge Street enters Lynn Street
<p>Beckford/Federal/Andover intersection draft changes include a sidewalk in front of the row of five cars, and tan paint around the sidewalk and parked cars</p> <p><i>FSNA concerns: No stop sign, and tan paint conflicts with the historic nature of the street</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add safety features such as a Stop Sign before cars cross Federal Street.• Sidewalk in front of cars should be brick to match area sidewalks.• Eliminate flex posts and use paint colors that blend in with the historic nature of the street.

<p>Contra-flow Bicycle Lane was proposed in the draft plan</p> <p><i>FSNA concerns: A bicycle lane was not proposed in the FSNA application. The proposed bike lane does not meet the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) recommendations for bicycle lanes (for streets with speed limits above 25 MPH, and that average over 3,000 cars/day – Federal Street averages 1,767 vehicle per day, and has a posted speed limit of 20 MPH)</i></p>	<p>Do not install bike lane due to safety concerns including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 driveways and five streets would cross a bike lane • School buses discharging children directly into cars • Emergency vehicles, delivery trucks, tow trucks, ambulances, etc. decreasing the travel lane • Route 114 intersection becoming even more dangerous <p>Note: Bicycle lanes on Bridge Street (parallel to Federal Street), proposed in the Phase 2 improvement plan, meet state, federal and NACTO standards and connect to the MBTA.</p>
<p>Monroe & Federal Street intersection - No changes were recommended by the City, except for those related to a bike lane</p> <p><i>FSNA concerns: Does not address pedestrian safety, or speed and stop sign compliance</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add speed humps or raised crosswalk to slow traffic speeding across Federal towards Carpenter Street and Flint Street.
<p>Federal/Boston Street intersection - Significant changes were recommended relating to the proposed bike lane</p> <p><i>FSNA concerns: changes included eliminating parking spaces and adding flexposts</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not eliminate any existing parking • Improve the intersection so traffic can flow to the right without backing up behind vehicles attempting to turn left onto Boston Street • Eliminate flex posts which do not blend in with the historic nature of the street
<p>There are very few Speed Limit 20 signs on the street indicated on the draft plan</p> <p><i>FSNA concerns: no speed or stop sign compliance enforcement</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend adding additional Speed Limit 20 signs along Federal Street. • In addition, we recommend speed and other traffic enforcement on Federal Street and its connecting streets.

Additional resources

- FSNA [Traffic Calming application](#)
- City of Salem [Traffic and Parking Commission draft plans](#)
- City of [Salem Traffic and Parking Commission full draft of Federal Street](#)

The FSNA Board and Traffic Calming Committee