

New Bedford, Portland St (West Side)

Stop SRTA bus and the School buses from using Portland St. (west side) as a bus route.

I am very concerned with SRTA's decision to use Portland St (west side) as a bus route on the route 1. The route runs from 5am to 10 pm Monday – Saturday and a bus comes by every 25 minutes. Also, the use of Portland St (west side) as a route by the school bus companies is like wise, a concern. A number of school buses route up and down at the beginning and end of every school day. These buses are picking up and dropping students at the school on Portland St (East Side). They come by in #s, one after another at times. There is a main st., Brock Ave that directly connects to Portland St. (east side).

The reason for concern:

1. Portland is a residential street. The street is not wide enough to accommodate a heavy commercial vehicle on a regular base. If there are cars parked on the street the bus cannot make it through.
2. If there are activities such as celebrations by the residents and cars are parked on both sides the buses do not have enough room to make it by.
3. The street has no sidewalks for the safety of the pedestrians to walk on.
4. These vehicles often time operate at excessive speeds. This is a great safety issue for all of the residents of Portland St New Bedford.

This abuse by the bus companies in using Portland St as a routine route is a violation of the MUTCD see below.

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 85 and the 2006 Massachusetts Amendment to the 2003 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)

SECTION 7-20 Operation of Heavy Commercial Vehicles

1. The use and operation of heavy commercial vehicles having a carrying capacity of more than 2 1/2 tons, are hereby restricted on the following named streets or parts thereof, and in the manner outlined and during the period of time set forth.
2. Exemptions - Part 1 of this Section shall not apply to heavy commercial vehicles going to or coming from places upon said streets for the purpose of making deliveries of goods, materials, or merchandise to or similar collections from abutting land or buildings or adjoining streets or ways to which access cannot otherwise be gained; or to vehicles used in connection with the construction, maintenance and repair of said streets or public

utilities therein; or to Federal, State, Municipal or public service corporation owned vehicles.

Section 11A-9 Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion

A truck exclusion from a municipal way may be authorized provided a suitable alternate route is available. The alternate route shall have an effective width and pavement structure which can safely accommodate the additional truck traffic. In addition the alternate route must meet one of the following conditions:

- (1) Lie wholly within the community making application,
 - (2) Lie partially in an adjacent community but only on State Highway, or
 - (3) Lie partially in an adjacent community but have the adjacent community's written approval.
- (2) An engineering study, as outlined in the Data requested below, must be made. In addition, one or more of the following may be sufficient justification for truck exclusion:

1. Warrants

1. A volume of heavy commercial vehicles, which usually is in the range of five (5) to eight (8) percent, reduces the utilization of the facility and is cause for a substantial reduction in capacity or safety.
2. The condition of the pavement structure of the route to be excluded indicates that further repeated heavy wheel loads will result in severe deterioration of the roadway. (subject to Department review)
3. Not with standing the foregoing, in certain instances where land use is primarily residential in nature and a municipality has requested exclusion only during hours of darkness, a specific night exclusion may be granted.

3. Data

Before the Department can consider an exclusion proposal, the following data must be submitted by the A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I.

4. municipality:

A twenty-four hour consecutive count of all vehicles using the subject street. (If the exclusion is requested for only twelve hours, a twelve-hour count will suffice.) The count shall be broken into one-half hour intervals showing:

- (1) Commercial vehicles with a carrying capacity over 2 1/2 tons
- (2) Other vehicles

Map of the area with the excluded street marked in red, the alternate route in green.

Physical characteristics of excluded and alternate streets in question, i.e., length, width, type and condition of surface and sidewalk. Types of buildings or property abutting street (Residential, Business, School, Playground, etc).

Zoning of Street (Residential, Industrial, etc.).

Proximity of probable alternate route to the proposed excluded route and the additional distance to be traveled using the alternate route.

Types of traffic control existing on street.

Hours during which exclusion is to be in effect.

A written statement from the municipality as to the need for the exclusion.

Thank you, We trust that this issue will be resolved.

Print Name

Address number street

Signature

Telephone

- 1 Rita Noon 204 Portland St NB Rita Noon 508-587-2336
- 2 Augusto Rosa 217 Portland St Augusto Rosa 508-792-4250
- 3 Rita Rosa 217 Portland St Rita Rosa 508-792-4250
- 4 Rita Rosa 217 Portland St Rita Rosa 508-792-4250
- 5 LEONEL ROSA 176 PORTLAND ST Leonel Rosa
- 6 Leo Valerio 168 Portland St Leo Valerio
- 7 PAUL VALERIO 168 Portland St Paul Valerio
- 8 JOAO NORTE 162 Portland St Joao Norte
- 9 Rosa Norte 162 Portland St Rosa Norte
- 10 Alexandre Norte 162 Portland St Alexandre Norte

- 11 ~~2006~~ Matthew Eires 93 Brock Ave Matthew Eires
- 12 Jason Samson 179 Portland ST Jason 774 263000
- 13 Lori Rounseville 179 PORTLAND ST. Lori Rounseville
- 14 Kim Vaughan 211 Portland St. Kim Vaughan
- 15 Josh Vaughan 211 Portland St. Josh Vaughan
- 16 Elizabeth Hughes 193 Portland St. Elizabeth Hughes
- 17 WILLIAM GROVER 193 PORTLAND ST. William Grover
- 18 Paul Silva 192 Portland ST. Paul
- 19 Dina Pires 175 Portland ST. Dina 508 997831
- 20 George Pires 175 Portland ST. George Pires
- 21 Antonieta da Silva 219 Portland ST. Antonieta da Silva
- 22 JESS TRAVERS 235 Portland St Jeff Travers
- 23 ALLAN TRAVERS 237 Portland Allan Travers
- 24 LINDA ANDERSON 316 W. Rodney Fr Blvd Linda Anderson
- 25 CHRISTINE CORREIA 107 Portland St Christine
- 26 Ana P Eires 93 Brock Ave Ana P Eires
- 27 Antonio Eires 93 Brack Ave Antonio Eires
- 28 OLIVIA ABRIL 184 Portland St Olivia Abril 508 9969888
- 29 MARK SZOLA 227 Portland ST Mark Szola
- 30 ARTHUR A LOOCK 141 Portland - Arthur Alcock

20 houses total on the street

- 31 Kevin Pava 75 Brock Ave Kevin Pava
- 32 Brian Chavik 75 Brock Ave Brian Chavik
- 33 James Ross 216 Portland St. James Ross
- 34 Aurora Ross 216 Portland St. Aurora Ross

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6353

New Bedford

SRTA Bus

Proposal of Rt 1

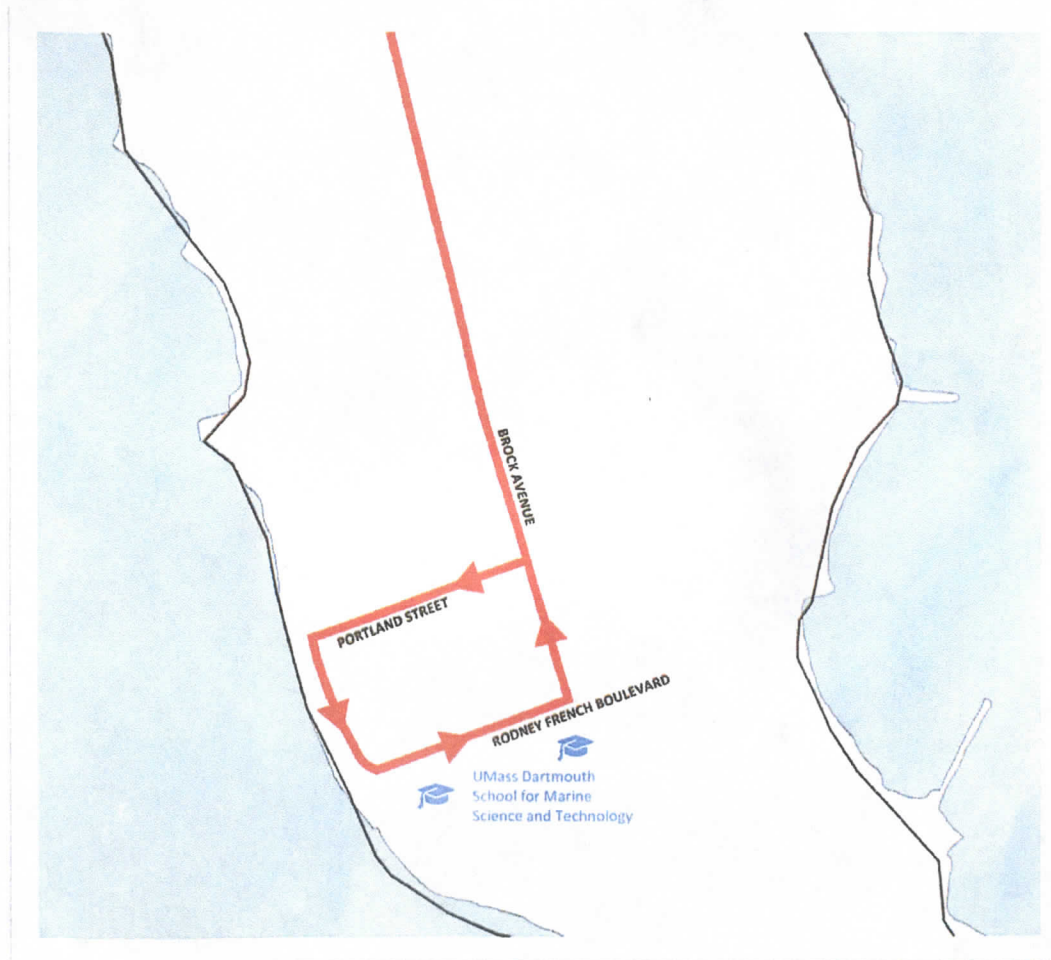


* Make a safe area
on the East Rodney side
of the first parking lot.
Area blocked off from
rest of the parking lot
where the bus can turn
into, make a stop and
turn around.

The two parking lots
are hardly ever full.
Also, it would give
bus room to access
to the beaches & the Port



Atención Comensando el 29 de Enero.
Atenção Começando 29 de Janeiro.



Attention

**Starting
January 29th.**

SRTA will be changing
the New Bedford Route 1
Outbound ***ONLY*** and
will now be serving
Portland Street to
Rodney French
Boulevard to Brock Ave.

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