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From: Raymond Kelly Richardson
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Re: Council Response

Request by City Manager to have Police Superintendent monitor pedestrian traffic in the crosswalks in front of City Hall on Merrimack Street

During the period of October 30th thru November 8th, the Lowell Police Department conducted traffic enforcement in and around the crosswalks in front of City Hall on Merrimack Street. During this time, the Lowell Police Department had several officers conducting traffic enforcement during morning hours, lunchtime and late afternoon as workers were leaving City Hall.

We issued approximately 42 citations and/or written warnings. Numerous verbal warnings were also given. The 42 violations were issued for crosswalk violations, texting while driving, no registration in possession, seat belt violations, inspection sticker violations, marked lane violations and four criminal summons for operation after suspension and operating without a license.

A recommendation has been made to place pedestrian crossing warning "stand-up" signs in the crosswalks as well. We will be checking with the sign shop regarding availability of the additional signage and if so deploy them immediately. It should be recommended that at the close of business each day someone from city hall retrieves the signs and brings them inside or at least into the stairwell. During the winter months the signs become a hindrance for plow trucks and are easily destroyed if not removed.