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## Police will have presence on Route 20 on July 16



From left, Wayland Police Officers Zak Walker, Joe Proia, Rachel Pugh and Sgt. Christopher Custodie participated in the Highway 20 Speed Enforcement Project along Route 20 earlier this year. DAILY NEWS AND WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ART ILLMAN

**Norman Miller**  
The MetroWest Daily News  
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Route 20 stretches from Massachusetts to Oregon. This week, the Wayland Police Department will join other police departments from several states in a targeted traffic enforcement mobilization.

Wayland Police Chief Ed Burman told the Daily News that the department will participate in the Highway 20 Speed Enforcement Project on

Wednesday, July 16.

“It’s a big enforcement day along Route 20 in 12 states, and it’s designed to target speeders,” Burman said.

This is the fourth mobilization this year — there are future events on Sept. 17 and Nov. 19. Wayland has been a participant for two years.

The program was created by the Iowa State Patrol. It’s designed to be a collaborative effort between local and state police to help promote traffic safety and reduce crashes on the often-busy Route 20.

Burman said he plans on having a patrol cruiser specifically working on Route 20 on July 16, targeting speeders. The Massachusetts State Police also plan on having extra patrols in several communities.

**Route 20: A busy road, site of many accidents**

Burman pointed out that Route 20 is a busy road in town and the site of

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## MBTA COMMUNITIES ACT Sisitsky: City has achieved compliance

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The MetroWest Daily News  
USA TODAY NETWORK

The state’s Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) has officially deemed Framingham in compliance with the MBTA Communities Act, according to a news release from the city.

The EOHLC has accepted a plan submitted late last year by Framingham Mayor Charlie Sisitsky, a plan that concentrates solely on the city’s central business district zone, and which had already been approved a decade ago by Town Mepeting (Framingham became a city in 2018).

The city achieved conditional compliance in January.

“This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our community, as well as our commitment to providing Framingham residents with more housing options and sustainable growth,” the mayor said in a statement. “Achieving compliance with the MBTA Communities Law is a critical step forward in ensuring that Framingham continues to be a vibrant, inclusive, and forward-thinking city.”

According to the release, the central business district spans 225 acres and has a capacity for 5,348 multifamily units. The release states that at least 40% of the district’s required land area and unit capacity is located within transit station areas.

**Framingham officials react to compliance approval**

Framingham Planning & Community Development Director Sarkis Sarkisian praised the compliance approval.

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## Webster driving teacher warns lawmakers of risks posted by virtual ed

**Ella Adams**  
State House News Service

BOSTON — Extending a policy that enables driver education classes to be taken virtually would put teens and road safety at risk, a Webster driver’s

teacher told lawmakers on Tuesday, July 8.

Jason Danielson, co-owner of Alert Driving Academy in Webster and a Marlborough Public Schools teacher of nearly three decades, said a pair of bills before a legislative committee would

find support only by those who “stand to profit most,” not by those who care about what is “best for students and student safety.”

The Sen. Joan Lovely and Rep. Carole Fiola bills (H 3661, S 2411) authorize the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to “approve

an online driver education curriculum, provided that the driving school has a physical presence in the commonwealth, has operated for at least three years, and is in good standing with the

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