

**Massachusetts House of Representatives
Draft Bill Summary**

- Bill #:** H.5449
- Title:** An Act relative to amending the Traffic Commission in the city of Westfield
- Sponsor:** Rep. Kelly Pease
- Committee:** Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government
- Hearing Date:** June 23, 2026
- Current Law:** Chapter 62 of the Acts of 2004 established a traffic commission in the city of Westfield. Section 1 of the act states that the commission shall be composed of 5 commissioners as follows: the chief of police or his designee who shall serve at the pleasure of the chief, the superintendent of public works, the city engineer and 2 representatives from the city, 1 from the residential community and 1 from the business community. The mayor shall appoint and the city council shall ratify the appointments of the members from the residential and business communities.
- Summary:** Section 1 of the bill amends the 2004 special act by inserting language which allows the city engineer to designate a person to serve on the traffic commission in their place.
- Section 2 provides for the act to take effect immediately.
- Notes:** Language in Resolution 3333 approved by Westfield City Council on April 16, 2026 by a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 absent. Approved by Mayor Michael McCabe on April 17, 2026.