



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Traffic, Parking and Transportation
57 Inman Street,
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Susan E. Clippinger
Director

November 4, 1998

Administration	349-4700
Parking Violations	349-4705
Resident Parking	349-4701

TO: Robert Healy, City Manager

FROM: Susan E. Clippinger, Director *SC*

SUBJECT: Communication #014 dated 10/19/98
Council Order #065 dated 10/19/98

RE: Communication from Shiela Cook concerning safety hazards on Little Concord Ave.

Little Concord Avenue has a contra flow bicycle lane (which is one that is established on a one-way street allowing bicyclists to travel in the opposite direction) with a stop sign at Follen Street and warning signs of bicyclists crossing on Follen Street

The contra flow bicycle lane on Little Concord Ave. was established after a careful planning and engineering review of the various options for handling bicycle riders in this area. The bicycle counts confirmed that there was a very strong bicycle desire line running between essentially the Radcliffe Quadrangle and Garden Street and the overpass area crossing Mass. Ave. at Cambridge Street. There is insufficient room on Garden Street between Mason Street and Dawes Island to accommodate any bicycle facility due to the narrow travel lane. When the Arsenal Square improvements were made, traffic on Little Concord Ave. was reduced and safety at Follen and Little Concord Ave. dramatically improved.

Some residents on Follen Street and Little Concord Ave. have consistently expressed dissatisfaction with the plan that was implemented. In response to her earlier comments, changes were made to clarify and strengthen the message to bicycles and cars that their paths would cross. These changes included installing a stop line for the contra flow bike lane at Follen and a stop sign for them. There are arrows in the pavement. A warning sign telling motorists on Follen to watch for bicycles was installed. The current design is the safest and best way to accommodate the needs of the bicycles, pedestrians and cars at this location. In addition to the contra flow lane on Little Concord Ave., we have also installed bicycle lanes or guidelines on Garden, Waterhouse, Chauncy, Wendell and Everett Streets.

In addition, the Commanding officer of the Community Relations Section of the Police Department has been directed to have the Bicycle Patrol Unit conduct selective enforcement on Concord Avenue near Follen Street due to bicyclists failing to observe proper operations.

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November 9, 1998

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 32, regarding a report on safety hazards on Little Concord Avenue, received from Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

Consent Agenda #8

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Relative to AW #32, regarding a
report on safety hazards on Little
Concord Avenue.

In City Council November 9, 1998

Placed on File.