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TO: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

FROM: Susan E. Clippinger, Director *[Signature]*
Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department

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Beth Rubenstein, Assistant City Manager for
Community Development

DATE: December 11, 2000

RE: Council Order #15, dated 11/20/00: Concord Avenue Traffic Calming

In response to the above referenced order regarding the timeline for implementing traffic calming on Concord Avenue in the Armory area, we report the following:

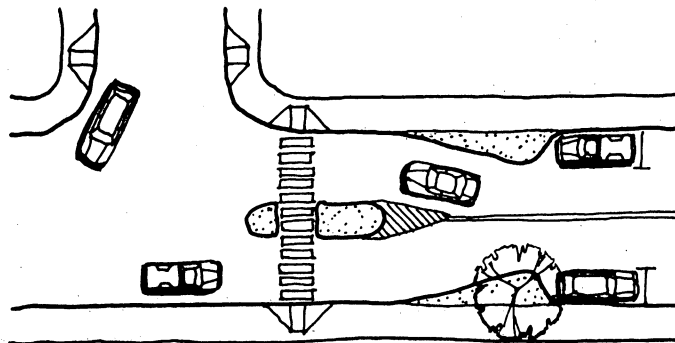
TRAFFIC CALMING BACKGROUND

Over the last several years, city staff have worked with residents to develop a traffic calming plan for Concord Avenue between the Sozio Rotary and Fayerweather Street. This plan was developed to address residents' concerns about vehicle speeds and pedestrian safety on Concord Avenue.

The design for Concord Avenue includes crossing islands (see drawing below) at Fern and Fayerweather streets.

Crossing islands will

- Slow the speed of vehicles on Concord Avenue.
- Make it safer for pedestrians to cross the street.
- Allow pedestrians to cross one direction of traffic at a time.



Typical Crossing Island

TRAFFIC CALMING CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

The last discussion with the community regarding Concord Avenue assumed that the traffic calming would be constructed in conjunction with planned sewer work in the area. The schedule for the planned sewer work is several years away and is not consistent with residents' desires to implement traffic calming quickly. Therefore, the Concord Avenue traffic calming work will be constructed independent of the sewer work in the summer of 2001. The actual construction required to install the crossing islands is limited in size and scope. There is minimal drainage work required and the construction is physically limited to the intersections.

Further, in July of 1997, a traffic signal was installed at the intersection of Concord Avenue and Alpine Street in response to residents' concerns about the safety of pedestrians crossing Concord Avenue at this location. The Fresh Pond Parkway sewer and roadway project is currently under construction and will make additional pedestrian improvements on Concord Avenue.



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Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

December 18, 2000

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-129, regarding a report on Concord Avenue traffic calming, received from Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger and Assistant City Manager for Community Development Beth Rubenstein.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy".

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment



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Consent Agenda Item#4

Awaiting Report Item Number
00-129, regarding a report
Concord Avenue traffic
calming.

In City Council December 18, 2000

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