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April 10, 1998

TO: Robert Healy, City Manager

FROM: Susan E. Clippinger, Director *SEC*

SUBJECT: Council Order #040 dated 3/2/98

RE: Pedestrian and Traffic Analysis on Holworthy Street

Concerns about speeding on Holworthy Street have been raised in the community meetings that have been held as part of the neighborhood. As part of those meetings, a series of recommendations are being proposed.

Holworthy Street is a fairly straight wide street. On street parking is light as many houses have driveways. The width of the street creates speeding problems. To reduce the speeds, there are two options: 1. Enforcement and 2. Changes to make the street feel narrower.

The easiest way to narrow the street and reduce speeds would be to make it two way. This option is not being considered because it would create major safety and operational problems at Holworthy and Belmont. The preferred option is to add a marked bicycle lane along the street. This will tie in well with the Huron Ave. bicycle lanes. In Portland Oregon, studies have shown that after bicycle lanes are installed speeds are reduced by 1-3 mph.

We will perform both before and after studies of speeds on the street and install the bicycle lane this summer.

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To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 24, regarding a report on the bicycle accident on Cambridge Street and recommendations to prevent further occurrences, Police Commissioner Ronnie Watson reports the following:

The Massachusetts State Police are conducting the investigation into the truck versus bicyclist fatal accident on March 30th at Cambridge and Second Streets. Once their investigation and report are completed, a copy will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office who will make a determination if any criminal complaints are to be filed.

The Police Department, in conjunction with the City's Bicycle Committee, currently has a number of programs and brochures for distribution which deal with bicycle safety. In cooperation with the School Department, formal sessions are held in all elementary schools throughout the City. Members of the Bicycle Patrol Unit conduct the sessions and also schedule specific bicycle safety demonstrations.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment

Relative to a report on the bicycle
accident on Cambridge Street and
recommendations to prevent further
occurrences.

In City Council April 27, 1998

Referred to
Traffic + Transportation
Committee mtg. of 5/6/98.

sent to C. Davis on 4/30/98