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TO: Robert Healy, City Manager

FROM: Susan E. Clippinger, Director *SEC*

SUBJECT: Council Order #008 dated 4/27/98

RE: Check the walk light at Mass. Ave. and Prospect Street and report whether a pedestrian only cycle can be included

The feasibility of having an exclusive pedestrian phase in the traffic signal cycle at the intersection of Mass. Ave. and Prospect St. has been looked at by city staff for years and, most recently, by Rizzo Assoc. as part of the Central Square project. One of the important elements of the Central Square design was to reduce the total cycle length for all the signals in Central Square so the pedestrian's wait time to cross was reduced. Also the Central Square signals work together to manage vehicle flow with minimum delay. Of the Central Square signals, Prospect and Mass. is key because it has to handle the largest volumes. It has been determined by both Rizzo and the City that with the high volume of traffic on both Mass. Ave. and Prospect Street an exclusive pedestrian phase would eliminate the shorter waits for the pedestrians while also backing up traffic to the detriment of the operations of the intersections.



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May 18, 1998

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 12, regarding the walk light at Massachusetts Avenue and Prospect Street and report on whether a pedestrian-only cycle can be included, received from Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment

Consent Agenda #14

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Regarding the walk light at
at Massachusetts Avenue
and Prospect Street and whether
a pedestrian-only cycle can
be included.

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