

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
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57 Inman Street,
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Susan E. Clippinger
Director

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May 25, 1995

TO: Robert Healy, City Manager

FROM: Susan E. Clippinger, Director *SEC*

SUBJECT: Amended Council Order 32 of April 10, 1995

RE: Concord Ave. Rotary & Long Term Plans for Fresh Pond Parkway,
Concord Ave. to Huron Ave.

In 1994, the City was successful in securing funds to improve the traffic corridor of Fresh Pond Parkway between Huron Avenue and the Concord Avenue rotary; these monies are being made available through the ISTEPA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act) program, with required 10% local match. The total estimate for the Alewife Enhancement Project, of which the Fresh Pond project is a subset, is for some \$1.75 to \$2 million. Planning for this project is underway, with a cooperative arrangement between the City and the MDC, which owns the parkways. In addition to signage improvements as per the Council's request, there will be other significant upgrading, including new lighting, new sidewalks, and new trees and other landscaping.

As a part of the design process, both rotaries connecting Alewife Brook and Fresh Pond Parkways with Concord Avenue will be assessed as to their efficiency and safety for all modes of travel, including especially pedestrians and bicyclists, who have great difficulty negotiating this section of roadway. The next step in the process will be to hire a consultant to do a certified land survey and to produce a final design for the project. The designs will be available for public review in the fall of this year.

In the interim, I have requested that the MDC install "Yield" signs on Concord Avenue as it enters Fresh Pond and Alewife Brook Parkways.

Enc.



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May 15, 1995

Commissioner David Balfor
Metropolitan District Commission
20 Somerset Street
Boston, MA

Dear Commissioner Balfor:

During April, the Cambridge City Council requested that I discuss with the M.D.C. the feasibility of installing regulatory signs at several intersections along M.D.C. roadways.

The first location is on Concord Avenue as it enters Fresh Pond Parkway and Alewife Brook Parkway. We are requesting the installation of "Yield" signs at both intersections. You have installed "Yield" signs at the entrances to other rotaries in the Boston area with good results. It is our opinion that they would have the same positive results at these rotaries.

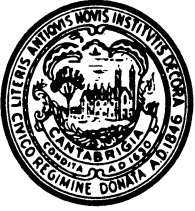
The other location is where the extension of Hawthorn Street intersects with Memorial Drive. We are requesting that you study the possibility of restricting left turns from east bound Memorial Drive into the extension of Hawthorn Street and if it is determined such a restriction would improve safety, that you install the required signs.

Please let me know if or when these signs can be installed so that I can inform the City Manager. I have enclosed copies of the two Council Orders and if you would like to discuss them, please call me at 349-4743.

Very truly yours,

Susan E. Clippinger
Director

SEC:lb
Enc.



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June 5, 1995

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 33, regarding Concord Avenue and long term plans for Brodette Rotary, received from Director of Traffic, Parking & Transportation Susan E. Clippinger.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda # 4

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Response to Awaiting Report Item Number
Thirty-Three regarding Concord Avenue
and long term plans for Brodette Rotary

In City Council,

June 5, 1995

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