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February 23, 1998

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 15, regarding a report on neighborhood concerns surrounding the 34-38 Regent Street project, please find attached reports received from Public Works Commissioner Ralph Dunphy as well as Inspectional Services Commissioner Robert Bersani.

In addition, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger reports the Parking Control Officers are paying particular attention to this area to make sure that all regulations on Regent Street are strictly enforced.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Ralph E. Dunphy
Commissioner

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To: Robert W. Healy
City Manager

From: Ralph E. Dunphy
Commissioner

Date: February 18, 1998

Subject: Council Order # 053, dated 2/2/98
Re: Report on Neighborhood Concerns
Surrounding the 34-38 Regent Street
Project

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Representatives for this project were contacted by DPW.
The following results were achieved:

- The start time of 7AM is to be strictly enforced and adhered to by the contractor.
- Water hoses have been removed from the street and no dewatering of the site is taking place into the street or the collections systems by the contractor.
- Trucks parking in residential areas is being controlled. They have been permitted to park one trailer and one truck at the curb at the site. The contractor has been advised to stage delivery trucks and to schedule the deliveries so as not to have a negative impact on the neighborhood. He has agreed.

Other actions taken to improve the construction site and minimize the impact in the neighborhood include:

- Chain link fencing has been placed at all accessible points to the property. The site is locked and secured during non work hours.



- Signage has been placed on walks during working hours directing pedestrians to safe walk areas. The sidewalk is returned to the neighborhood for use during non work hours.
- Efforts are being made to minimize disruption to the neighborhood during the excavation and installation of the sewer and stormwater connections to the site.
- The contractor has been directed to sweep the street and clean the site on a daily basis.
- Arrangements have been made to move the construction trailer off the street as soon as possible. We have asked the Traffic Department to approve the permit on a monthly basis. The trailer may be off the street by the end of March.
- Arrangements have been made for the contractor to notify all abutters of changes in operations that impacts traffic or accessibility to the street.

Other items of interest concerning this project have been coordinated with the Inspectional Services Department and the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department for consideration and action.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

February 2, 1998

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

From: Bob Bersani, Inspectional Services

RE: City Council Order No. 53 of January 26, 1998 RE: That The City Manager Confer With Appropriate Departments To Insure That Problems Raised By Neighbors On Creighton And Regent Street Are Addressed By The Developer Currently Engaged In The Project At 34-38 Regent Street.

In response to this Council Order, ISD has conferred with the Developer and the Project Superintendent to insure that the problems raised in this Order are addressed. The following comments are provided:

- a. The requirements of the Noise Ordinance, in particular construction start times, were reinforced with project personnel.
- b. The contractor was directed to cease any discharge of site water to the sewer.
- c. Project personnel have committed to coordinating closely with the neighborhood so that issues of concern can be resolved directly and quickly.
- d. ISD was unable to uncover any information concerning the possible issuance of a letter referring to "prehistoric mulch". It is noted, however, that the contractor has removed soil from the site in connection with the parking garage excavation and it is likely that this soil would have contained peat and similar materials.

Very truly yours,

R. R. Bersani

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number
Fifteen, regarding a report on neighborhood
concerns surrounding the 34-38 Regent Street
project.

In City Council February 23, 1998

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