



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Robert Healy, City Manager

Date Jan. 12, 1987

From *George Teso*
George Teso, Traffic Director

Reference

Subject City Council Order #4 of Jan. 5, 1987 "Stop" sign on Mass. Ave. at Johnson Gate

We cannot install a stop sign on Mass. Avenue at the Johnson Gate due to the fact that it would never be approved by the state as the Stop sign law states that you cannot stop the major flow of traffic and in this case it would mean stopping 21,000 vehicles per day which is not good engineering as traffic would back-up for miles and we would force many drivers to break the law.

We have observed this crosswalk and find that when traffic is stopped at the lights in Harvard Square there is a safe gap in traffic allowing pedestrians to cross. I will however install signs stating that pedestrians have the right of way when they are in the crosswalk and that drivers should yield to them.

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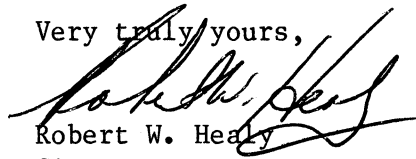
RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

January 26, 1987

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to City Council Order No. 4 of January 5, 1987 regarding a stop sign at Harvard University's Johnson Gate on Massachusetts Avenue, I have contacted the Department of Traffic and Parking. The Department's traffic engineers feel that a stop sign is not advisable at this location as there are several stop lights in the area already and traffic would back up for miles. However, the Department will install signs stating that pedestrians have the right-of-way when they are in the crosswalk.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Agenda Item No. 10 S-59

Re: installation of a stop sign at Harvard
University's Johnson Gate on Mass. Ave.

In City Council,

January 26, 1987

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