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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

December 9, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 02-107, regarding a report on the 24-hour truck ban on Putnam Avenue, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger reports the following:

The City of Cambridge was granted a nighttime truck ban on Putnam Avenue from the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) on November 22, 1996. In 1999, the Department requested that the truck ban be modified to be in effect 24-hours a day. That application had not been acted upon prior to the initiation of the Regional Truck Study. Once the study commenced, MHD put all pending truck restriction applications on hold pending the outcome of the study. When the Regional Truck Study recommendations were published, they included a 24-hour truck ban on Putnam Avenue. The City again requested the Putnam Avenue 24-hour ban in August of 2001. The response from MHD to the City dated September 23, 2002 said that if the bans on River and Western were lifted that they would grant us a 24-hour ban on the section of Putnam Avenue between Massachusetts Avenue and River Street. The City is not interested in lifting the bans on River Street and Western Avenue. Because MHD declined to implement the recommendations of the Regional Truck Study, the City Manager has proposed that the truck restrictions, including the 24-hour restriction on Putnam Avenue be implemented through a proposed new zoning ordinance.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #14

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