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Public Works Department

Everett R. Kennedy
Acting Commissioner

May 9, 1983

Mr. James McGowan, Project Manager
Red Line Extension MBTA
57 Day Street
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Mr. McGowan:

Following our meeting of April 21, 1983, I agreed to outline to you my concerns regarding the final reconstruction of Massachusetts Avenue from Harvard Square to Porter Square. The immediate Harvard Square area is not your specific concern, and I believe that I have addressed any problems in that general area with Vin Farrell, certainly to my satisfaction.

The general conditions which impact the City of Cambridge at the present time are as follows:

1. In April 1982 by letter I addressed a number of specific areas on Massachusetts Avenue, by station, and outlined the problems in condition with these particular areas. Some work was done by the contractor Morrison-Knudsen, but since the joint venture of J.F.White, Morrison-Knudsen is no longer a viable one. My concerns about the repair and replacement of facilities are even more real at this time, because of the transfer of final responsibility to Perini and others. Most of the concerns that were addressed in the April 1982 letter are still viable at this time. Also, at least two occurrences of Massachusetts Avenue subsidence and pavement failure is cause for alarm, and I am requesting a report by your engineers as to cause, quantities and methods of repair.
2. There are certain areas nearing completion in terms of surface work immediately north of Flagstaff Park, and you are looking forward to completion on Massachusetts Avenue of a number of specific locations: Jarvis St., Garfield St., the area immediately north of Roseland St., in front of Sears. Your "T" contract limits being as specific and particular as they are, limit areas of refurbishing very tightly in regard to these particular intersections with Massachusetts

Avenue and do not really address areas between your various contracts i.e., the area from Flagstaff Park to Jarvis Street for a specific example. It is our understanding that the T had agreed to resurfacing of Massachusetts Avenue as one of the conditions for allowing your additional work for sub-surface drainage. I believe this condition is still valid and is reinforced by the fact that certainly your construction activities have included all of Massachusetts Avenue, particularly, in the general area north of Harvard Square.

3. Since you are nearing completion on a number of the specific segments of construction, we are concerned that we resolve any disagreements concerning: utilities, sidewalk, seeding or sodding, curbing, islands, street pavements and so forth, in a similar fashion as we have resolved questions concerning final landscaping in the Little Massachusetts Avenue island.
4. There is damage that has been sustained by the City in the Common itself as a direct result of the actions of the dewatering contractor - this must be resolved in detail.
5. The other miscellaneous costs which the City has incurred which must be a factor in considering all our requests - the direct cost of time and money to the City for participation in litigation concerning the sewer blockage on Massachusetts Avenue; the direct work of construction of a new manhole and other pumping operations necessitated by the blocking of the sewer system.

Again, it is my understanding that the City and the T came to an agreement about the time that operations were expanded for sub-surface drainage work, to include pavement on all of Massachusetts Avenue from Harvard Square through the Porter Square construction area. I believe that this is paramount at this time, considering all of the construction activities and the added expense that the City has incurred during the course of construction. I'm also concerned that we have an understanding concerning final restoration on Massachusetts Avenue as early as possible this summer. I cannot permit final surface paving to be completed in your contract areas without having a full understanding by both parties, namely, the T and the City, as to the amount and type of restoration work. This obviously requires coordination and cooperation between the remaining contractors, the T and the City. But again,

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no final restorations can be undertaken without complete understanding of my department as to the extent and type of work to be performed.

I am ready to meet with you again and your decision making personnel to resolve any questions concerning the work as outlined above.

Very truly yours,



Everett R. Kennedy
Acting Commissioner

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cc: Mr. Robert W. Healy, City Manager ✓
Ms. Joan Lastovica, City Engineer
Mr. Russell B. Higley, City Solicitor



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT W. HEALY

City Manager

May 16, 1983

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a communication from Everett R. Kennedy, Acting Commissioner of the Public Works Department, to the Project Manager of the MBTA Red Line Extension, expressing concerns relative to the final reconstruction of Massachusetts Avenue from Harvard Square to Porter Square.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Re: comm. from Public Works to the MBTA
Project Manager of the Red Line Extension
regarding the final reconstruction of
Mass. Avenue from Harvard Square to Porter
Square.

In City Council,

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*Referred to the
Committee at 4PM
After Hearing
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