



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Traffic and Parking
57 Inman Street,
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Administration	349-4700
Parking Violations	349-4705
Resident Parking	349-4701

October 14, 1994

TO: Robert Healy, City Manager

FROM: Susan E. Clippinger, Director *SEC*

SUBJECT: Council Order #12 dated 5-23-94

RE: Safety Concerns on Sherman Street at Walden Square Road

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Our investigation found that the pedestrian signal with push buttons on Sherman Street is located about 50 feet south of Walden Square Road on a straight section of roadway. Signal visibility from the north is good and is at least 200 feet for the south. This provides ample stopping distance for vehicles going the speed limit. We have also posted a "Signal Ahead" sign before the bend in the roadway to give drivers advance warning of the traffic signal.

Sherman Street has just been repaved and new permanent highly restrictive pavement markings have been installed. This includes a striped crosswalk and stop lines at the pedestrian signal.

We have checked the accidents from July 1, 1992 to July 1, 1994 in the Sherman and Walden Street area. During this period, there were seven hit and run accidents reported at various locations on Walden Square Road. There were two accidents on Sherman Street, one was a hit and run near the bend in Sherman Street and the other involved a car hitting a fixed object just past Walden Square Road.

In addition to the new pavement markings, the signal heads which are partially blocked by two new trees will be moved to the mast arm shortly. It is our opinion these steps will improve the safety at this location.



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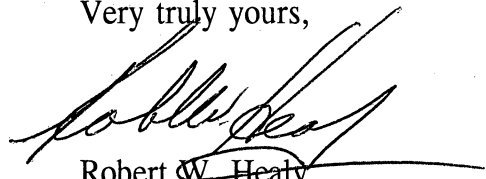
RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

October 31, 1994

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 17, regarding safety concerns with the location of the lights at the entrance to Walden Square on Sherman Street, please find attached a response from Susan E. Clippinger, Director of Traffic, Parking & Transportation.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Response to Awaiting Report Item Number
Seventeen regarding safety concerns with the location of the lights at the entrance to
Walden Square on Sherman Street.

for original order
see 1994 City Manager
Requests # 188.

In City Council,

October 31, 1994

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