

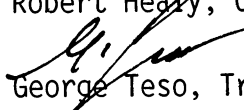


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To Robert Healy, City Manager

Date Nov. 1, 1991

From  George Teso, Traffic Director

Reference

Subject City Council Order #47 dated 10/21/91 Re: Traffic Light @ Mass. Ave. & Essex St.

The Traffic Department has investigated the pedestrian crossing time at Mass. Avenue and Essex Street and has increased the time by 40% or 8 seconds to allow for the elderly to cross safely.

The width of Mass. Avenue at this crosswalk is 54' which requires a minimum of 14 seconds to cross the street walking at the average walking time of four feet per second. The total time allowed with the clearance interval was 22 seconds. This has now been increased to a total of 30 seconds.

We will also meet with some of the elderly people using this crosswalk and walk with them to determine if more time is needed.

GT:rd



City of Cambridge

47.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 21, 1991

VICE MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR WALSH

WHEREAS: The safety of all pedestrians in the City of Cambridge is of the utmost importance to this City Council; and

WHEREAS: A considerable number of people have expressed concern over the short amount of time allowed for crossing Massachusetts Avenue at the Essex Street traffic light in Central Square; and

WHEREAS: Attempts on the part of Cambridge residents to rectify this through contact with the department of Traffic and Parking have met with unsatisfactory results; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to consult with the Director of Traffic and Parking and investigate the matter of the time allowed by the above mentioned traffic light for crossing Massachusetts Avenue, and come up with a proposal for extending this time to allow both our senior citizens and small children to make it across this busy street in safety, and report back within one week.

In City Council October 21, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John E. Flynn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "F".

John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk



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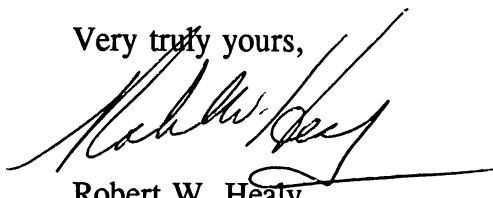
RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

November 18, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 59, regarding traffic lights at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Essex Street, received from George Teso, Director of Traffic & Parking, relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mev
attachments

Agenda # 14

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Awaiting Report/Item Number 59, regarding
traffic lights at the intersection of
Mass. Ave. and Essex Street.

In City Council,

November 18, 1991

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