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DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC & PARKING

George Teso
Director

Elimination of the traffic circle at Kendall Square in conjunction with the ongoing \$250 million Cambridge Center development will become effective at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 25, it was announced this week by George Teso, the city's traffic and parking director.

Teso said that simultaneously a portion of Main street, from the corner of Ames and Sixth streets, will become one way easterly (toward Boston).

The safer traffic pattern for the area, Teso said, has been made possible by the widespread public improvements instituted by the Redevelopment Authority in the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area (Cambridge Center) over the past two years. Authority contractors have substantially completed the widening of Broadway, Binney street, Sixth street between Main and Broadway, and portions of Main and Third streets.

A new road has been constructed at the western end of the project near the railroad tracks and runs from Main street across Broadway and into Binney Street. It will not be opened, however, until traffic signals now being installed throughout the area become operative, probably within the next month.

Teso said his department "was very pleased to announce the closing of the most dangerous traffic circle under Cambridge jurisdiction."

The Kendall Square area, he said, has had as many as 40 accidents a year.

To reach Main street under the new traffic circulation plan, motorists coming from Boston over the Longfellow Bridge or into the area via Third street, will proceed along Broadway to Sixth street and turn left. An alternative next month will be the new road at the western end of the project.

Motorists driving to Kendall Square via Memorial Drive can either proceed to the left turn beyond the Longfellow Bridge near First street and then onto Broadway at the foot of the bridge, or turn off Memorial Drive into either Vassar or Audrey street near the Hyatt Regency Hotel and proceed along Vassar across Massachusetts avenue to Main street.

The Redevelopment Authority's contractors currently are completing the rebuilding of a portion of the widened Broadway near Kendall Square. Broadway, from the square to the railroad tracks, at one time was 80 feet wide. It is presently 100 feet wide and includes a landscaped median strip.

Median strips also have been added to safety factors on the widened Binney Street and Sixth street between Main and Broadway, as well as on a small portion of Third street near the Broadway intersection of the square.

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