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Robert W. Healy, City Manager
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May 5, 1997

Dear Mr. Healy:

Earlier this year the MDC approved the 25% plans for the Gateway enhancement project for Fresh Pond Parkway being developed by the City of Cambridge through a memorandum of agreement with the MDC. That approval excepted the proposed pedestrian crossing between the two rotaries which, we believed, required additional evaluation. That review is now complete and was discussed at a well attended meeting on April 29, 1997. Subsequent to the meeting the MDC has received correspondence from State Representatives Wolf and Paulsen.

The position of those attending the meeting was well summarized in the Representatives' letters: that the inconvenience to travelling motorists of a new signal in this location is more than offset by the improved convenience and safety for the pedestrians and bicyclists in the area.

In addition, State Senator Tolman has filed legislation authorizing and directing the installation of the pedestrian signal. That legislation will overcome the question of whether the proposed signal meets the warrants required under the uniform code of traffic devices.

Given the unusual level of community and legislative support for this pedestrian signal the MDC concurs in its inclusion in the design.

The Commission has been and continues to be very enthusiastic about the overall Fresh Pond Parkway enhancement project. We look forward to working closely with you and your consultants as design proceeds and will be anticipating the formal submission of the 75% drawings.

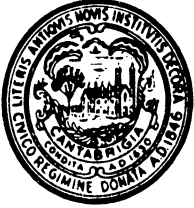
Sincerely,

David B. Balfour, Jr.

cc: Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager
Senator Birmingham
Senator Tolman
Senator Haven
Representative Paulsen
Representative Wolf
Representative Toomey
Representative Thompson

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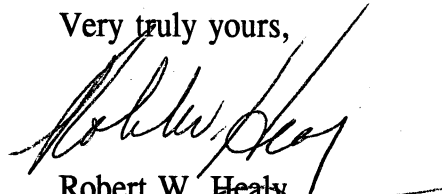
RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

May 12, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached for your information, a communication from David Balfour, Commissioner of the Metropolitan District Commission, relative to the Gateway enhancement project for Fresh Pond Parkway.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #9

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Relative to a communication from the
MDC, regarding the Gateway enhancement
project for Fresh Pond Parkway.

In City Council May 12, 1997

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