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Cambridge Traffic and Parking Department  
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Dear Traffic and Parking Department:

I would like to notify you in writing of a problem traffic situation that exists now but the problem will be magnified in September when the traffic flow increases. I have called your office but have not witnessed any change.

The problem exists at the intersection of Coolidge Road - Mt. Auburn St. - and Storrow Drive/Fresh Pond Parkway. Because of the timing set on the lights at Coolidge Road and Mt. Auburn, the cars leaving Boston on Storrow Drive and bearing left onto Mt. Auburn get stopped in front of incoming traffic on Fresh Pond/Storrow Drive. This causes not only a back-up for those cars, but also aggravation for all the people involved: with those of us stopped in front of the incoming cars and with those anxious to proceed on a green light.

This problem can be very, very easily remedied: shorten the duration of the green light for cars coming off of Coolidge Road. Perhaps as little as 5 seconds more on the Mt. Auburn green would allow cars leaving Boston to clear the 4 lanes entering on Storrow/Fresh Pond.

I travel this route every working day. There are very few cars using Coolidge Road at this time and the last seconds of their green light is wasted as it is set up now.

Now perhaps these lights are set only with regards to the morning rush hour needs (traffic off Coolidge Road is heavier in the AM). If this is the case, I do think they should either have two settings - one for AM traffic needs and the other for the PM, or the lights should be adjusted to accommodate both better than is presently done.

I can assure you that the thousands of drivers affected daily by this situation will be pleased and that your work will not go unnoticed.

I thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

  
Kristine Sessa

cc: Mayor Walter J. Sullivan  
Cambridge City Council ✓

Comm. from Kristine Sessa of Arlington, expressing concern Re: traffic situation at the intersection of Coolidge Rd., Mt. Auburn St., Storrow Drive & Fresh Pond Parkway & suggesting that the timing of the traffic lights at Coolidge Rd. & Mt. Auburn St. be changed to alleviate traffic back-up.

In City Council,

September 8, 1986

*Referred to City Manager  
and Traffic Director*

*Copy sent to the City Manager + Traffic  
Director 9/10/86*