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To Robert Healy, City Manager

Date Sept. 6, 1991

From Lauren M. Preston, Deputy Traffic Director

Reference

Subject Council Order #26 dated June 3, 1991 "Limiting Access to Clarendon Ave. from the Somerville Side"

During late July and early August, traffic counts were taken during the peak hours on Clarendon Avenue near the Somerville City Line. The morning count showed an average volume of 18 vehicles per 15 minutes. In the evening peak, the average volume was 15 vehicles per 15 minutes. Little backup of traffic on Clarendon Ave. was observed.

Clarendon Avenue is a two way street from Mass. Avenue to the City Line. The street is 26' wide with Resident Parking allowed only on the southerly side. A "Not A Through Street" warning sign is clearly posted at Mass. Avenue along with a truck restriction sign limiting the street to vehicles under 2½ tons.

The Somerville section is also limited to vehicles under 2½ tons, it is one way into Cambridge with parking allowed along both sides. Two "Do Not Enter" signs are installed at the City Line.

We have discussed Clarendon Avenue with Somerville officials who have not received any traffic related complaints. Since the street is one way in Somerville, access cannot be restricted and to limit access in Cambridge would affect those who live in Cambridge.

Clarendon Avenue could be made one way from the Somerville City Line to Mass. Avenue but is not recommended. Parking could then be allowed along both sides of the street but Cambridge residents would have to drive over a mile into Somerville to get home. In addition, drivers tend to drive faster on one way streets than narrow two way streets.

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 3, 1991

COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
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ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Department of Traffic and Parking to confer with the Department of Traffic and Parking of the City of Somerville concerning the possibility of limiting access to Clarendon Avenue from the Somerville end during the high peak traffic hours (7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.) and (3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) and report back to this City Council.

In City Council June 3, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

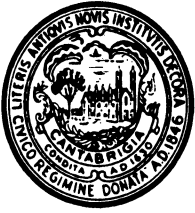
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

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ATTEST:-

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Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk



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September 16, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 27, relative to limiting access to Clarendon Avenue from Somerville during high peak traffic hours, received from Lauren M. Preston, Deputy Traffic Director.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachments

Consent Agenda # 35

S-9109
Awaiting Report Item Number 27 regarding
limiting access to Clarendon Avenue from
Soemrville during high peak traffic hours.

In City Council,

Sept. 16, 1991

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