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To E. Kennedy

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. **Date** 5/9/84
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

From J. Lastovica *SL*

MAY 11 10 19 AM '84 **Reference** Council Order
#10 of 4/30/84

Subject Mass. Ave. Bridge at Porter Sq.

Mr. Fernandes of the MA. Department of Public Works informed me of the following: on May 14 or May 21 (we received notification May 7 confirming May 14) the maintenance division of the Dept. will begin a 4 to 8 week reinforcing project at the bridge. The project includes the replacement of the existing timber decking on the northbound lanes with new timbers and surfacing prior to bridge reconstruction. The northbound lanes will remain in use for two way traffic during the first phase of the bridge reconstruction. The reinforcing work will enable the (T) to continue bus traffic over the bridge during phase one. The northbound lanes will be closed during the reinforcing project and all traffic will cross the bridge using the two southbound lanes.

Mr. Fernandes indicated the bridge replacement project to be on schedule as follows:

- the bridge design is 100% complete and plans have been forwarded for review to the Federal Highway Administration and the B & M Railroad;

- assuming a timely review by the FHA and the B & M, the MADPW anticipates a June advertisement;

- federal regulation dictate a bidding process from date of advertisement to award of contract - of 4 to 6 weeks. Therefore construction could begin in early to mid August;

- two construction seasons are anticipated for completion;

- the MADPW office estimate for the bridge is \$2 million.

Mr. Fernandes is forwarding bridge and roadway plans for submittal to the City Council.

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To Mr. Robert Healy, City Manager

Date May 11, 1984

From *Mr. Teso*
Mr. George Teso, Traffic Director

Reference

Subject Mass. Avenue Bridge at Porter Square

On May 7, 1984, we were notified by the Department of Public Utilities that the Eastern side of the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge was unsafe for vehicles in excess of 12 tons. This meant that none of the buses or trackless trolleys could use this bridge safely.

After meeting with the Department of Public Utilities, the State Department of Public Works and the MBTA along with the Cambridge Public Works Department, a decision was made by the State DPW that the bridge should be re-enforced to accommodate vehicles weighing in excess of 20 tons which would include the largest bus loaded with passengers.

The State DPW will close the outbound side of the bridge on Tuesday or Wednesday May 15 or 16 which means that we will have to allow two way traffic on the west side of the bridge.

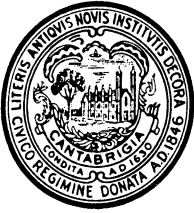
The State DPW who will be doing the work on the bridge has informed me that this work will take at least four weeks.

The Traffic Department in cooperation with all the affected agencies will make all the necessary arrangements such as signing, signalization, markings to allow a safe movement of pedestrians as well as motor vehicles.

The entire construction area will be enclosed with a cyclone fence for safety precautions. The Traffic Department will be monitoring this area to ensure that safety is maintained at all times.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

May 14, 1984

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed are memoranda from George Teso and Joan Lastovica relative to the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge at Porter Square. In summary, the bridge will be closed on the outbound side on Tuesday, May 15, for 4 - 8 weeks for reinforcing. The permanent repair will begin in mid-August and will take two construction seasons.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Agenda Item Number Ten

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Re: enclsd memoranda from George Teso &
Joan Lastovica Re: the Mass. Avenue Bridge
at Porter Square.

In City Council,

May 14, 1984

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