



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Robert Healy, City Manager

Date Jan. 23, 1991

From  George Teso, Traffic Director

Reference

Subject City Council Order #32 of Nov. 5, 1990 Re: "Blake Street Traffic"

The Traffic Department has completed a survey of Blake St., Orchard St., Tenney St. and Miller Ave. with a view towards changing the traffic patterns to discourage through traffic. This survey included talking to residents of the area as well as volume studies.

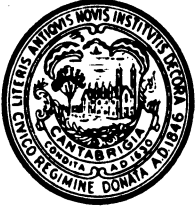
Our original survey indicated that many motorists were using these streets to avoid the traffic signal at the intersection of Massachusetts Ave. and Beech Street. We then adjusted the signals to give more time for traffic on Beech St. eliminating the long back-up. This change has helped move traffic more smoothly through the intersection decreasing the number of vehicles taking short-cuts through the neighborhood.

It was also determined that there has been an increase in traffic from Davis Square and Elm St. within the past year contributing to this problem.

After talking to some of the residents and viewing these streets, they have indicated to us that this traffic using these streets has subsided and our observations confirm this.

We also looked at the feasibility of reversing some streets and we found that we would create more problems than now exist. The residents we talked to agreed that we should leave the traffic pattern as it is and find other ways to discourage through traffic. We will continue to monitor this area with a view of removing through traffic from our residential streets.

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January 28, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With regard to Awaiting Report Item No. 22, relative to a traffic study of Blake, Orchard, Tenney Streets and Miller Avenue, please find attached a response from George Teso, Director of Traffic and Parking, concerning this issue.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Agenda # 11 *S-194*
Response to Awaiting Report Item
Number 22 regarding a traffic study
of Blake, Orchard, and Tenney
Streets and Miller Avenue.

In City Council,

January 28, 1991

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