



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC & PARKING

George Teso
Director

January 29, 1975

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

In regard to the City Council Order requesting that I suspend tagging around the Green Street Office of the Division of Employment Security: We do not tag this section of Green Street as it is patrolled by the Police Department.

The only area tagged by the Traffic Department is in the No Parking Zone on the west side of Pleasant Street between Massachusetts Avenue and River Street. This is done at the request of the Fire and Police Departments due to the fact that this is a major fire route to the Cambridgeport and River-side areas of the City.

The Traffic Department has studied this area in regard to parking and has found that there are parking spaces available within walking distance of the employment office but that most drivers do not want to walk any distance and continually park in the restricted areas causing serious traffic tieups.

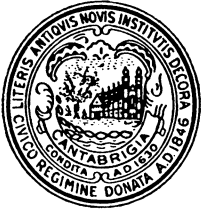
There is also a parking lot next door to the employment office that is open to the public that isn't used to capacity and I know the owner would like to lease it to the State but it is my understanding that the State is not interested.

This problem will be alleviated somewhat with the opening of the Green-Franklin-Pearl Municipal Garage sometime in April but again the driver does not want to park and walk any distance.

Very truly yours,

George Teso
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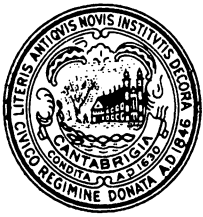
A study was made of the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Essex Street to determine what could be done to make it safer for pedestrians to cross this busy intersection and have found that the fatality that occurred recently was not in the intersection but approximately 75 feet from the intersection and the person was nowhere near the pedestrian control signals.

The study which included talking to people in the area, and elderly persons crossing this intersection, stated that they were not aware of the crosswalk and the sequence of the traffic lights. We have since repainted the crosswalk and will crosshatch it this spring to make it more visible. I will change the sequence and phasing of these traffic lights so that the pedestrians can cross this intersection safely.

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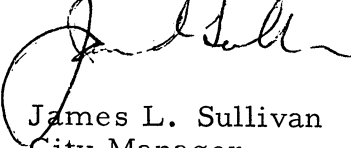
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

February 3, 1975

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed are two reports from George Teso, Traffic Director,
relative to City Council Orders.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
Enc.

Agenda # 4

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Awaiting reports re: tagging around the
Green St. office of the Division of Employ-
ment Security and the traffic light at the
intersection of Mass. Ave. & Essex Street.

In City Council,
February 3, 1975

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