



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

August 3, 1992

COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
VICE MAYOR CYR
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to forward to the Traffic and Parking Department for a report, the attached letter from a resident of Beech Street in North Cambridge regarding traffic conditions on that street; and be it further

ORDERED: That said report be transmitted to this City Council for the September 14th City Council meeting.

In City Council August 3, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, Temporary City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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Temporary City Clerk

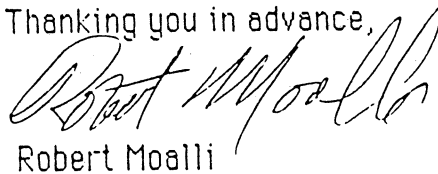
June 20, 1992

Councilor Sheila Russell
City Council office
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge Massachusetts 02139

Dear Shelia,

Enclosed please find a copy of my letter to George Teso at traffic and parking. I would appreciate it if you could possibly follow up on this matter. The citizens on the Somerville end of Beech St always seem to be the forgotten ones in the city. In most cases we really do not have much to complain about, but this has been a real problem in the last few months.

Thanking you in advance,



Robert Moalli

18 Beech Street

Cambridge, Massachusetts

02140

June 20, 1992

Mr. George Teso, Director Of Parking

57 Inman Street

Cambridge Mass. 02139

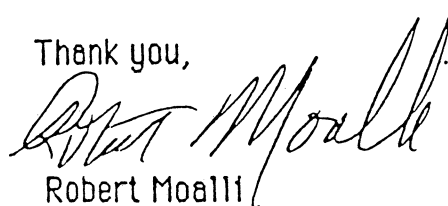
Dear Mr. Teso,

After many phone calls to your department with no results I am writing you as a last resort. I have tried to apprise your people of a serious traffic situation on Beech Street. This concerns the traffic signal at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Beech Street. Due to the short duration of the green on the Beech Street light, the traffic backs up on Beech Street all the way to Elm Street at the Somerville city line. Also during the morning and evening rush hours the traffic wraps around on to Elm Street which causes even more problems with vehicles turning right and left on to Beech Street.

Beech Street has always been a popular street for traffic to connect from Somerville to Cambridge. It seems that for many drivers this option has increased tremendously since the Beacon Street bridge has been closed to traffic going into Cambridge.

As this additional traffic has increased the noise and pollution to the Beech and Orchard street neighborhood, I would greatly appreciate it if a study could be done by your department to come to a solution to this problem. Please inform me by letter what action will be taken in this matter.

Thank you,



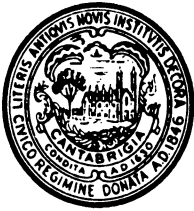
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cc; Councilor Russell

Councilor Cyr



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

September 14, 1992

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 34, regarding traffic conditions on Beech Street, please be advised of the following:

The Department of Traffic & Parking has conducted a study of the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Beech Street as it relates to the timing and sequence of the traffic signals. A determination was made that during the peak hours of traffic, the pedestrian push button is actuated every cycle to allow for an exclusive pedestrian phase for a safe crossing. During this time, traffic is stopped in all directions thus causing a back-up of vehicles at all three approaches.

The Traffic Department has adjusted the signals on Beech Street to allow more green time to cut-down the back-up on the approach, but must be careful not to allow traffic to back-up on Massachusetts Avenue that will block traffic at Walden Street, Porter Square and the Fire Station.

They will continue to monitor this intersection with a view towards assisting traffic on Beech Street.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #4

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Communication from Robert W. Healy, City
Manager, relative to Awaiting Report Item
#34 relative to traffic conditions on
Beech Street.

In City Council,

September 14, 1992

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