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To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item #39 and #42, relative to the re-opening of New Street, Deputy City Manager Richard Rossi reports that, as stated in earlier reports to the City Council, that the re-opening is scheduled for completion by the end of May.

The Street has been closed due to its total reconstruction which includes changes in grade, location, new underground utilities, and a necessity to load the entire right-of-way to hasten any potential settlement. If an abundance of rain dominates the next few weeks, then the May 31, 1990 deadline may have to be extended accordingly.

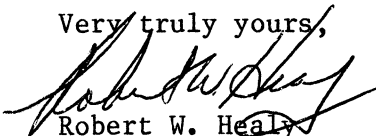
The Street is scheduled for a rough binder course by May 31, 1990, and will then be open to two way vehicular traffic. The Street will again be closed for one or two days in June or early July to apply the final finish course when all curbing and adjacent site work is complete.

As a regular part of our weekly construction meetings with the site contractor, progress on the completion of New Street is a regular agenda item. The City has kept in contact with the managers of the abutting properties on the progress of the completion of New Street.

The improvements in New Street will be beneficial to those who abut Danehy Park as the previous condition of New Street was a severe problem with major depressions, extremely poor drainage, no lighting, and no pedestrian sidewalks.

One area which continues to be a problem is the condition and care of the B & M railroad tracks at the end of New Street, adjacent to the Fresh Pond Cinemas. Recent work by the B & M has made it impossible for vehicles to cross those tracks even when the new road is completed. The B & M workers have also left large amounts of construction debris all over the area in question. The City is attempting to get the B & M to be responsive to our requests and will continue to press for resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,


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City Manager

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Awaiting Report Item Numbers 39 and 42
regarding the opening of New Street.

In City Council,

May 21, 1990

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