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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report #02-61 regarding a report on the condition of Area IV roadways, Public Works Commissioner Lisa Peterson reports the following:

The Department of Public Works is about to embark on a major infrastructure renewal program in the Area 4 Neighborhood that will incorporate streetscape improvements. This program will address flooding and back-up problems in the area as well as upgrading water and gas levels of service as well. This program will be a multiyear program and will involve new stormwater, sewer, water distribution and gas mains and service lines as well as new streets and sidewalks once all of the utilities have been upgraded.

It is important that this work is done as part of a program where disruption is minimized and where the community receives maximum benefit as quickly as possible in a cost-effective way. The sequencing of infrastructure projects will be done so that once neighborhood streets have new sewer lines, they also have new stormwater, water and gas mains and where when new sidewalks and streets are constructed we are confident that they will not be ripped up again in the near future.

Our preliminary schedule for the area proposes new systems in the area immediately to the North East of Columbia Street and Bishop Allen Drive, where the focus is preventing water from this area entering the School Street/Pine Street area. This work will begin in FY03. After that work is complete then we expect to do more significant construction work in the Pine Street, Cherry Street and School Street area, where new sidewalks and streets will be constructed once the utilities are upgraded.

In the meantime we will continue to maintain the streets and sidewalks in the area by paving those sections in most significant distress and removing and replacing those sidewalk sections where such is most necessary.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Number 02-61, regarding a
report on the condition of Area
IV roadways.

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