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THE FOLLOWING  
LETTER IN THE  
COUNCIL PACKET  
AND ON THE AGENDA  
FOR MONDAY, 19  
OCTOBER'S COUNCIL  
MEETING.

THANKS—

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Via fax

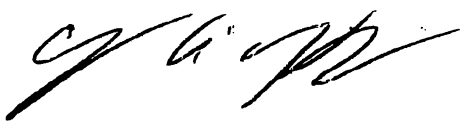
Dear Councilors:

10/15/98

RE: Blue Lines, Bike Lanes and the Danger of Turning Vehicles

I write to commend the Community Development Department on their plan to put blue lines at certain points on the City's bike lanes where there are side roads/intersections that make for dangerous traffic conditions. I agree with CDD, as quoted in The Cambridge Tab, (13-19 Oct 1998) that "there are high-conflict point between cyclists and motorists, primarily involving turning movements." Virtually all of my bike horror stories have occurred when a turning vehicle cut me off by turning across my lane of traffic to enter or exit a street or parking lot. Highlighting such danger areas with blue lines will, hopefully, raise everyone's situational awareness and cut down on future accidents and near-misses.

Further, given that CDD now acknowledges the dangers posed by turning movements, I hope that the Department will revisit the removal of the median strip along much of Northern Mass Ave. The removal of this strip will allow numerous new cross-traffic turning movements that can only make the heavily trafficked Avenue a more dangerous place for both cyclists and drivers, regardless of how many blue lines the City paints on the road.



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Consent Communication #17

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A communication was received from  
craig Kelley, transmitting a  
letter regarding the blue lines,  
bike lanes and the danger of turning  
vehicles.

In City Council October 19, 1998

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