



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
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To : Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Date : March 26, 1984

From : Everett R. Kennedy
Commissioner of Public Works *ERM*

Reference

Subject: City Council Order #11 & #12 - Mayor Russell - 3-12-84
Re: Curb Cuts - Dawes Island Harvard Square Area

The Department has reviewed the question of compliance in regard to handicapped ramps at Dawes Island, Massachusetts Avenue. These ramps, installed in the middle seventies do not meet the current requirements. The Department will schedule renovation of the island to the extent necessary to bring the ramps into compliance with Architectural Barriers Regulations; this work should be completed by early summer.

As the Council may be aware, the Public Works Department is constantly reviewing curb cuts and ramps with other agencies including Community Development Department, CRA, CHA, MBTA, and Handicapped Commission to name a few. All ramps are being brought into compliance unless there is a practical physical street condition that does not allow for 100 percent compliance. In such cases, the Department is ready to review each with the City's Handicapped Commission and/or the State Board to reach a solution to differences, if possible.

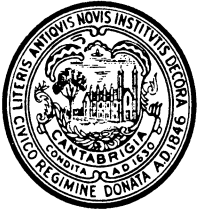
In several instances in 1983, new ramps have been reconstructed to meet requirements following a determination by Public Works that they did not comply to State requirements. The Department continues to experience difficulty in having architects and engineers, who should be fully aware of present day requirements, design and supervise construction of ramps that meet all requirements. This is true in both completely new construction as well as renovation of existing walks.

Any specific concern in regard to sidewalk ramps, or any other handicapped person requirements, can be addressed to me or to Gail Enman of the Handicapped Commission. The concern will be reviewed immediately, and corrective work scheduled, a budget restraint and personnel limitations can be worked out within the construction season.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

March 26, 1984

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 7 relative to the status of curb cuts in relation to their compliance with the Architectural Barriers Regulations concerning the handicapped, enclosed please find copy of a report from Everett R. Kennedy, Commissioner of Public Works.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf
Enc.

Agenda Item Number Fifteen

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Re: response to Awaiting Report Item No. 7
regarding the status of curb cuts in relation
to their compliance with the Architectural
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In City Council,

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