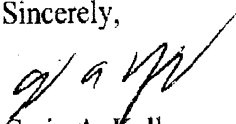


example, the City has stated that crosswalks will be approximately 300 feet apart with the redesign. Actual distances are up to 480 and 500 feet between crosswalks. Such disconnects are too serious to go unexplained in a public forum.

In closing, while the NCSC and many members of the community remain committed to changing the redesign to ensure our neighborhood is as safe as possible, we are also committed to working with the City to ensure that the construction process itself goes as smoothly as possible. We look forward to having the City management and the City Council's cooperation on these issues.

Should you have any questions about this letter or any other North Cambridge issue please feel free to call me at 617-354-8353 or email me at VoteCraig@att.net.

Sincerely,



Craig A. Kelley
Chair

North Cambridge Stabilization Committee

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4 February, 1999

City Council
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Dear Councilors:

On behalf of the North Cambridge Stabilization Committee (NCSC), I would like to request the Council's assistance concerning the upcoming North Mass Ave redesign project. In particular, the members of the NCSC, along with various businesses on the Avenue, think that the negative impacts of the construction project could be lessened through implementation of the following suggestions:

- Providing, in the City budget, for a neighborhood/business coordinator who would manage local issues and communicate them to DPW and contractor staff. This coordinator would be funded by the City but selected by North Cambridge businesses and residents
- Having the City create a "resource" allocation plan to ensure that the construction project's negative effects (parking removed for equipment staging, sidewalk closing, noise, etc) do not concentrate on individual businesses or residents
- Having the City create and distribute a detailed flier explaining the construction process and schedule, its possible impacts on North Cambridge and the rights and obligations of businesses, residents, contractors and the City concerning noise, parking, police details, dirt, notice of street and utility closings, etc.
- Having the City appoint a specific point of contact for this project and directing that this contact, the contractor and interested parties from North Cambridge meet at least every two weeks to discuss the project
- Having the City clearly explain how certain groups, such as the elderly and children, will be able to use the streetscape in a safe manner during and after construction.
- Having the City ensure that any changes to the construction schedule or plans are promptly passed on to all interested and affected parties
- Having the City start the public process on landscaping the Avenue as soon as possible. These meetings were to have started in October of 1998 but there has been no news on them yet.

The NCSC also requests that the City Council hold a public hearing where members of the public can get accurate, direct and honest answers from city staff concerning this project. Such open communication has not occurred in the past and the vast majority of North Cambridge residents and businesses remains very concerned about the safety impacts of this project. As an

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A communication was received from
Craig A. Kelley, North Cambridge Stabilization
Committee, requesting assistance concerning the
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In City Council February 8, 1999

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