



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Robert Healy, City Manager

Date Sept. 19, 1985

From *N. Teso*
George Teso, Traffic Director

Reference

Subject Twin City Mall, Gore St. and Lambert St. Traffic Interim Report

A meeting was held at the Twin City Mall office concerning the traffic problems on Gore Street. The meeting was attended by Representative Peter Vellucci, Twin City Mall Manager Walter Fuller, Twin City Security Chief Rocky Seamans, City of Somerville Traffic Director Owen McDonald, Cambridge Traffic Engineer Lauren Preston and myself.

The discussion centered on ways and means of easing the traffic congestion on Gore Street and Lambert Street created by vehicles using the mall as a shortcut from Monsignor O'Brien Highway to Gore Street. It was decided that the first step to take is to close Rufa Road at the Mall and to consider closing the other driveway that is in Somerville.

The longterm solution to this problem is to make the Gore Street access to the mall an entrance only but this cannot be done unless the traffic signals at Monsignor O'Brien Highway and the mall are modified to allow a left turn out of the mall. At the present time only right turns out are allowed.

It is our opinion that this change would remove all the traffic that is now using the mall as a shortcut, as well as some of the shoppers who use this as well.

It is also our opinion that the modification of the traffic signals at Monsignor O'Brien Highway could be accomplished without any problems as with signals being installed at Monsignor O'Brien Highway and Third Street, thus the signals at the mall would fit into the system.

I have also enclosed a copy of a letter I have sent to State Representative Peter Vellucci requesting his assistance in funding for traffic signals at the intersection of Gore Street and Lambert Street and he has also indicated that he will talk to the MDC concerning the modification of the signals at Monsignor O'Brien Highway and the Twin City Mall in Somerville.

I will keep you informed of any progress made on these proposals.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC & PARKING

September 19, 1985

George Teso
Director

Peter A. Vellucci
State Representative
State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Representative Vellucci:

After meeting with you and representatives of the City of Somerville and the Twin City Mall, I was very happy to learn of the proposal to lower Medford Street under the railroad bridge to allow heavy trucks to use this street thereby removing heavy trucks from our residential streets.

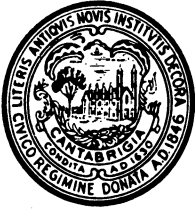
In discussing these problems the subject of traffic signals at the intersection of Gore Street and Lambert Street was brought up and how we could get funds to expedite this installation. At the present time, there are no funds in our budget for traffic signals, in fact all signals installed in the City were paid for by federal or state funds.

I would respectfully request that any assistance you can give us in this matter would be greatly appreciated and I and my staff are available to design and write specifications for this installation.

Very truly yours,

George Teso
Traffic Director

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

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DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

September 30, 1985

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed for your information is a further report from the Traffic Department concerning the traffic problems on Gore and Lambert Streets in the area of the Twin City Mall.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Agenda Item No. 2 S 708

Re: Traffic Dept. report on traffic in the
Gore St. & Lambert St. area near the Twin
City Mall.

In City Council,

September 30, 1985

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