

September 7, 1988 .

Ms. Joan Lastovica
City Engineer
Cambridge Department of Public Works
147 Hampshire Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Lastovica:

We are writing to express our disappointment and concern over the fact that the sidewalks, curbing, and street have not been replaced on Allston Street between Magazine and Pearl Streets. When several of us brought the condition of this section of Allston Street to the attention of the Cambridge Department of Public Works in the spring of 1987, it was their understanding that the City would make the necessary repairs as quickly as it could, and certainly by the summer of 1988.

It is now our understanding that two contracts were to be put out for bid in 1988 concerning street and sidewalk repairs in Cambridge. This section of Allston Street was not, according to discussions with the DPW, under the first contract, and thus was not done early this year. However, it is now our understanding that because the repairs to be done under the first contract were not completed, work to be done under the second contract will be delayed.

We request that, if at all possible, this section of Allston Street be added to the first contract or be put at the top of the list for work to be done under the second contract, so that it can be done as soon as possible. It has, after all, been a year and a half since the problem was brought to the City's attention, and no relief is in sight. We would also like to be informed by the DPW when in fact the work will be performed.

Finally, we invite you or any member of the DPW or City Council to visit this section of Allston Street, so that

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you can see for yourselves the terrible condition it is in.
We believe that the current condition of the sidewalks, curbs,
and street on this section of Allston Street present serious
safety concerns, as well as being an eyesore.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Residents of Allston Street

Michael Leguan 240 Allston St.
Joel Burke 231 Allston St.
Drene Anney 237 Allston St.
Lucien Weiphal 203 Allston St.
Jon Kaldin - 239 Allston St.
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cc: Cambridge City Council

Steven @ Leguan 240 Allston St.

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Petition signed by residents of Allston St. to the Engineering Dept. expressing concern over the fact that sidewalks, curbing & the street has not been replaced on Allston St. between Magazine St. & Pearl St.'s.

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Placed on file.

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