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February 7, 1994

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Nos. 5 and 9, regarding safety issues on Walden Street, Traffic & Parking Director George Teso reports the following:

The Traffic Department has checked the signing along the length of Walden Street. All 6-ton weight limit signs are correctly posted for the railroad bridge, and the truck restriction signs are all posted with the exception of one which will be reinstalled by February 7th. Also found missing were "speed limit", "curve" and "playground" warning signs which will be reinstalled as soon as the weather conditions permit installation of sign poles. In addition, the Traffic Department is working with the School Department to assure that the "school crossing" signs are posted at appropriate locations.

Several years ago, permanent pavement markings were installed along Walden Street. Many of these markings are now in need of replacement. Repairs are scheduled for this Spring in either thermoplastic or paint. After inspection of the traffic signals, several burned out bulbs and one defective pedestrian push button were found and reported to the maintenance contractor for immediate repairs.

There has been a slight increase in traffic on Walden Street due to the closing of Sherman Street for sewer construction. The Traffic Department has adjusted the timing of the traffic signals at various locations to safely accommodate this increase and will continue to monitor the area.

Also, Police Commissioner Perry Anderson has informed this office that the Commanding Officer of the Day Patrol Section has been directed to have the Traffic Unit conduct enforcement of the speed and truck weight limits on Walden Street. The activities of this assignment and the number of citations issued will be specifically addressed in monthly reports for the next three months.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy

City Manager

RWH/mev

Consent Agenda # 17

Response to Awaiting Report Items
Numbered Five and Nine, regarding
safety issues on Walden Street.

*report # 5 -
for original order
see Order # 9 of 1/24/94*

*rep. # 9 - for original order
see 1993 City Manager's
Requests # 354.*

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To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 13, regarding the status of the installation of traffic signals at Garden Street and Concord Avenue, Traffic & Parking Director George Teso reports the following:

The Traffic Department has conducted a study of the intersection of Concord Avenue, Garden Street and Follen Street (Arsenal Square) with a view towards installing full signalization. Due to the complexity of this intersection, the Department is examining the potential for a new design that would make it safer for pedestrians to cross as well as improve the movement of traffic through the area.

The Traffic Department has a preliminary design of this area and is in the process of meeting with the Fire Department, Public Works Department and Police Department to determine if the design is feasible. As soon as these meetings are completed and approved, the Traffic Department will schedule a meeting with the residents of the area to discuss the proposal. If all parties agree, the Traffic Department will then begin the process of advertising for bids for the installation of the traffic signals.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mev

Consent Agenda # 16

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Response to Awaiting Report Item
Number Thirteen, regarding status of
the installation of traffic signals at
Garden Street and Concord Avenue.

*per original order see
Order # 24 of 1/31/94*

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