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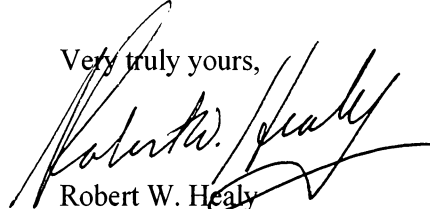
To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 03-73, regarding a report on neighborhood complaints about noise emanating from trains in the East Cambridge area, please be advised of the following:

The Federal Highway Administration requires by law that any railway with low volumes and/or inconsistent schedules must actuate an audible sound when traveling through any thickly settled area and when approaching any railroad crossing. The audible warning is not only used to warn drivers of the approaching train but to warn pedestrians crossing the tracks that a train is approaching.

The Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department has been asked to work with the appropriate agencies using this route to request that trains only use the audible signals when approaching the railroad crossing, which should help alleviate some of the noise in this residential area.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #4

Transmitting communication from
Robert W. Healy, City Manager,
relative to **Awaiting Report Item
Number 03-73**, regarding a report on
neighborhood complaints about noise
emanating from trains in the East
Cambridge area.

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