



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Mr. Robert Healy, City Manager **Date** January 21, 1985

From *Mr. George Teso* Mr. George Teso, Traffic Director **Reference**

Subject City Council Order No. 14 of June 4, 1984 - "Kendall Square Traffic Pattern"

The Traffic Department has met with the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority concerning the Kendall Square Traffic Pattern, both agree that the traffic pattern around the fast-growing Cambridge Center Development which was designed by the Authority and their traffic consultants, in cooperation, with the City of Cambridge is adequate.

There were two main considerations in mind during the design stage, the public hearings and the numerous meetings with neighborhood groups and businessmen. One was to keep as much through traffic out of the East Cambridge Neighborhood and secondly to eliminate the traffic circle which was the most dangerous intersection under the control of the City.

It is our opinion that this has been accomplished by the expenditure of millions of dollars by the Redevelopment Authority in widening streets, constructing median strips and the installation of traffic control devices. In checking these locations to see what effect this pattern has had on our two prime concerns, we have determined that the number of accidents has decreased from 52 per year to 4 per year and the volume of traffic on Third Street has decreased by 2500 vehicles per day. As you can see, our two main objectives have been met giving the City of Cambridge a little relief from traffic with some inconvenience to a few who now have to travel a couple of extra blocks to reach Third Street from Memorial Drive.

I have enclosed a map showing how people can get to Third Street from Memorial Drive. Any driver on Memorial Drive who wants to get to Third Street has two options. He/she can turn into Wadsworth Street make a left turn into

Amherst Street and a right turn onto Ames Street to Broadway and into Third Street. The second option is to continue down Memorial Drive under the Longfellow Bridge and back down Main Street to Third Street. When the Binney Street Connection is completed to Commerical Avenue, then these drivers can continue down Memorial Drive to Commercial Avenue, to Binney Street and onto Third Street.

It was also our opinion that the few people who want to get to East Cambridge can do so with a minimum amount of inconvenience but in greater safety.

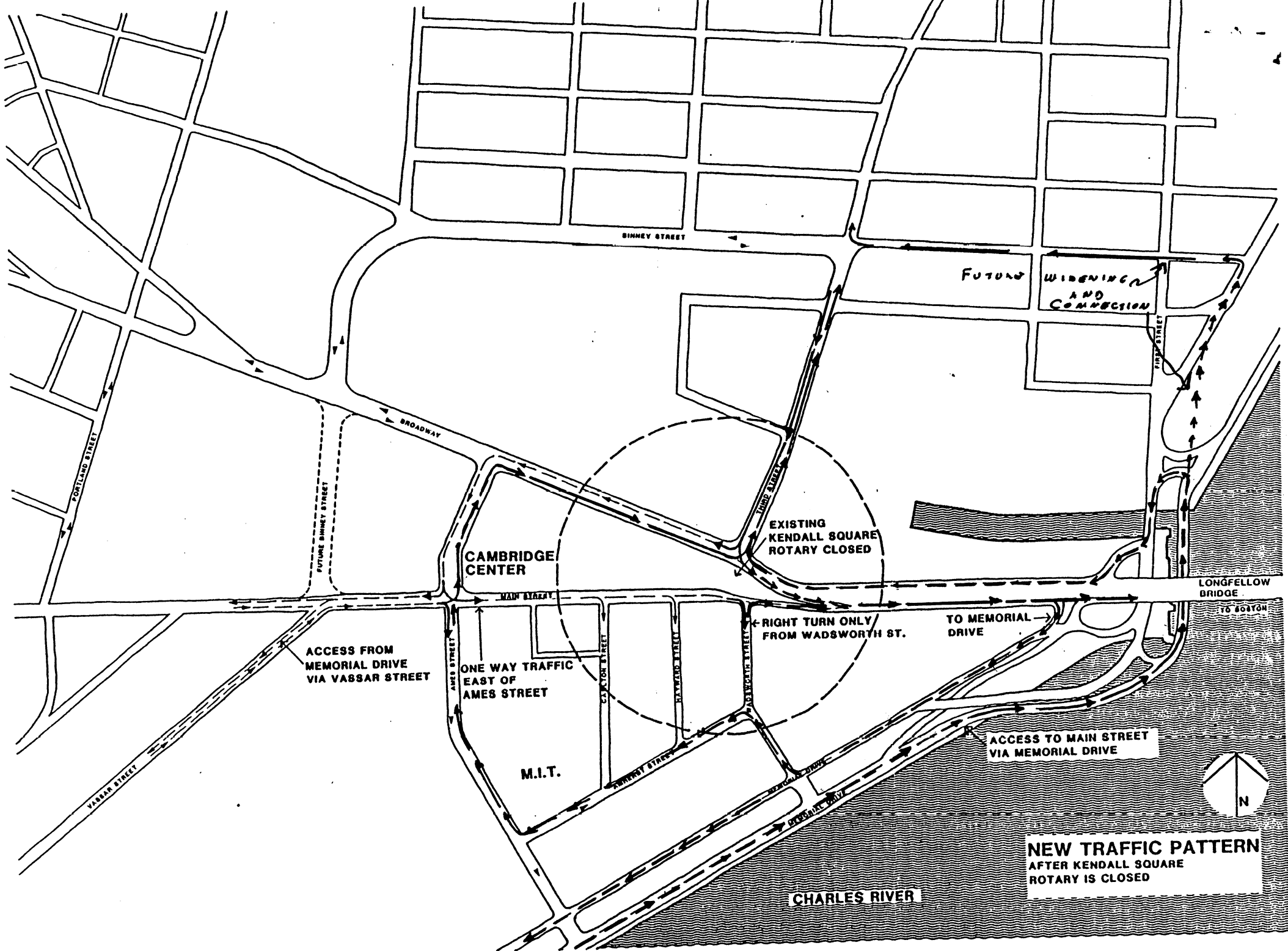
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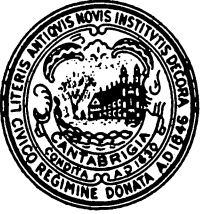
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

February 11, 1985

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 8 relative to a study of the traffic pattern in Kendall Square, enclosed please find copy of a report from George Teso, Traffic Director.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Agenda Item No. 1

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Re: response to Awaiting Report Item No. 8
on a study of the traffic pattern in Ken-
dall Square.

In City Council,

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