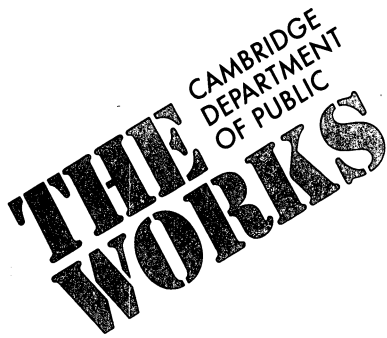




January 26, 1994

Ralph E. Dunphy
Commissioner

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TO: Robert W. Healy
City Manager

FROM: 
Ralph E. Dunphy
Commissioner

SUBJECT: Council Order #12, dated 12/20/93
RE: Inspection of Handicap Ramp at
Upland Road and Newell Street

This Council Order refers to whether handicap ramps at Upland Road and Newell Street are in safe locations. It is difficult to adequately respond to this due to snowbanks currently covering the ramps. Instead of a field inspection, we have utilized handicap ramp data collected for our computerized "Pavement Management System".

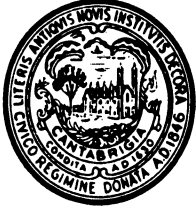
According to our field data, the ramps are located at the corner of Upland Road and Newell Street before you actually cross Newell Street. The ramp across from Newell Street is constructed with bricks and is in fair condition. The ramp adjacent to Newell Street is made out of concrete and is in excellent condition, but is too steep according to ADA standards.

The City Engineer discussed the ramp location with Lauren Preston of the Traffic Department and he feels that the location is good for crossing Upland Road, as Upland Road is one way and the crossing is before Newell Street so pedestrians only need to look up the street for oncoming traffic. If it is determined that a new crosswalk is needed at that location to make it safer, it will be installed.

If the location is also determined to be safe by the Disability Council, Public Works will put the ramps on the list for reconstruction under our pedestrian ramp contract to assure ADA compliance and good condition of the ramp construction.

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January 31, 1994

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 1, regarding an inspection of the handicapped ramp at Upland Road and Newell Street, please find attached a response from Ralph E. Dunphy, Public Works Commissioner.

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

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Agenda # 5

5-19
Awaiting Report Item Number One
response relative to an inspection
of the handicapped ramp at Upland Rd.
and Newell Street.

for original order see
1993 City Manager's
Requests # 360

In City Council,

January 31, 1994

Placed on file.