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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Robert Healy, City Manager

Date Dec. 8, 1988

From *M. Teso*
George Teso, Traffic Director

Reference

Subject City Council Order #13 of November 28, 1988 Re: "Traffic Signals at Mass. Ave. and Dover St; Mass. Ave. and Beech Street".

We have conducted an investigation into the operation of the traffic signals and accidents on Sunday, November 27, 1988 and have, with the assistance of the Police Department, Cambridge Electric Company and Tri State Signal Company, have come up with the following results.

1. Mass. Ave. and Dover St.

On November 27, 1988 at approximately 1:05 PM, two vehicles were stopped for a red light on Mass. Ave. when a third vehicle struck the second vehicle pushing it into the first vehicle. According to the Police report there were no personal injuries and the signals were working. The Cambridge Electric Company has no record of any power failure on that day and our signal maintenance contractor had not received a call for this intersection. Putting all this data together we can assume that the signals were operational unless we can find something to the contrary.

2. Mass. Ave. and Beech St.

On November 27, 1988 at approximately 12:45 PM, the Police Department responded to an accident that occurred at this intersection. The report states that upon arriving at the scene the traffic signals were flashing yellow for Mass. Ave. and red for Beech Street. A vehicle entering the intersection from Beech Street was struck by a vehicle going north on Mass. Ave. and according to the report there were no personal injuries. After checking the police calls it was found that a call was made to Tri State Signal Company at approximately 1:15 PM on Nov. 27, 1988 that the signals were flashing. At approximately 1:55 PM, a maintenance man from Tri State Signal arrived on the scene and replaced a malfunctioning EC head assembly and put the signals back in operation. This is well within the time specified by the contract that they answer all calls within two hours. A further check with Cambridge Electric showed no power failures on this day.

We still have not found out who turned the signals on flash and the only way this can be done is by a switch that is in a police box on the controller cabinet. The Police Department is looking into this matter and will report back to me if they find anything.

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December 12, 1988

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report No. 45 regarding two accidents along Massachusetts Avenue on November 27, 1988, I submit the attached report from the Traffic and Parking Department.

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

Agenda Item No. 18 S771

Re: response to Awaiting Report Item 45 on
two accidents which occurred on November 27th
on Mass. Ave. at Dover St. & Beech St.

In City Council,

December 12, 1988

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Placed on file.