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Cambridge Traffic Department
57 Inman Street
Cambridge, MA 02140

Dear Traffic Personnel:

Crossing Massachusetts Avenue from the Cambridge Common in the direction of Harvard Law School is sometimes extremely hazardous since the operation of the underground bus station has resumed in Harvard Square. Pedestrians crossing from the Common sidewalk face a "Walk" sign as traffic entering the intersection from the direction of Porter Square faces the red light. However, just beyond and sometimes unseen until a near-collision occurs, a bus zooms out of the underground tunnel heading north with no red light facing it as pedestrians obeying the "Walk" sign innocently try to negotiate the intersection. Nothing warns them a bus may be approaching from the opposite direction on this otherwise one-way street.

Having twice experienced the situation I've described above, along with other pedestrians, I suggest the Traffic Department provide a safe solution to a dangerous condition before someone is hurt (bus operators always seem to have the right-of-way). It seems incredible that vehicles are allowed free passage the wrong way for a short distance on an otherwise one-way street while a red light is directed at traffic traveling in the proper direction.

Sincerely,

Joyce E. Havlick
Financial Aid Officer

cc: Mayor of Cambridge
City Council of Cambridge

Comm. from Joyce E. Havlick, Financial Aid
Officer, Harvard Law School Re: hazards of
crossing Mass. Ave. from the Common in the
direction of the Harvard Law School.

*consent to the City Manager & Traffic
Director 10/23/85 mhr*

In City Council,

October 21, 1985

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*Referred to the
City Manager*

AND

*TRAFFIC DIRECTOR
FOR*

Report & Recommendations