

May 30, 2000

Re: Median Beautification in Kendall Square

Dear City of Cambridge Public Works Dept., Urban Forestry Division,

The tremendous amount of construction in the Kendall Square area has brought a good amount of beautification, with the addition of grass and trees along the streets, etc. And hopefully more is to come. However, there is one glaring omission, namely the painted median that runs between the two C.S. Draper Laboratory buildings, and the corner where Broadway and Hampshire split. Coming from the greenery of the Marriott and Volpe Center area, it seems as though the Inman Square-bound traveler enters a noticeably more seedy zone once he/she crosses the railroad tracks at the Binney St./Broadway intersection. So stark is the contrast.

As a 15 year resident of Cambridge, I would like to voice the collective concern of East Cambridge residents that this short section of Broadway is not being attended to, now, when the opportunity exists to improve the area. If the improvement of this median and corner is not enacted before the major construction projects of the Kendall Square area are complete, we fear the likelihood of future improvement will be small. It simply makes sense to change this short section of "no man's median" into a green parkway between the promenade of business-district Broadway to the tall, lush trees of traditional residential Broadway/Hampshire Streets.

Thank you for hearing our concerns,

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cc: Mayor's Office
City Counsel Office
Commissioner of Public Works
Cambridge Business Development Center

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Communications and Reports from
Other Officers #2

A communication was received from
D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk,
transmitting a letter from
Peter Neirinckx, relative to
median beautification in Kendall
Square.

In City Council June 5, 2000

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