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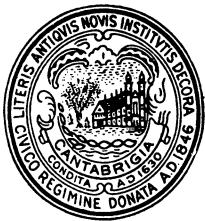
SUSAN B. SCHLESINGER,
*Assistant City Manager for
Community Development*

To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
From: Susan B. Schlesinger, Assistant City Manager for Community Development *SPS*
Re: Council Order #13, May 1, 1995
Date: November 1, 1995

The Porter Square area may be facing a number of changes over the next few years. The owners of the Porter Square Shopping Center are considering renovations of the shopping center, the owner of the former Stephen James site is interested in new development on that site, and the reconstruction of North Massachusetts Avenue from Porter Square to Route 16 is funded under the FY97 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A neighborhood group, the Porter Square Neighbor Association, has recently formed to address these and other Porter Square issues.

The Porter Square Neighbor Association has met with the owners of the Porter Square Shopping Center to plan for community input on their renovations, and plans to hold a neighborhood workshop on Saturday, December 2, 1995 to initiate participation with the shopping center on their renovation. The work on Massachusetts Avenue under the FY97 TIP will include typical streetscape issues such as bicycle lanes, handicapped access, sidewalks and street trees, along with roadway resurfacing and restriping. Community participation will be encouraged during the design process with abutting residents and businesses as well as neighborhood organizations. Longstanding pedestrian safety issues in Porter Square will be included as part of the North Massachusetts Avenue improvements, and are being addressed by a number of groups, including the Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Porter Square Neighbor Association.

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Susan E. Clippinger
Director

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October 30, 1995

TO: Robert Healy, City Manager

FROM: Susan E. Clippinger, Director *SC*

SUBJECT: Council Order #13 dated 5/1/95

RE: Status of studies and changes to the Porter Square Area.

There have been several City Council orders requesting pedestrian improvements for Porter Square. In August, 1995, we added 6 seconds to the walk phase between the shopping center and Mass. Ave. at Somerville Ave. However, the high traffic volumes on Mass. Ave. and Somerville Ave. and the location of the headhouse for the Porter Square subway station make it more difficult to improve the area for pedestrians.

We will be working with Community Development and the Environment Program to plan and design improvements for the area.



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November 6, 1995

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 14, regarding the status of changes to the Porter Square area, please find attached responses received from Assistant City Manager for Community Development Susan Schlesinger as well as Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachments

Consent Agenda #30

Relative to Awaiting Report Item
Number Fourteen, regarding the
status of changes to the Porter
Square area.

*for original order
see 1995 City Manager
Requests # 1A.*

In City Council November 6, 1995

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