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February 27, 1989

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Reports No. 17 and 39 regarding the installation of "Pedestrian Crossing" street stanchions on Huron Avenue, the Director of Traffic and Parking opposes such a plan for several important reasons. The state has routinely denied permits for such stanchions due to the liability issues related to pedestrians and motor vehicles. In addition, the maintenance of such signs is difficult since they can be easily removed, turned, or damaged. The Town of Belmont uses such stanchions but only in its downtown district where the rate of speed is slow and police patrolmen can observe them. In Arlington, they are used on Massachusetts Avenue but they need to be constantly replaced due to accidents.

Mr. Teso will investigate the possibility of installing a traffic signal at the intersection of Huron and Fayerweather Street with a view toward improving pedestrian safety. In addition, he will attend a public meeting which will be held at the Tobin School on March 20 at 7 p.m. to discuss traffic safety in the vicinity of Huron Avenue.

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. 10 *S-129*

Re: response to Awaiting Report Items 17 &  
39 on the installation of "Pedestrian Cross-  
ing" street stanchions on Huron Ave.

In City Council,

February 27, 1989

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Placed on file.  
Meeting to be held on  
3-22-89 at 7 P.M.  
Tobin School in  
connection with this matter.  
Traffic Dept. & Police Traffic  
Div. to be in attendance.