



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Traffic, Parking and Transportation
57 Inman Street,
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Susan E. Clippinger
Director

Administration	349-4700
Parking Violations	349-4705
Resident Parking	349-4701

April 29, 1997

TO: Robert Healy, City Manager

FROM: Susan E. Clippinger, Director *SC*

SUBJECT: Council Order #3 dated April 28, 1997

RE: Traffic Study on Gold Star Road

The attached letter was hand delivered to me at the first North Mass. Ave. Sewer and Surface Improvements Community meeting held on April 9, 1997. The letter has been forwarded to Public Works and their consultant to be included in the work being done as part of that project. If the traffic analysis by TAMS shows this to be a safe and viable change with no adverse impacts on other residential streets, we will go ahead to implement the change prior to the construction activity.

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Ralph Dunphy, Commissioner
Cambridge Department of Public Works

April 8, 1997

Dear Commissioner Dunphy:

We are writing to submit a proposal related to the "traffic calming" measures considered for North Cambridge. We are in support of many of the suggestions for redesign of traffic, pedestrian and bicycle accommodations currently being considered by your department.

As residents of Gold Star Road, we are making the following proposals:

• Harvey Street becomes two-way

The section of Harvey Street, between Mass. Ave. and Cedar Street, would become a two-way street. This change would allow drivers easy access to Cameron Street, a two-way street bordered by traffic lights, with direct access to Davis and Teele Squares in Somerville. Currently, to reach Somerville (or points beyond), drivers travel north along Cedar Street, turn left onto Mass. Ave., and then right onto Gold Star Road. This residential, one-way street, carries all of the traffic from Cedar Street, and then empties out onto Cameron Street via Seven Pines, Glendale or Fair Oaks Avenues. If Harvey Street were two-way, this traffic could be diverted directly onto Cameron Street, with the benefit of pre-existing traffic lights at Harvey Street and Mass. Ave.

* Crosswalk and flashing yellow light at the corner of Mass. Ave. and Gold Star Road

Gold Star Road is a densely packed residential street with a number of families with young children. The great volume of cars turning onto the street pose particular dangers to children living on this street. We are requesting that a crosswalk be painted onto the corner of Gold Star Road and Mass. Ave. at the existing curb cuts. It would also be helpful if a flashing yellow light could be installed at that corner. Our hope is that the flashing light and crosswalk would draw the attention of drivers who typically swerve around the corner from Mass. Ave. onto Gold Star Road, sometimes barely missing children and adults who are attempting to carefully cross the street.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Beryl Minkle, Haakon F. Chevalier

Beryl Minkle and Haakon Chevalier
21 Gold Star Road, 02140

Mr. Lawrence Buck 20 Gold Star Rd.

Michael S Rome

*Mr & Mrs James P Fitzgerald
24 Gold Star*

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(we already have a crosswalk.)
*Mr & Mrs John Torci
28 Gold Star Rd.
sup to Costello
17 Gold Star Rd.*



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May 5, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 37, regarding a traffic study of Gold Star Road, received from Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
attachment

Consent Agenda #22

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number
Thirty-seven, regarding a traffic study
of Gold Star Road.

In City Council May 5, 1997

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