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To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 25, regarding a report on the short-term and long-term improvements to traffic and pedestrian safety issues in the Porter Square shopping mall area, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger and Assistant City Manager for Community Development Susan Schlesinger report the following:

Sewer separation work is planned for the Massachusetts Avenue corridor from Porter Square to the Arlington line. This work is part of the court ordered clean-up of the Charles River. As part of this project, improvements to the roadway system (including curbs, sidewalks and crosswalks) are being planned to be implemented in conjunction with the sewer work.

The City Manager appointed a Citizens Advisory Committee to work with the consultant team of Maguire, TAMS, Halvorson, Cecil and Rizvi on the changes in Porter Square. The Citizens Advisory Committee has been meeting since May 14, 1997. Currently, there are three design options under review as well as a short term option under review. Materials about the options were distributed to the Citizens Advisory Committee members and are available to other interested parties. These options were discussed at the November 13th Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. The Citizens Advisory Committee will be making recommendations to the City Manager by the end of the year. The short term options recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee will include signal changes and pavement markings and will be implemented by the Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department as soon as possible. Long term improvements will include more significant changes to road configurations, turns, medians and bicycle lanes.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #3

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number
Twenty-five, regarding a report on the
short-term and long-term improvements
to traffic and pedestrian safety issues
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