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To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 40, regarding a report on safety issues at Sherman Street and Walden Square Road, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger reports the following:

The intersection of Walden Square Road and Sherman Street has been reviewed in previous years. All steps to ensure this location is safe for pedestrians crossing have been taken. There is a signal at this location with sole purpose to provide a safe crossing for pedestrians. The button must be pushed to activate the light. Once pushed, a person generally waits only three seconds to cross. The longest possible wait cycle occurs when the light has just ended its walk phase; then the wait would still be only thirty seconds. In reviewing this location again, there are no further improvements that can be made at this location. Pedestrians who do not use the crosswalk or push the button for the light and wait for it are choosing not to use the safety measures being provided.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Relative to AW Report #40
regarding a report on safety
issues at Sherman Street and
Walden Square Road.

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