



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 28, 1997

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct with the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation to conduct a traffic study of Gold Star Road, to determine how to improve safety and reduce through traffic in the residential neighborhood; and be it further
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- ORDERED: That the Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation or her designee meet with the residents before the study and inform them of the results and also report back to the City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Ralph Dunphy, Commissioner
Cambridge Department of Public Works

April 8, 1997

Dear Commissioner Dunphy:

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

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Beryl Minkle, Haakon J. Chevalier

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21 Gold Star Road, 02140

M. Lawrence Beck 20 Gold Star Rd.

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24 Gold Star*

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Born, Duehay, Galluccio, Russell, Sullivan
Consent Order #3 Toomey CM-224

Councillor Triantafillou re: Make
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ORDER ADOPTED