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To: Robert W. Healy
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From:  Ralph E. Dunphy
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Date: August 26, 1997

Subject: Council Order # 131, dated 08/04/97
Re: Report on Improving the Condition of
Gateway Streets

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Efforts are underway to improve the conditions of gateway streets in the City.

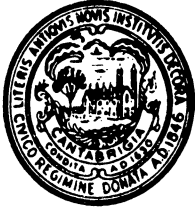
In addition, immediate efforts to ensure all gateway streets are swept and maintained.

- ◆ Cambridge Street from Inman Square to First Street is undergoing community process with CDD for improvements. This same area has just received a new water main and is scheduled to have a new gas main installed this Fall. Final improvements to this area will be completed after the gas main installation and final paving by CDD. Final construction may begin in the Fall of 1998. Improvements to the walk area at Lechmere Station is near completion and is a big improvement. These improvements were coordinated with the MBTA, CDD and the community.
- ◆ The area of Cambridge Street from Quincy Street to Inman Square is undergoing sewer separation and water main replacement. This work is scheduled for completion is early Summer of 1998 and will result in new pavement for the street.
- ◆ Main Street is about to undergo reconstruction in the vicinity of Binney, Vassar and Ames Streets. The maintenance of Main Street near the bridge will be improved. Sidewalk repairs, replacements, etc. are underway in and around the Main Street/Kendall Square area.



- ◆ Massachusetts Avenue from Memorial Drive to Main Street is under planning for complete reconstruction. Construction is expected to begin in 1999. Maintenance efforts in this area will be increased until the reconstruction begins.
- ◆ Columbia Street from Cambridge Street to Main Street is scheduled for reconstruction. We anticipate work to begin in 1998. Traffic calming is also being reviewed for this street.
- ◆ River Street and Western Avenue - Maintenance efforts will be increased.

NOTE: The beautification of gateway streets is being considered in conjunction with the current open space City beautification initiative just implemented. Plans are expected to be complete this year with implementation/construction/installation to be underway in the Spring of 1998.



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September 8, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 21, regarding improving the condition of Gateway Streets in the City, received from Public Works Commissioner Ralph Dunphy.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #6

S-530

Relative to Awaiting Report Item
Number Twenty-one, regarding im-
proving the condition of Gateway
Streets in the City.

In City Council September 8, 1997

Referred to
Public Service
on motion of
Councillor Sullivan

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