



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Date May 13, 1985

From *G. Teso*
George Teso, Traffic Director

Reference

Subject East Cambridge Traffic Circulation

In meeting with the residents of the East Cambridge Planning Team, the East Cambridge Stabilization Committee and the East Cambridge Business Association, a number of questions were raised concerning the traffic problems in this area particularly on Third Street, Gore Street and Binney Street. We have been and will continue to work with these groups along with other city, state and Federal agencies involved to insure that our final plans to make East Cambridge a better place to live and work is completed.

I have compiled a list of all the projects and steps taken at present to attain this goal.

A. Completed Projects

1. Reconstruction of the roadways in the Kendall Square Area which included the installation of six new traffic control intersections including pedestrian control as well as bells for the blind people crossing Kendall Square to get to the subway.
2. The redesign of the Kendall Square rotary which has reduced the number of accidents from 52 a year to 4 the last year.
3. The installation of traffic control signals at Charles St. and Third St.
4. The installation of traffic control signals at Cambridge St. and Second St.
5. A heavy commercial vehicle exclusion on all streets between Cambridge, Third, Charles and Fulkerson.
6. A heavy commercial vehicle exclusion on all streets between Cambridge and Monsignor O'Brien Highway.
7. We have reduced the speed limit to 25 M.P.H. on Gore Street.

B. Projects Under Construction

1. The reconstruction of First St., Lechmere Square and Monsignor O'Brien Highway. This project includes a full set of inter-

connected traffic control signals at Third St. and Monsignor O'Brien Highway, First St. and Cambridge St. and Lechmere Sq. This project also includes the installation of median strips along Monsignor O'Brien Highway to increase safety.

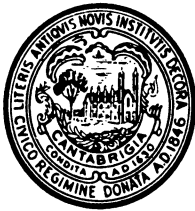
2. The construction of a 560 car parking facility at First St. and Spring St. which will allow us to take some parking off the existing streets and allow more resident parking.

C. Proposed Projects

1. We are conducting the required engineering study on Third St. which is required by law to permit us to restrict heavy Commercials from Third St. between Monsignor O'Brien Highway and Binney St. If this is approved it can be implemented as soon as First St. is completed.

These projects are the results of many meetings with the residents and agencies involved and we are now seeing some of the benefits of these measures. It is our desire as well as our opinion that when these projects are completed that it will improve the quality of life for the residents of East Cambridge.

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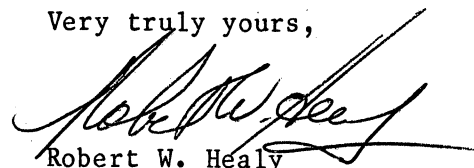
RICHARD C. ROSSI
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

August 5, 1985

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 16, enclosed please find copy of a report from George Teso, Traffic Director, relative to traffic problems in the East Cambridge area.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Enc.

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Re: report of Traffic Director George Teso on
traffic problems in East Cambridge.

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In City Council,

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