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Re: Council Order No. 2, dated April 26, 2010

Dear Sir:

As a follow-up to my original response dated, May 11, 2010 to the above Council Order regarding 77 Massachusetts Avenue, I offer the following update.

Since the last report the Cambridge Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit performed 57 directed patrols yielding seventeen (17) motor vehicle infractions, seven (7) were for red light infractions and one (1) motor vehicle accident.

The 2010 data reveals a 50% reduction in accidents this year as compared to the past three years. There were only two (2) motor vehicle accidents at this location since January 1, 2010 and both were very minor with no injuries. The first accident involved a taxi that pulled into 77 Massachusetts Avenue to drop off a fare and was side swiped resulting in damage to the taxi door; and the other accident involved a motor vehicle that was stopped at the stop light and was rear ended causing minor damage to both vehicles.

The Cambridge Police Department consulted with the Traffic and Parking Department regarding a raised crosswalk at 77 Massachusetts Avenue, but was advised there are some issues concerning this location. The main reason for not installing a raised crosswalk is because it is also Route 2A and is designated a State Highway and the State authorities would need to be involved in the decision process.

If you require additional information please contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Haas
Police Commissioner

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