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Dear Resident of Harvey Street:

In response to concerns from residents about speeding traffic on Harvey Street, the Community Development Department has hosted a series of meetings with residents and business owners and developed the enclosed plan for the creation of "chicanes". A chicane is a shift in the road created by alternating the parking from side to side, using signage and pavement markings. Chicanes reduce the likelihood of speeding because the street no longer appears to be straight. *If the neighborhood supports the plan for chicanes, it can be implemented in the spring. If the neighborhood does not support the plan, no changes will be made to Harvey Street.*

Two community meetings, a trial of the chicanes and a survey have been completed to develop and make changes to the plan to ensure that the final plan addresses the neighborhood concerns that have been expressed. Traffic calming elements that require construction are not under consideration for Harvey Street at this time, because the road was recently repaved and no additional work is currently planned for the street.

SUMMARY OF CONCERNS

- Reduce the speed of traffic on Harvey Street.
- Improve the safety and comfort of pedestrians.
- Minimize loss of parking spaces. Ensure that the parking survey accurately reflects fire hydrants and other non-parking areas.
- Maintain loading zones and commercial parking zones in their current locations.
- Ensure that driveways are accessible, particularly narrow driveways that service multiple vehicles.
- Ensure that large trucks can travel on Harvey Street and are able to make deliveries to the businesses on the street.

Please review the enclosed plan and join us for the final meeting about Harvey Street Traffic Calming.

Date: Saturday January 27th

**Location: 175 Harvey Street
Common Room**

Time: 10:00 a.m. – noon

Light refreshments will be served.

A number of changes have been incorporated into the final plan to address the concerns raised by the neighborhood and improve the plan.

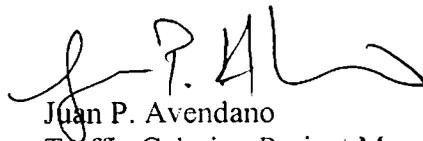
SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES

- The parking survey was updated to fully account for where existing fire hydrants are located and parking is therefore prohibited. As a result, the number of parking spaces that would be eliminated if the chicanes are created has been reduced to 3 spaces.
- Between Reed Street and Clay Street parking remains in its current location, on the north side of the street. This allows the loading zones and commercial parking zones to remain unchanged.
- During the June 21, 2006 trial. Fire Department apparatus and delivery trucks traveled Harvey Street without problem. Driveways were also easily accessed. The trial confirmed that large trucks would be able to travel on Harvey Street with the chicanes and that driveways would remain accessible.

Before determining if changes should occur on Harvey Street, it is important that the neighborhood discuss the revised plan. Please come to the final meeting to review the plan and give your input. If the neighborhood supports the chicanes, they can be implemented in the spring. If the neighborhood does not support the chicanes. no changes will be made to Harvey Street.

If you have any questions about the plan or the upcoming meeting, please contact me at 617-349-4655 or javendano@cambridgema.gov.

Sincerely,



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Traffic Calming Project Manager

Harvey Street

Cambridge, Massachusetts

The plan shifts parking from the north side to the south side of the street between Cedar St. and Reed St., as well as between Clay St. and Jackson St. It also shifts parking from the south side to the north side of the street west of Clifton St. Three parking spaces would be lost.

Proposed Spaces: 6

Existing Spaces: 11

Existing Spaces: 12

Existing Spaces: 16

Existing Spaces: 14

Existing Spaces: 3

No Change

Proposed Spaces: 8

No Change

Proposed Spaces: 12

Clifton St.

Jackson St.

Clay St.

Montgomery St.

Reed St.

Harrington Rd.

Cedar St.

-  Curb Cuts
-  On-Street Parking
- 123 Street Address

