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Dear Linnaean Street Neighborhood Residents:

We are writing to you because you have participated in the Linnaean Street project and we would like to update you about next steps for the project. Many interested neighbors have participated in the project through the design process, and four community meetings, as well as many e-mails and phone calls. We sincerely appreciate the ideas, issues and thoughts you have communicated regarding Linnaean Street.

At the latest community meeting on May 13th, 2010, neighbors expressed a wide variety of opinions about the revised plans, with some calling for no changes to the street, and others supporting the plan with chicanes, or calling for additional measures to control speed and increase pedestrian safety. In considering the many comments we have received throughout the process, we have tried to balance the needs and desires of residents, the school, and those who travel on the street by all modes. As a result, we have decided to scale back the proposed changes to the street and eliminate the chicanes, and focus on the pedestrian safety improvements of the plan, including curb extensions and new crosswalks. This change will keep all parking as is on the north side of the street and will not result in the loss of any legal parking spaces on Linnaean Street. The final conceptual plan for the project is enclosed and can be found on the city's website at : <http://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/et/tc/index.html>

As the project now proceeds into the final design of construction plans, we will continue to refine the details of the plan, addressing the comments we have heard regarding the difficulty of turning vehicles at curb extensions; all new and existing curb extensions will be less dramatic. In addition, trees will be added and lighting levels will be improved through trimming of tree branches and/or new light bulbs. We will continue to work with the property owners at the corner of Mass. Avenue and Linnaean Street so that vehicles in their parking lot will not need to drive on the sidewalk and will be kept from doing so.

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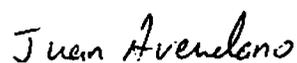


The project is anticipated to go to bid late this summer, with a majority of construction expected in the spring of 2011. The Public Works Department will provide advance notification to residents before construction begins.

Thank you again for the time and energy you have provided during the planning process for this project. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Bill Deignan by telephone at 617-349-4632 or by e-mail at wdeignan@cambridgema.gov, or Juan Avendano by telephone at 617-349-4655 or by email at javendano@cambridgema.gov.

Sincerely,

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