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March 6, 2013

Edward M. Lambert Jr.  
Department of Conservation and Recreation  
251 Causeway Street  
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Dear Commissioner Lambert,

We receive complaints from people traveling on Memorial Drive westbound of JFK Street who are surprised to suddenly find cars parked on the right side of the road blocking the travel lane. These are legally parked cars.

In response to a City Council resolution passed in 2010 I sent the enclosed letter to Ken Kirwin and recommended a sign that I thought would improve safety. Ken had indicated verbally that he would post a sign but to date no sign has been posted. In 2011 I received a request about the same issue via "see it click it fix it". This February the City Council once again passed a resolution about this issue. Both are also enclosed.

Can you have your staff post a sign that warns drivers that the lane ahead is blocked by parked cars at this location? That would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Clippinger  
Director

cc: Robert Healy, City Manager

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## CITY COUNCIL

### Policy Order Resolution

O-7  
IN CITY COUNCIL

February 25, 2013

COUNCILLOR CHEUNG  
MAYOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR KELLEY  
COUNCILLOR MAHER  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
VICE MAYOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR VANBEUZEKOM

- WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that many commuters have expressed concern about the safety of current parking regulations on Memorial Drive that allows for legal parking which blocks the right lane of Memorial Drive; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department and appropriate State departments to assess the current safety of the parking regulations and, if necessary, develop a proposed plan of action to improve safety in the before-mentioned area; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on this matter.

In City Council February 25, 2013  
Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven members.  
Attest:- Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-  
Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk

**COUNCILLOR TOOMEY AND MAYOR DAVIS RECORDED IN THE NEGATIVE  
ON THIS MATTER.**

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# Cambridge, MA [change]

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## Cars parked in right lane, no warning! - Open

980 Memorial Dr Cambridge, MA • Show on Map

Issue ID: 123833  
Viewed: 111 times  
Neighborhood: Cambridge  
Reported: on 2011-09-06  
Tagged: signs, bridge

REPORTER  
Brian (Guest)



5 TOTAL VOTES

VOTE!

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### DESCRIPTION

Heading westbound on Memorial Drive in Cambridge and all of a sudden there are cars parked in the right lane. There are no signs to warn you about this and I see people all the time swerving in the left lane at the last second. I am frankly surprised that I haven't seen more accidents there. Either put a sign up to warn the drivers in the right lane, or prohibit parking on that stretch of road.

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### NEARBY ISSUES



Taxis Parked in Bike Lane



Cambridge should allow intercity...



Red Light too Long for Memorial ...



(pothole)

### NEW COMMENT

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### NEARBY ISSUES



Taxis Parked in Bike Lane  
Reported by Grimlocke Von Hecht



Cambridge should allow intercity buses  
Reported by jimmygeldburg



Red Light too Long for Memorial Drive  
Reported by WDM2A



(pothole)  
Reported by Sean



Wheel-Destroying Pothole  
Reported by Grimlocke Von Hecht

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November 9 2010

Ken Kirwin  
Department of Conservation and Recreation  
251 Causeway Street  
Boston, MA 02114

RE: Memorial Drive Parking Warning sign

Dear Ken,

As you know cars are allowed to park in the travel lane on westbound Memorial Drive in a section west of the Anderson Bridge up to Hawthorne Street except on weekdays 7-10am and 4-6pm. The parking is on a blind curve and often catches the drivers unaware.

We had received a City Council order asking us to install a warning sign. I spoke to you about this as anything done would be DCR's decision. You indicated you would be willing to post a sign but weren't sure what sign to post and would welcome a recommendation. I sent you a recommended sign via email on March 25<sup>th</sup> and prepared a response to the City Council based on our conversation. The recommended sign and the Council order response are attached.

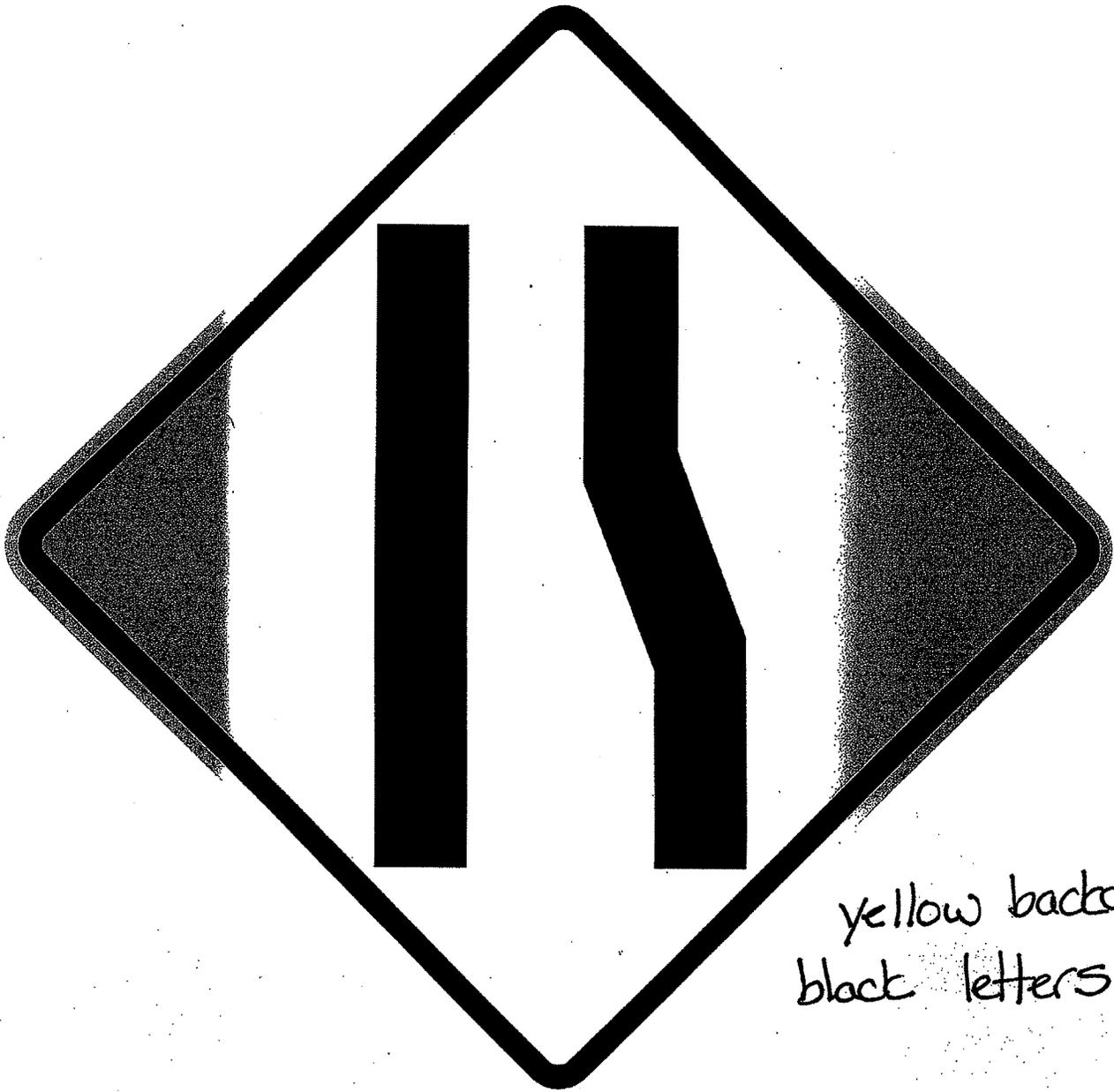
It is more than 6 months since we spoke and I sent you a recommended sign. Could you please let me know the status of this and whether you plan to do anything at this location. I have been asked by the City council to provide an update on this issue.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Clippinger  
Director

cc: Robert Healy, City Manager  
Rick Sullivan, DCR Commissioner  
Jack Murray, DCR Deputy Commissioner



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**EXCEPT  
7AM-10AM  
4PM-6PM  
WEEKDAYS**



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### City Manager Letter

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March 22, 2010

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To the Honorable, the City Council:

■ Hearing Schedule

In response to Awaiting Report Item Number 10-07, regarding a report on installing signage on Memorial Drive warning drivers of the upcoming lane of parked cars, please be advised of the following:

■ Reconsiderations

The Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department is assisting the DCR on designing the sign layout. However, designing the layout is complicated by the parking restrictions already in place at this location and by the Sycamore trees, which are large, close together and very close to the curb line. DCR will install the sign upon completion of the design and when the best location is determined.

■ City Manager's Agenda

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Very truly yours,

■ Applications and Petitions

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

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