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TRAFFIC PATTERN NOTICE: **Standish Street**

Dear Residents,

In the spring of 2015, the City's contractor, Barletta Heavy Division, began utility and surface work on Vassal Lane (Alpine to Huron) as a part of the ongoing construction of the Huron B - Alewife Sewer Separation Project. To expedite this work and safely detour traffic in this area, **the Standish Street traffic pattern was reversed to the southbound direction from Vassal Lane to Huron Ave**, in effect 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.

Since the change was implemented, we have heard from some residents that support the change, and think it works well as a one-way pair with Lakeview Avenue, while other residents prefer the original direction and have expressed concerns about pulling on to Huron Avenue from Standish Street. The City staff committed that the change in direction of Standish Street would not be made permanent without a larger community discussion. In beginning to organize a community discussion, the Cambridge DPW staff reached out to affected departments to gain input into the direction of the street and determine the best process for finalizing the decision.

The Cambridge Fire Department strongly supports returning Standish Street to its original direction, from Huron Avenue to Vassal Lane. Primary emergency response into the neighborhood is from Huron Avenue, as the closest fire stations are on Lexington Ave (near Huron Avenue) and Taylor Square (Huron Avenue and Garden Street).

Given the split opinions we have heard from the community, and the strong support from the Fire Department for returning Standish to its original direction, **we will be returning Standish to a one-way from Huron Avenue to Vassal Lane once construction is complete.**

For additional project information and weekly construction update information, please visit the Huron B website: **www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/HuronB**.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact me at (617)498-4708/kanderson@kleinfelder.com.

Sincerely,

KyAnn Anderson, Community Relations Manager

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