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TO: Mayor Edward Caulfield
And
Members of the Lowell City Council

FROM: Bernard F. Lynch, City Manager 

DATE: October 22, 2008

SUBJECT: **MOTION OF 10/14/08 BY COUNCILOR MARTIN**
"REQUEST THE CITY MANAGER HAVE THE TRAFFIC
ENGINEER EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF PLACING A 4
WAY STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF SUFFOLK
STREET AND HALL STREET".

Regarding the above-mentioned motion, I have been in contact with Jeff Gomes, Transportation Engineer. Jeff has informed me he has investigated the site in question and made some conclusions. In accordance with the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)*, a four way stop at this intersection is not warranted because there are not at least five reported accidents per year. The accident history up to and including October 2008 is summarized below:

YEAR	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS
2005	3
2006	0
2007	0
2008	2

The Transportation Engineer does not recommend installing a four way stop because this intersection does not meet the warrants. A four way stop can create more accidents due to a confusion of the right-of-way. Installing multi-way regulatory stop controls where they are not warranted can place the City at risk. At this time neither traffic volume or accident data warrant four way stop control.

cc: Adam Baacke, Assistant City Manager /DPD Director
Lt. Tim Crowley, Lowell Police Department
Anne Barton, Deputy Director
Diane Tradd, Chief Design Planner
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