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IN CITY COUNCIL  
DEC 18 1986

READ AND PASSED

Michael W. E. Co. PRES.

Re M. Mandanera CLERK

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*[Signature]*

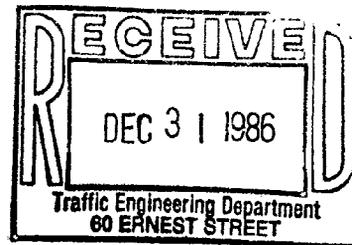
Councilman Dillon (By Request)

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A true copy,  
Attest:

*Rose M. Mendonca*

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City Clerk.

Disposition:

See attached memorandum point number 2.

*[Signature]*  
January 28, 1987



## Department of Traffic Engineering

*"Building Pride In Providence"*

TO: Councilman David G. Dillon, Ward 8  
FROM: B. James Suzman, Traffic Engineer  
DATE: December 18, 1986  
RE: Niantic Businessmen Association Complaints

In reference to your memorandum of December 8, 1986 concerning traffic complaints of the Niantic Businessmen Association, please be advised as follows:

1. The traffic signal at the intersection of Dupont Drive, Niantic Avenue, and Route 10 is scheduled for renovation by the RI DOT as part of their municipal aid signal program. This work however is a couple of years away. When completed, the signal will be of the new up-to-code type. In the interim, periodic maintenance is required of antiquated equipment. Accordingly, our crew has made proper repairs. Keep in mind also that we have experienced vandalism at this intersection to our equipment and hence additional malfunctions. Finally, any malfunctions can be called into our office and repairs will be effectuated the same day.
2. A study in 1975 indicated that a signal is warranted at the intersection of Niantic and Cranston Street. Due to budgetary constraints (installation cost of about \$25,000.00) the city has not installed any signals in over thirty years other than part of a Redevelopment Project. The intersection is also partially within the City of Cranston. Honestly, I would have to say that even if a signal is still warranted at this location, it is not the worst intersection citywide requiring a signal. Should the Council desire, perhaps we can consider a program to install several signal installations per year on a traffic engineering priority basis, pending financing.
3. Normally, such signs as Huntington Industrial Park with list of the businesses within are done by a private sign contractor. We regularly put-up or install such signs, but we do not fabricate them due to lack of proper sign screening equipment, fancy colors requested, and so forth. Recently, we worked with the Civic Center, several local hospitals, and several private organizations on similar matters. Please have the leaders of the business association contact us and we will be glad to provide assistance. Again, sign fabrication should be done by a professional vendor. In that regard, we can also provide sign specifications and recommendations.

Of course, feel free to contact me on these matters.