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To: Kevin Murphy
City Manager

From: William Taylor
Superintendent of Police

Date: January 31, 2018

Re: Council Response

11/21/17 9.1. Councilor Mercier – Request the City Manager investigate whether UMass-Lowell would consider putting a university police officer at the Howe Bridge on the Pawtucket Street side to control traffic from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM while school is in session.

In response to University of Massachusetts Lowell Police considering an officer assigned at Howe Bridge for traffic control, I assigned Deputy Raymond Kelly Richardson to look into. After discussing the issue with members of the University of Massachusetts Lowell Police staff it was determined that this is not something the University is able to provide due to a shortage of manpower within their department.

Currently, the Lowell Police Department assigns Traffic Control Officers to this location on a rotating basis, we will continue our efforts in this location. In addition, the Lowell Police Department, along with City DPD and Engineering Departments participate in the ongoing University of Massachusetts Lowell Transportation Planning Committee. This location is in the forefront of this group effort to reduce congestion and increase safety.