

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

TRAFFIC BOARD

In the matter of the petition of
Andrew C. Fillios, et al

Case No. 69-1
Decision

The within petition objects to the alteration of an existing traffic pattern and to the adoption of Regulation No. 68-47 promulgated by the Traffic Director of the City of Cambridge to be effective on the 29th day of December, 1968, concerning Regulation No. 66-1 entitled "Schedule of One-Way Streets" whereby Pearl Street is to be made a one-way street in a Northeasterly direction from Granite Street to Massachusetts Avenue, and Brookline Street is to be made one-way in a Southeasterly direction, and Sidney Street a one-way street in a Northeasterly direction.

Having complied with the provisions of Chapter 455, (Acts and Resolves of 1961) Section 3, this petition was duly filed by fifty or more voters of the City of Cambridge before Regulation No. 68-47 became effective, and therefore the regulation was suspended pending a public hearing and a decision by the Traffic Board.

A hearing thereon was held before the Traffic Board on Thursday, January 9, 1969, after notice of the hearing was given to the petitioners and published in the Cambridge Chronicle January 2 and January 9.

The petitioners were represented by Mr. Charles A. Watson of 3 Granite Street, Cambridge, who spoke in favor of the petition. A sizable number of the petitioners were present and either spoke or were

recorded in favor of the petition. The Board also heard from five City Councilors (Mayor Sullivan, Councilors Crane, Mahoney, Ackermann and Vellucci) who desired to be recorded in favor of the petition. Councilor Goldberg had indicated through Mayor Sullivan that he wished to be recorded in favor of the petition.

Speaking in opposition to the petition and explaining the reasoning behind the promulgation of the regulation was Robert E. Rudolph, Traffic Director of the City of Cambridge. Mr. Rudolph also explained the proposed changes in the MBTA bus route in the area, and also described some of the problems occasioned by the MDC sewer project which has just begun on Granite Street. At the conclusion of the hearing the audience was asked to indicate their approval or disapproval of the petition by a show of hands. It appeared to be practically unanimous that the audience supported the petition as no one raised his hand in opposition to the petition or in favor of Regulation 68-47 as proposed.

Subsequent to the close of the hearing the Traffic Board was informed by the Traffic Director that he had instituted action to rescind the Regulation 68-47 which was the subject of the hearing. The Traffic Director did indicate to the Board, however, that he would like to reserve the right to reconsider the traffic patterns in the area at some later date when and if funds become available to install a more complete traffic control system in the whole Central Square area. He suggested at that

time that it would be desirable to institute a complete study of the traffic-flow patterns in the entire Central Square area. He informed the Board, however, that if it did appear to be desirable to make any changes in the direction of flow on either Pearl Street or Brookline Street as a result of such studies, he would consult with representative individuals and neighborhood groups in the area before finalizing such plans.

Inasmuch as Regulation 68-47 which was the subject of this petition has now been rescinded, it appears that no further action is required by the Traffic Board in this matter.

CAMBRIDGE TRAFFIC BOARD

by Harold W. Robinson

Joseph J. Attaviano

Jan 20, 1969



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS
TRAFFIC BOARD

January 22, 1969

Paul F. Healy
Acting City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Attached you will find the result of a Traffic Board Hearing held on Thursday, January 9, 1969 in the matter of the petition of Andrew C. Fillios, et al.

Sincerely yours,

John J. Kelliher
Secretary
TRAFFIC BOARD

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Communication from John J. Kelliher,
Secretary of the Traffic Board together
with result of a Traffic Board hearing
held on Jan.9,1969 on the petition of
Andrew C.Fillios, et al.

January 27, 1969

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