



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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City Manager

June 4, 1973

The Honorable, the City Council
City Hall
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Dear Councillors:

Pursuant to my letter of June 2, 1973 regarding the North Cambridge foot-bridge, I have the following information to report on a meeting held at the site Saturday morning, June 3, between representatives of the Corps of Engineers, Army Reserve Command and representatives of the Planning and Development Department, Model Cities (CDA Inc.) and Jefferson Park.

After reviewing alternative locations for the footbridge and access and construction requirements, the Army Reserve Command representatives indicated that they would recommend to their superiors commitment to the project subject to the following conditions:

1. Acquisition by the City of Cambridge of construction easements and of the necessary pedestrian access easements connecting the bridge to public ways.
2. Acquisition of the necessary air rights from the Boston and Maine Railroad.
3. Assurances from the Association of General Contractors and from relevant labor unions that they would not object to the Army Reserve Command undertaking this project.
4. Provision by the City of the necessary materials for the project. The Army Reserve Command would supply the design, the manpower and the construction equipment.
5. An agreement between the City of Cambridge and the Army Reserve Command covering the conditions to be met by both parties in undertaking the project.

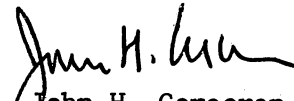
Because of prior commitments on other projects, the Army Reserve Command would not be able to start work on this project, beyond the design, until September. (This kind of work is done on one weekend a month by reservists as part of their training.) But, once started, the project should not take more than two or three weekends.

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In the meantime, it is my intention to obtain the Army Reserve Command's commitment to the project and take the necessary steps to carry out the City's responsibilities on the project as outlined above. I plan to keep the City Council informed, and of course some of these steps will require City Council action.

In connection with provision of the materials for the project, we are already pursuing with the State DPW and with the MDC the possibility of obtaining surplus material from them.

Very truly yours,


John H. Corcoran
City Manager

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Transmitting communication from John H. Corcoran, City Manager with reference to meeting held Sat. June 3, 1973 relative to the North Cambridge footbridge.

In City Council,

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