

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Traffic, Parking and Transportation
57 Inman Street,
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Susan E. Clippinger
Director

Administration
Parking Violations
Resident Parking

RECEIVED
MAY 14 PM 2:22
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
349-4700
349-4705
349-4701

May 13, 1998

TO: Robert Healy, City Manager

FROM: Susan E. Clippinger, Director 

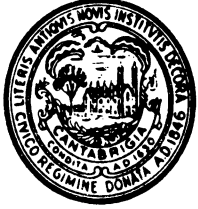
SUBJECT: City Council Order #24 dated 4/27/98

RE: Report on the data that will be collected to learn more about the status of quality of Cambridge traffic.

During April and May, 1998, the city is performing a variety of traffic counts with two major goals in mind. The first goal is to collect traffic counts at access and egress points around the edge of the city (cordon count) that match similar counts undertaken in previous years --1987, 1981 and 1972 -- to enable the city to track changes over time. The second goal is to increase the kind of information the city collects to include trucks and hazardous material trips.

This data collection effort includes over 50 locations. Data will include trips in each direction, summarized in 15 minute increments over a 7 day period at each location. Classification counts will classify vehicles by size and therefore will provide information on truck volumes. Finally, at several key locations manual counts are being taken to distinguish which trucks are carrying hazardous materials.

This is a once every 5-10 year effort and involves collecting a large amount of information. The cost of this effort is approximately \$80,000. Additional funds will also be spent to thoroughly analyze the information we have collected and develop a work plan for future counts. The City Council will be briefed on initial findings shortly after the counts are completed. A more detailed analysis will take most of the summer to complete. We look forward to sharing our findings about the status, quality and traffic trends within the City of Cambridge and with the City Council.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

TEL 349-4300
FAX 349-4307



13.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

May 18, 1998

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 13, regarding a report on the data that will be collected to learn more about the status of quality of Cambridge traffic, received from Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec
Attachment

Consent Agenda #13 3385

A report on the data that will be
collected to learn more about
the status of quality of
Cambridge traffic.

In City Council May 18, 1998

PLACED ON FILE