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February 23, 1998

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk
City of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Margaret
Dear ~~Ms. Drury~~:

Thank you for your letter expressing the Cambridge City Council's concerns about the safety of our bridges. I am a strong supporter of helping communities improve the safety of their bridges and deal with the often high cost of bridge projects.

Enclosed please find a copy of line items 6033-9769 and 6033-9717 of the 1997 Transportation Bond Bill, Chapter Eleven of the Acts of 1997. Line item 6033-9769 allocated \$200 million dollars for the design, reconstruction, and improvement of the Commonwealth's bridges. Although an estimated \$35 million is needed to fully restore and preserve the Longfellow Bridge, the Legislature put aside \$4 million in line item 6033-9717 for the most necessary structural repairs of the bridge. The governor has not yet authorized the money to be spent.

I appreciate your bringing the City Council's concerns to my attention and want you to know that I will continue to support efforts to improve the Commonwealth's bridges. Please keep me apprised of any specific bridge projects in Cambridge and let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul

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State Representative

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gram and shall inform said municipalities of the application process prior to the expenditure of any funds from this item 17,000,000

6033-9709 For the design and construction of the Springfield union intermodal station project, so-called, in the city of Springfield; provided, that no funds shall be expended from this item unless a federal commitment to this project of at least \$40,000,000 is obtained in the reauthorization to the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, PL 102-240, or subsequent federal act 10,000,000

6033-9717 For the construction of, repair of or improvement to non-federally aided roadway projects and for the nonparticipating portion of federally aided projects pursuant to section 52; provided, that funds authorized in this item may not be used for contracts associated with the Central Artery/Ted Williams Tunnel Project; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for the construction of sidewalks on Lincoln street in the town of Abington; provided further, that \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the completion of the Middle road/Peckham road widening and reconstruction project in the town of Acushnet; provided further, that \$1,500,000 shall be expended for the reconstruction and improvements to state highway route 150 extending to the downtown area in the town of Amesbury; provided further, that \$3,000,000 shall be expended for improvements to Summer street, otherwise known as state highway route 2A in the town of Arlington; provided further, that \$1,200,000 shall be expended for the engineering and reconstruction of the High street bridge in the town of Ashland; provided further, that \$150,000

shall be expended for the paving and repair of Hardscrabble road and Harrison avenue in the town of Auburn; provided further, ~~that~~ that not more than \$3,000,000 shall be expended for the purposes of constructing the Hyannis Intermodal Transportation Center, so-called, in the town of Barnstable; provided further, that said \$3,000,000 shall not be expended unless such funds are required to meet any gap in funding for the project that may result if additional federal funding, in excess of the \$3,250,000 already allocated for the project, is not be received; provided further, that the department of highways shall enter into contracts with the town of Barnstable and the Cape Cod Regional Transportation Authority for the purpose of constructing said Hyannis Intermodal Transportation Center; provided further, that \$5,000,000 shall be expended for the construction of a connector road from Brimbal avenue extending over state highway route 128 and connecting with Dunham road, and for improvements to the intersection of said Brimbal avenue and said route 128 in the city of Beverly; provided further, that \$4,000,000 shall be expended for the purpose of a study and design of the Longfellow bridge, including, but not limited to, the costs associated with its remedial rehabilitation; provided further, that notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law or the provision of this item to the contrary, \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the design and construction of a truck bypass road in the East Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that \$150,000 shall be expended for the reconstruction of and improvements to, Cambridge, Washing-

ton and Tremont streets in the Brighton section of the city of Boston; provided further, that \$75,000 shall be expended for the ~~re~~construction and improvements to the intersection of Centre street and the West Roxbury parkway; provided, further that \$500,000 be expended for the Commonwealth avenue construction project in the Allston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not more than \$150,000 shall be expended for the engineering, design and construction of a parking lot at Pond Meadow park in the towns of Braintree and Weymouth; provided further, that \$1,100,000 shall be expended for the engineering, design and construction of improvements and repairs to Union street in the town of Braintree; provided further, that \$350,000 shall be expended for the design and construction of a pedestrian ~~walkway~~ from Granite street to Forbes road in the town of Braintree; provided further, that \$400,000 shall be expended for the purpose of reimbursing the town of Burlington for the cost of emergency repairs and cleanup that resulted from the rupture of the main sewer line of Wayside road, adjacent to state highway route 3 in the town of Burlington; provided further, that \$70,000 shall be expended for traffic signalization at the intersection of state highway route 58 and West street in the town of Carver; provided further, that \$275,000 shall be expended for improvements to Smith road in the town of Chesterfield; provided further, that \$4,000,000 shall be expended for the reconstruction of that portion of state highway route 141 and Grattan street extending from interstate highway route 391 to Montgomery street in the city of Chicopee; provided further, that

\$300,000 shall be expended on the reconstruction and improvements to state highway route 6 at the intersections of said route 6 and Hathaway avenue, Brandt avenue, and Wilbur avenue, in the town of Dartmouth; provided further, that \$385,000 shall be expended for reconstruction and improvement of Dedham street in the town of Dover; provided further, that \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the construction of traffic safety improvements to portions of Lakeview avenue, Nashua road and Hildreth street, in the town of Dracut; provided further, that \$200,000 shall be expended for improved access to certain subsidized elderly housing in the town of East Longmeadow; provided further, that the highway department, in conjunction with the Cape Cod Commission and the towns of Eastham, Orleans, Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown, shall expend not more than \$100,000 for the purposes of studying safety improvements and make recommendations on the state highway route 6 corridor; provided further, that \$95,000 shall be expended for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk in the town of Easton to be located on Allen road adjacent to Borderland state park; provided further, that \$75,000 shall be expended for the costs related to the design and study of new intersections for Washington street, Turnpike street, and Purchase street in the town of Easton; provided further, that not more than \$160,000 shall be expended for the Downtown Lighting and Sidewalk Project in the town of Erving; provided further, that \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the rebuilding of Goulart Memorial drive and Causeway road from Sciticut Neck road to Alder street on West Island in the town

of Fairhaven; provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended for traffic signalization at the Belisle school area in the city of Fall River; provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended for traffic signalization at the Saint Ann's School area in the city of Fall River; provided further, that a study shall be conducted of the storm water runoff system on state highway route 28A in the town of Falmouth to determine its impact on area wetlands and water bodies; provided further, that \$4,000,000 shall be expended for the design and engineering of the intersection of state highway routes 126 and 135 in the town of Framingham; provided further, that \$500,000 shall be expended for the engineering of state highway route 140 in the town of Franklin; provided further, that \$500,000 shall be expended for the reconstruction and improvements to Betty Spring road and Green street in Gardner between state highway routes 140 and 101 and to Elm street in said city of Gardner between route 101 and Pearson boulevard; provided, further, that \$1,200,000 shall be expended for the reconstruction of state highway route 133 from Chestnut street to Carlton drive and state highway route 97 from the Groveland line to Moulton street in the town of Georgetown; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the purpose of equipping the traffic signals at the intersection of Eastern avenue and state highway route 128 in the city of Gloucester with sensory devices so as to coordinate the operation of said signals with the passage of emergency vehicles through said intersection and for the similar equipping of emergency vehicles in said city

of Gloucester and the town of Rockport; provided further, that not less than \$25,000 shall be expended for the repair and construction of Western avenue in the city of Gloucester from the Blyman bridge to Bond street; provided further, that \$200,000 shall be expended for the repair and repaving of J.B. Little road in the town of Groveland; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be expended for the assistance on improvements to roads known as Glendale and Mill in the town of Hampden; provided further, that \$500,000 shall be expended for the reconstruction and improvements to Center street, extending from state highway route 139 to state highway route 37, in the town of Holbrook; provided further, that \$500,000 shall be expended for the rebuilding of the intersection of state highway routes 126 and 16 in the town of Holliston; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be expended for intersection traffic studies in the town of Hopkinton; provided further, that \$1,500,000 shall be expended for the widening of Marion drive, Eeka lane and Raboth road, in the town of Kingston; provided further, that \$10,000 shall be expended for the purpose of a study to be conducted by an independent arbiter agreed upon by both parties, to resolve the disputes between Lakeville and the Massachusetts department of highways over the mitigation plans for the state highway route 79 relocation project in the town of Lakeville; provided further, that \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the improvements to the Slack Brook Project on Exchange street in the city of Leominster; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be expended for the purpose of land takings associated with the Shawinigan

drive project; provided further, that \$2,000,000 shall be expended for site and access improvements to Sportsmen's road in the town of Ludlow; provided further, that \$250,000 shall be expended for signalization and safety improvements at the intersections of Boston street in the city of Lynn and Hamilton street in the town of Saugus; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be expended for sidewalk construction on Chestnut street and Lowell street in the town of Lynnfield; provided further, that \$250,000 shall be expended for the installation of appropriate traffic and pedestrian safety signals at the intersections of state highway route 60 and Cross/Lisbon street, the site of the new Roosevelt School in the city of Malden; provided further, that \$50,000 shall be expended for signalization reconfiguration of the entrance to Abbot Public Library in the town Marblehead; provided further, that \$375,000 shall be expended for the design and reconstruction of the Village street bridge in the town of Marblehead; provided further, that \$200,000 shall be expended for signalization reconfiguration of Tent's Corner in the town of Marblehead; provided further, that \$1,700,000 shall be expended for improvements to state highway route 126 in the town of Medway; provided further, that \$200,000 shall be expended for the reconstruction and paving of the access and egress roadways to the new transfer station and recycling headquarters in the town of Middleton; provided further, that \$30,000 shall be expended for traffic signalization at the intersection of state highway route 28 and Reed street in the town of Milton as part of the state highway

route 28 project, so-called; provided further, that \$150,000 shall be expended for emergency coastal erosion repairs to Marginal road and Nahant road at East Point in the town of Nahant; provided further, that in addition to the authorization contained in section 2A of chapter 205 of the acts of 1996, \$200,000 shall be expended for the reconstruction and traffic signaling of the intersection of Hunnewell street and Wellesley avenue at the Needham/Wellesley line; provided further, that \$425,000 shall be expended for the milling, rehabilitation, and paving of Park street between state highway routes 28 and 62 and said route 28 and Concord street and for the geometric improvements and signalization of the intersection of Southwick road, Park street and Concord street in the town of North Reading; provided further, that \$150,000 shall be expended for additional engineering costs related to the construction of a sidewalk on Freeman street in the town of Norton; provided further, that \$100,000 shall be expended for traffic studies of state highway route 114 and surrounding streets and areas and intersections in the city of Peabody; provided further, that \$225,000 shall be expended for repairs to Learning lane in the town of Pembroke; provided further, that not less than \$750,000 shall be provided for the design and construction of the Park Square Historic District gateway project in the city of Pittsfield; provided further, that \$400,000 shall be expended for the purpose of directing the department of highways to conduct a study in order to determine what improvements to state highway route 24 may be necessary for it to be reclassified as an inter-

state highway; provided further, that \$4,000,000 shall be expended for improvements to state highway route 62 and the Middlesex^{ss} turnpike, so-called, to provide for additional capacity; provided further, that \$300,000 shall be expended for the construction of sidewalks to be included in the scope of the current state highway route 28 project, so-called, in the town of Randolph extending from Woodlawn street southerly to the Avon town line; provided further, that \$480,000 shall be expended for the reconstruction and paving of Summer avenue between state highway route 28 and Prescott street in the town of Reading; provided further, that \$200,000 shall be expended for improvements to and the resurfacing of a portion of Winthrop avenue from Bennington street to Winthrop parkway in the city of Revere; provided further, that \$4,500,000 shall be expended for the construction of traffic safety improvements to portions of Veterans of Foreign Wars drive, Hingham street and Weymouth street, all located in the town of Rockland; provided further, that \$250,000 shall be expended for signalization and safety improvements at the intersection of state highway routes 1 and 133 in the town of Rowley; provided further, that \$500,000 shall be expended for the construction of a vehicular overpass from the north side to the south side of state highway route 9 in the town of Southborough; provided further, that \$200,000 shall be expended for road repairs to state highway route 5 and Magawiska road at Forest Park in the city of Springfield; provided further, that not more than \$1,200,000 shall be expended for the design and construction of a pe-

pedestrian walkway along East Hartford avenue at Rice City pond in the town of Uxbridge; provided further, that \$300,000 shall be expended for the reconstruction and improvements to Montrose avenue in the town of Wakefield; provided further, that the department of highways is hereby directed to install a traffic light at the intersection of Winter and Main streets in the town of Walpole; provided further, that not more than \$500,000 shall be expended for the engineering and reconstruction of Wendell road in the town of Warwick; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for traffic improvements on state highway route 12 westbound and state highway route 16 in the town of Webster; provided further, that funding shall be provided for the Great River bridge project in the city of Westfield; provided further, that not less than \$1,000,000 shall be expended for the design, land acquisition and construction of traffic safety improvements to portions of Boston road at Littleton road, Carlisle road, and at the on and off ramps of state highway route 495 in the town of Westford; provided further, that \$300,000 shall be expended for the reconstruction and improvements to a portion of Shirley street from Veterans road to Washington avenue in the town of Winthrop; provided further, that \$1,500,000 shall be expended for necessary improvements, including the construction of a park and ride facility, for the downtown revitalization in the town of Woburn; provided further, that the costs of professional personnel directly and exclusively involved in the construction, planning, engineering and design of the projects funded herein may be charged to

this item; provided further, that such costs shall not be classified as administrative costs; and provided further, that an amount not to exceed 2 per cent of the amount authorized herein may be expended for the administrative costs directly attributable to the programs funded herein in 550,000,000

6033-9769 For the design, reconstruction and improvement, including the testing, removal and encapsulation of lead-based paint, to highway bridges and other bridges, including the Floating bridge located on state highway route 107 in the city of Lynn, pursuant to section 52; provided, that funds authorized in this item may not be used for contracts associated with the Central Artery/Ted Williams Tunnel Project; provided further, that the costs of professional personnel directly and exclusively involved in the construction, planning, engineering and design of the projects funded herein may be charged to this item; provided further, that such costs shall not be classified as administrative costs; and, provided further, that an amount not to exceed 2 per cent of the amount authorized herein may be expended for the administrative costs directly attributable to the programs funded herein in 200,000,000

6033-9798 For construction and reconstruction of town and county ways pursuant to section 63 150,000,000

6033-9799 For the construction of improvements to that portion of interstate highway route 91 between exit 3 and State street in the city of Springfield, as directed by sections 78 and 81 of chapter 205 of the acts of 1996; provided, however, that such construction and improvements shall include such alterations and ramps which may be necessary for

Consent Communication #10

Communication was received from
State Rep. Paul Demakis, transmitting

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his support for improving the safety
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In City Council March 2,1 998

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