



# City of Cambridge

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Calendar Item # 7  
IN CITY COUNCIL

~~October 25, 1993~~  
November 1, 1993

MAYOR REEVES  
VICE MAYOR CYR  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
COUNCILLOR WALSH

- WHEREAS: There is a local need for additional housing to serve the residents of Cambridge, including sales and rental housing for low-and moderate-income persons and families; and
- WHEREAS: The General Services Administration in a survey report has determined that the 14.3-acre Parcel 1 of the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area which was acquired by the Federal Government from the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority and which is the site of the John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center (NTSC), is significantly under-utilized; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, as supervising public agency for the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area, has been asked to re-acquire a portion of Parcel 1 to be used for the construction of housing; and
- WHEREAS: Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy, II is prepared to refile legislation mandating the Secretary of the Department of Transportation to reconvey the under-utilized 5.8 acres to the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to develop housing; and
- WHEREAS: If 5.8 acres of land were to be reconveyed to Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, as many as 250 to 300 dwelling units could be developed; and
- WHEREAS: It is proposed that a minimum of 30% of the housing units be developed for low-and moderate-income families and individuals of which 25% would be for low-income families; and
- WHEREAS: Residential development is highly desirable at Kendall Square and will contribute to the achievement of a mixed-use district; and
- WHEREAS: The reconveyance of this under-utilized land would not negatively impact the 650 federal jobs or the 500 private sector jobs now at the Center; and

WHEREAS: 8.5 acres of land would remain in Federal ownership allowing development of additional building space and which would permit NTSC to expand its present facilities, to increase its software development capabilities, to develop a training center and to create a national center for new transportation technology and research; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council supports the efforts of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to ensure that under-utilized DOT land be reconveyed for housing purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council enthusiastically endorses the refiling of the proposed legislation by Congressman Kennedy; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council supports the continuation and expansion of the National Transportation Systems Center in the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager appoint an advisory committee, consisting of representatives of the community, appropriate housing organizations, and the Community Development Department to consult and assist the Authority in this matter; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward an executed copy of this resolution to Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy, II and to all interested community-based organizations.

In City Council November 1, 1993.

Adopted by a ye and nay vote:-

Yeas 9; Nays 0; Absent 0.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

*D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk



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*lyn, Looney, Walsh*  
Consent Order #2

*Cal #7*  
*R 511*

Mayor Reeves re: Supports the  
continuation and expansion of  
the National Transportation Systems  
Center in the Kendall Square Urban  
Renewal Area.

*Charter right exercised*  
*by Councillor Walsh*

*11/1/93 Order Adopted*  
*9-0-0.*

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