

ACN - Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods

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To: The Regional Truck Advisory Group
Robert Healy, Cambridge City Manager
Anthony Galluccio, Mayor of Cambridge
Cambridge City Council

Subject: Nighttime Truck Traffic on Residential Streets in Cambridge and adjacent cities and towns.

The Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods (ACN) includes representatives from neighborhood associations throughout the City. We know that the sleep of our neighbors is being upset by the noise and vibrations created by trucks going down our streets at night. We supported the zoning ordinance that banned through trucks from our neighborhood streets from 11 pm to 7 am. This ordinance was passed by the Cambridge City council by a 9-0 vote.

Cambridge agreed not to enforce this ordinance for a year to permit this Regional Truck Advisory Group to study the data and propose an alternative solution. Now, a year later, no better solution to the problem of nighttime noise on residential streets has been proposed.

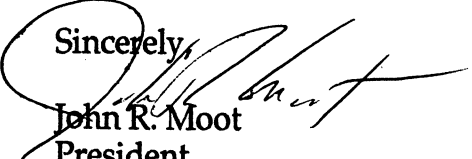
The alternatives for daytime traffic are numerous and complex. There is no easy perfect solution.

But for the night traffic there is a clear and simple answer, a zoning ordinance to prohibit the use of residential streets between 11 pm and 7 am. This prohibition should be put in place in all of the neighboring towns, requiring through trucks to be diverted around all residential areas at night.

This diversion would cost the truckers some time and money. But the sleep of the residents of the area is more important than the profits of the truckers.

We urge the Regional Truck Advisory Group to recommend a nighttime ban of through trucks on residential streets. We ask the City of Cambridge to begin immediately to enforce the City Ordinance that bans trucks on residential streets.

Sincerely,


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A Communication was received from John Moot, President, Association of Cambridge Neighborhoods, regarding nighttime truck traffic on residential streets in Cambridge and adjacent cities and towns.

In City Council April 9, 2001

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