



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
MASSACHUSETTS 02139 • 617-349-4280
FAX 617-349-4287

Councillor Francis H. Duehay
26 LOWELL STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138
617-547-0271

Press Release

For Immediate Release

Contacts: Frank Duehay 547-0271

October 19, 1995

Alison Franklin 722-1481

QUALITY OF LIFE AND QUANTITY OF TRUCKS UNDER REVIEW

Cambridge residents concerned about the number and types of trucks traveling through residential neighborhoods soon will have the benefit of statistical information in their efforts to combat the excessive use of local streets by commercial traffic.

Cambridge City Councillor Frank Duehay and Senator Thomas F. Birmingham have prevailed upon the state's Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC) to ensure that a study of truck traffic within the Route 128 area will be conducted. EOTC's Bureau of Transportation Planning and Development has begun to design and undertake the requested analysis. The study, to be developed with newly acquired software, will provide a forecast of the volume and distribution of trucks on regional and local roadways.

Councillor Duehay, who spearheaded Cambridge's effort to initiate the study, believes that "by directing this analysis and subsequently implementing our response, we can take a significant step toward enhancing residential life in Cambridge. We have long recognized this need at the city level and, with Senator Birmingham's help, the state is now helping us pursue our goal."

Senator Birmingham was pleased to further the City Council's request and believes that the endeavor could have positive impacts throughout the Boston area: "Cambridge, by taking the lead on evaluating and addressing this issue, will provide an example for other communities working to redirect traffic to more appropriate routes."

"This will help us in our battle against congestion, pollution, noise and the transport of unmarked hazardous cargo on Cambridge streets," explained Councillor Duehay. "The computer model will enable us to strategically and responsively develop alternatives to the existing over-reliance on local streets. Greater understanding of the origins and destination of the trucks will put the City in a position to improve our quality of life."

Residents interested in keeping apprised of this effort, to assess and shift truck routes, should contact Councillor Duehay at 547-0271.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

MASSACHUSETTS 02139 • 617-349-4280

FAX 617-349-4287

Councillor Francis H. Duehay
26 LOWELL STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138
617-547-0271

October 19, 1995

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am enclosing a joint press release from Senator Thomas Birmingham and myself announcing that the state's Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC) will conduct the regional truck study which the Council has requested.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis H. Duehay", is written over the typed name.

Francis H. Duehay

Communication and Reports from
City Officers #1

S/ 337
Communication received from
Councillor Francis H. Duehay
enclosing a joint press release
from Senator Thomas Birmingham
and Councillor duehay announcing
that the State's Executive
Office of Transportation and
Construction (EOTC) will conduct
the regional truck study..

In City Council October 23, 1995