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Mr. Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Connarton:

Thank you for your letter of March 9, 1988, in which you extended the Cambridge City Council's invitation to discuss state transportation plans for the Alewife Brook Parkway. Unfortunately, I am not able to accept the City Council's invitation.

This particular area, as I am sure members of the council know, has been the subject of traffic planning for nearly fifteen years. The state's preferred alternative was decided upon after we received extensive input from numerous groups, private citizens, elected officials and representatives from the affected cities and towns, including Cambridge. At several meetings, the city made clear that a new railroad bridge for Alewife is a priority item. In formulating our preferred alternative, we have acted in a manner which will enable us to move this priority along as quickly as possible. I have personally presented the alternative in numerous meetings with the Alewife Advisory Committee, with the members of the Cambridge legislative delegation, and with abutters and their representatives.

As the environmental process continues we will continue to work closely with the affected neighborhoods and communities. Toward that end, I would be happy to host a briefing in my office on the Alewife plan for any city councillor who would find it useful.

Very truly yours,

Fred P. Salvucci

Frederick P. Salvucci

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Comm. from Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk, transmitting a comm. from Frederick P. Salvucci, Sec., Mass. Exec. Office of Transportation & Construction, stating he is unable to accept the Council's invitation to appear before it & discuss the State transportation plans for Alewife Brook Pkwy, but that he would be happy to host a briefing in his office on the Alewife Plan for any member who would find it useful.

In City Council,

April 4, 1988

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Placed on file. On Motion
of C. Russell, City Mgr to
Arrange for meeting + on
Motion of C. Duchay meeting
to include State Delegation
+ Advisory Committee.