

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION
20 SOMERSET STREET, BOSTON 02108

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For Immediate Release
February 8, 1979

A ban on truck and bus traffic over the Alewife Brook girder bridge at the Boston & Maine railroad tracks near the junction of Route 2 and Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, will be enforced starting at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, February 12, the Metropolitan District Commission announced today.

MDC police will be present to enforce the ban, which will continue for an indefinite period. Trucks and buses will be required to travel over Alewife Brook Parkway for approximately a half mile in a northeasterly direction to Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge, turning right at that point to continue their travels.

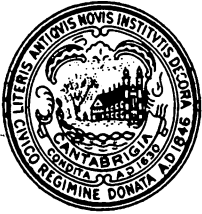
Faults have been found in an abutment beam on the bridge in question, leading to the necessity of tests to be conducted immediately with a view toward correcting the difficulties until a replacement of the bridge can be accomplished. Replacement is scheduled to begin within two years.

The bridge was built in 1929, and has been scheduled for replacement since 1977.

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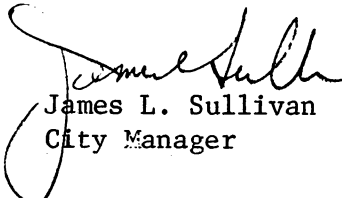
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

February 12, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a press release issued by the MDC relative to a ban on truck and bus traffic over the Alewife Brook girder bridge at the Boston and Maine Railroad near the junction of Route 2 and Alewife Brook Parkway.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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RE: press release issued by the MDC re:
ban on truck and bus traffic over the Alewife
Brook girder bridge at the Boston and Maine
Railroad near the junction of Rte. 2 and Ale-
wife Brook Parkway.

In City Council

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