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March 23, 1990

Mr. Frederick Salvucci
Transportation Secretary
John McCormick State Office Building
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Mr. Salvucci:

Pursuant to the request of the City Council of the City of Cambridge, enclosed you will find an order adopted at the City Council meeting held on March 12, 1990 regarding the Central Artery Project.

Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the City Council.

If you need more information in this matter please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Connarton
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City Clerk

JEC/dl

Enc. (1)



City of Cambridge

Agenda # 22

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TO: LIZ EPSTEIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

FROM: JOSEPH E. CONNARTON *JEC*
CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: AGENDA # 22 OF MARCH 12, 1990 - CENTRAL ARTERY.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the communication sent to the City Council from City Manager Robert W. Healy together with an order adopted by the City Council on March 12, 1990.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT W. HEALY

City Manager

March 9, 1990

RICHARD C. ROSSI

Deputy City Manager

To the Honorable City Council:

The City needs to take immediate action regarding the effect of the construction of the MBTA North Station garage on the alternatives analysis for the Central Artery Project in Cambridge. I have consulted with the Conservation Commission and the Departments of Community Development, Public Works and Traffic and Parking regarding the potential impacts of the Central Artery project on Cambridge. The Proposed Action includes eighteen travel lanes crossing the Charles River and at least a half-dozen interchange viaducts reaching heights exceeding 100 feet along the north banks of the Charles and extending into North Point. The net result would be to preclude the continuation of the open space system along the Charles River. Our plans to make North Point a viable part of the city would be severely compromised by what has been referred to as the "single ugliest structure in New England."

It is essential that we have a more responsible approach to the design of this portion of the Central Artery. One alternative alignment which appears to be of significantly less impact to the Charles and Millers Rivers and North Point replaces at least six lanes with underground tunnels connecting Leverett Circle to I-93 and Route 1. However, as presently designed, the MBTA's proposed North Station Garage at the new Boston Garden site would prevent such a connection. Although this alternative will be considered in the forthcoming environmental report for the Artery Project, the MBTA intends to award the contract for the construction of the garage at the end of April.

At this critical juncture, the City should go on record opposing the awarding of this contract and formally request of Secretary of Transportation Frederick Salvucci that he delay the award of the MBTA garage contract. This would allow an open, complete and meaningful public review of the Central Artery Project alternatives including their interrelationships with the MBTA garage.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Awaiting Report Item Number 29 regarding
the Central Artery Interchange.

In City Council,

March 12, 1990

City Manager's
Recommendation
Adapted on a mail
vote of nine members.
Mr. Salucci &
Conservation Commission
notified 3/23/90 (de)