

Simplex Steering Committee

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Secretary James S. Hoyte
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02202

RE: EOEa No. 5487
Mass Ave/Sidney St.
Cambridge

Dear Secretary Hoyte;

For several weeks now we have been requesting a complete list of consultants, an outline of the methodology being used to measure impacts in the various areas called for in the Scope, and a detailed description of the alternative-build plan. (see our letters of December 16, January 8 and 31)

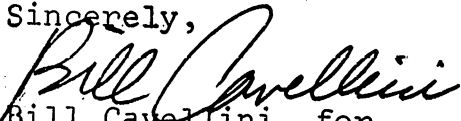
On February 26th we received a photocopy of a letter sent to you from Drew Leff. This letter stated, among other things, that the above-mentioned information would finally be provided. On Monday, March 3rd we had not yet received said information. We sent a messenger to pick it up at Forest City's Boston office. The report received falls far short of what we had requested. A follow-up phone call revealed that much of the information that we had requested is deliberately and consciously being withheld.

The long delay and the incomplete report have left us at a severe disadvantage as the DEIR submission date (March 14) rapidly approaches. This is a large and complex project with far-reaching implications and impacts.

We, therefore, request that the traditional 30 day comment period be extended 15 additional days and that a public hearing for comments, chaired and transcribed by MEPA, be held within the 45-day period. We cannot overemphasize the importance of this extension in light of the difficulty that a neighborhood group has in recruiting and affording experts in the various fields.

We realize and appreciate all that you have done so far. Please give us the opportunity to put our minds at ease about the project's effects on our neighborhood by giving us adequate time and the proper forum to examine, analyze, and comment on the impacts. We hope to hear your response to our requests soon.

Sincerely,


Bill Cavellini, for
the Committee

cc: Nancy Baker
Samuel Mygatt
Mary Flynn
✓ The Cambridge City Council

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Comm. from Bill Cavellini, Simplex Steering Committee, transmitting a letter sent to the Secretary of the Mass. Exec. Office of Environmental Affairs Re: EOEa No. 5487 - Mass. Ave./Sidney St. area requesting that the 30 day comment period be extended to 45 days.

In City Council,

March 24, 1986

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C. Wolf

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3/27/86 Letter sent to Sec. Hyatt