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Mr. Robert W. Healy, City Manager
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City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Reference: Bus Passenger Shelters

Dear Bob:

On June 20, I wrote you suggesting that you seek out sources for bus shelters to determine what might be best and least expensive. The task of finding the names of the manufacturers and getting their catalogs and prices did not seem to me to be a difficult assignment for your purchasing department, but I have heard nothing in 6 months. As a result it is unlikely that we will be able to start a program of bus shelters before the winter wind and snow. As I stated, I am prepared to raise sufficient money from residents of this neighborhood to pay for the shelter if the City will install the foundation.

Enclosed is a catalog from Litchfield Industries that I picked up at a recent trade show. On page 28 they show a Mini-Shelter #8400 Series that could be easily modified for a bus shelter by removing the back roof and filling in between the two posts with plexiglass.

I still believe that bus shelters would prove to be the most effective element in your Vehicle Trip Reduction Program. And it can be financed in large measure with contributions from businesses and neighborhood associations. But the City must carry the ball with the necessary approvals of the MBTA and abutters where required. Since the City owns the sidewalks, the City has the principal card.

I hope that you will get back to me or to the Council by mid January with what you believe is the best way to launch this Bus Shelter Program. If you believe that it is not a viable concept, please say so. But please do not leave it dormant on the table to be swept away with the rubbish at some time in the future.

Sincerely,


John R. Moot

cc: (Mayor Sheila Russell
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