



# City of Cambridge

O-23.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

June 18, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY  
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COUNCILLOR BRAUDE  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
MAYOR GALLUCCIO  
VICE MAYOR MAHER  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to continue to pursue the course of action that has led to the Regional Truck Study, and further that enforcement of the nighttime truck ban provision of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance remain suspended through September, when the City Manager shall report further to the City Council on this matter.

In City Council June 18, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk

DRAFT COUNCIL ORDER:

WHEREAS, the City Council had a hearing October 23, 1995 to hear concerns from city residents about the adverse impact of truck traffic in the city, and

WHEREAS, the City Manager convened the Truck Traffic Advisory Committee who met between January 1996 and January 1998 and produced two Truck Reports that were presented to the City Council on February 23, 1998, and

WHEREAS, the City collected truck volume and vehicle size information at 82 locations during May 1998 and May 1999 as well as hazardous carrier placard information at 42 of the count locations, and

WHEREAS, the City Council passed a zoning provision on June 24, 1999 that banned through trucks on all roads within the City of Cambridge between 11PM and 7AM, and

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Highway Department ("MHD") asked the Massachusetts Attorney General to sue the City of Cambridge because of the zoning provision, and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General's office proposed a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") among the affected parties which include MHD, the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, the Metropolitan District Commission, Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Watertown, and several trade associations, which included suspension of enforcement of the zoning provision by the City of Cambridge, while a Regional Truck Study was performed to seek alternative ways to address truck issues, and

WHEREAS, in February, 2000 the City Manager, with the understanding of the City Council, executed a MOU relating to a Regional Truck Study undertaken by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council ("MAPC") with the support and participation of surrounding cities and towns as well as state and local agencies, and

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WHEREAS, that MOU provided that, among other things, the City of Cambridge would refrain from enforcement of the zoning provision prohibiting overnight through truck traffic on City streets, and

WHEREAS, the MOU called for the creation of a Technical Subcommittee to accomplish a Regional Truck Study and a Policy Committee comprised of signatories to the MOU, which would approve the Technical Subcommittee's recommendations, and

WHEREAS, those recommendations have been made to the Policy Committee and will be presented at a public meeting to be held on June 26, 2001 at the Somerville High School, and

WHEREAS, the MOU is set to expire on June 30, 2001, now therefore be it

ORDERED, that the City Manager continue to pursue the course of action that has led to the Regional Truck Study, and further that the nighttime zoning provision remain suspended until September, when the City Manager shall report further to the City Council on this matter.

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**Order #23**

Pursue the course of action that has led to the Regional Truck Study and that the nighttime truck ban zoning provision remain suspended through September.

**Councillor Toomey and entire membership**

**In City Council June 18, 2001**

**ORDER ADOPTED**