

RECOMMENDATION OF TRUCK REPORTS AND RESPONSES (DRAFT)

RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTIONS OR REPOSESES
ENHANCED ENFORCEMENT (A)	• additional truck enforcement discussed at Traffic and Transportation Committttee meeting held on May 27, 1998 • truck and traffic team does not cover busy time of 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. • order adopted at October 21, 1998 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting on enforcement of truck restriction before 7:00 a. m. be referred to the City Manager for a plan. • additional truck team added – discussed at the Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting of Oct. 7, 1998 • overall reports discussed at the May 27, 1998 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting re: ticketing. • <i>hiring of additional police officers</i>
TRUCK RESTRICTIONS (A)	• city wide, alternate route or regional route - MHD requirement discussed at the October 7, 1998 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting • alternate route of Mass Pike to Rout 128 and Route 93 discussed at October 7, 1998 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting • <i>need information on Boston's authority to ban Mass Pike use</i>

NIGHTTIME TRUCK RESTRICTION (A) AND (B) DAYTIME RESTRICTION (A) EVALUATION OF DAYTIME THROUGH TRUCK ROUTE (B) <i>PRESENTATION NEEDED</i>	- discussed at the May 27 and October 7, 1998 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting - discussed at the May 27, 1998 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting - discussed at the April 28, 1998 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting which Reports A and B were considered
LOCAL TRUCK STUDIES (A) TRUCK TRAFFIC DATA AND ANALYSIS (B)	- discussed at October 21, 1998 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting - order adopted for sum in budget for supplementing cordon counts data for Central and Harvard Square - Cordon counts received at October 21, 1998 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting <i>continue to gather data, particularly interior counts</i>
COORDINATION WITH ADJACENT COMMUNITIES (A)	order adopted at October 7, 1998 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting requiring communication with other communities

REGIONAL TRUCK STUDY AND ROUTING (A) AND (B)	• <i>need to initiate contact through MAPC, governmental officials (Congressman Capuano) to develop a regional strategy</i>
HAZARDOUS CARGO STUDY (A) DIVERSION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL FROM BOSTON (B)	• discussed at October 21, 1998 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting • 87% gasoline carriers – large trailer trucks – trips peak at 6:00 a. m. • 60% fuel carriers – single unit carriers – peak from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. • <i>request budget approval to finish the study</i>
TRAFFIC CALMING (A) AND (B) <i>to be discussed at next meeting.</i>	

**AGGRESSIVE ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING
REGULATIONS (B)
LOCAL ZONING LAW BAN**

- Plaistow case discussed at April 28 and October 7, 1998 Traffic and Transportation meeting.
- ADL Study discussed at the may 27, 1998 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting – Order adopted that the City Council be provided with a report on the hazardous cargo and what needs to be done to complete the ADL Study on hazardous cargo.
- draft regulations and devise legal strategy discussed at the April 28, 1998 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting.
- *need to finalize request to MHD*

Vici Cassana, 82 Rice Street, asked Ms. Clippinger for more information about the meeting with the Massachusetts Highway Department. Ms. Cassana stated that she is very disappointed with the way that some of these issues have been addressed by this committee. She had understood that the proponents of each truck report would have an opportunity to present their proposal to the committee.

Ms. Susan Miller-Havens stated that there was no discussion of traffic calming recommendations of the daytime truck ban.

Councillor Davis stated that enforcement issues have come up week in and week out.

Ms. Miller-Havens stated that she is amazed at the huge volume of trucks revealed by the cordon counts.

Councillor Russell asked if the data showed a big increase from the 1989 counts. Ms. Clippinger stated that there was not; but there is not 1989 information for many of the streets included in the 1998 counts.

Councillor Davis stated that she believes that the committee has adequately addressed the need for enhanced enforcement. She said that nighttime restrictions can be discussed at the next meeting.

Ms. Miller-Havens asked when the City will hear from the MHD about the nighttime traffic ban. Ms. Clippinger stated that there are still discussions with MHD about the best way to present the request.

Ms. Cassana stated that Group B is very disappointed that they have not had an opportunity to make a thorough presentation.

Councillor Davis inquired of the committee as to its opinion.

Councillor Born stated that she is still not clear about the areas of agreement and disagreement. She would like to get to the point where the general public is confident that the City has addressed its concerns. Councillor Born commended the Chair for her leadership.

Councillor Davis thanked all those present for their attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

For the Committee,

Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair

Councillor Davis stated that there is also the issue of the routing of hazardous material back at Route 128. Ms Clippinger stated that the study showed more trucks carrying hazardous material on JFK and Kirkland Streets than on River Street. The information was analyzed. The biggest issue is the large number of gasoline tankers. Although the City does not have data about the destination, the existence of the Chelsea fuel farm provides a strong inference.

Councillor Davis then summarized the recommendations to be added to the draft "Actions or Responses" categories:

1. Analysis of Boston authority to route hazardous material trucks
2. Do internal counts next year of where within the City the trucks are going
3. Pursue regional solutions to the routing issue; and
4. Contact government officials at all levels, especially Senate President Birmingham and U.S. Representative Elect Capuano.

Councillor Russell noted that out of the eighteen new police officers, a large number have been assigned to traffic enforcement.

Ms. Malenfant asked where the trucks go after they pick up the gas in Chelsea. Mr. Rossi and Ms. Clippinger stated that they are going to gas stations everywhere, from Cambridge to Western Massachusetts. Ms. Malenfant said that if all of the towns are getting as many trucks as Cambridge is, then more will be interested in a regional solution.

Bob Johnson, 326 Concord Avenue, stated that in his experience as a trucker, there is easy access northwest, but west, south and southwest, it is much easier to take city streets. When you get six miles per gallon, you take the shortest route.

Ms. Miller-Haven asked what the regional situation is. Ms. Clippinger stated that recently the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) held a joint meeting with state agencies and municipalities, and invited Boston, Somerville and Cambridge. The meeting was about truck issues but there was a very narrow focus on Central Artery issues and all three cities said that the narrow focus was unacceptable.

Councillor Russell suggested requesting Mayor Duehay to bring this issue up at the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

Councillor Davis stated that another copy of the recommendations and actions or responses with more white space to write on will be mailed out for all to make comments and mail back for one more meeting about truck issues.

City of Cambridge

In Council January 11, 1998

The Traffic and Transportation Committee held a public meeting on November 18, 1998, beginning at 5:38 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber for the purpose of a concluding discussion of the recommendations made by the truck committees, Groups A and B, and the actions discussed and suggested by this committee along with actions implemented by the City staff.

Present at the hearing were Councillor Henrietta Davis, Chair of the Committee, Councillor Kathleen Leahy Born, Councillor Sheila T. Russell, and City Clerk D. Margaret Drury. Also present were Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager, Susan Clippinger, Director of the Traffic Parking and Transportation Department, Lauren Preston, Deputy Director, Traffic Parking and Transportation Department, and several members of the Truck Committee, as set forth below.

Councillor Davis convened the hearing and explained the purpose. She distributed a draft compilation of the recommendations from the Truck Committee reports and the actions or responses suggested and discussed in the committee.

Susan Miller-Havens, 151 Brattle Street, raised the issue of the history of the decision by Boston's fire chief to divert trucks carrying hazardous material through Cambridge to avoid the Prudential tunnel.

Richard Rossi asked Councillor Davis if she is asking the City to find out how this ruling could be overturned. Susan Clippinger stated that there are similar restrictions on all of the tunnels, the Third Harbor tunnel, and the South Station tunnel.

Geneva Malenfant, 75 Henry Street, stated that her recollection is that when the tunnel is a certain length, the fire marshal of the municipality has a right to restrict trucks carrying hazardous materials.

Councillor Davis then requested a written memorandum about where the decision came from and under what authority it was made.

Ms. Miller-Havens noted that the Arthur D. Little hazardous material study was never completed and asked whether they are going to finish it.

Mr. Rossi suggested requesting a budget appropriation to finish this part of the study and to use the new data collected in the recent cordon count strategy.

Committee Report #1

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A report from Councillor Davis
Chair of the Ordinance Committee,
for a hearing held on November 24, 1998
for the purpose of concluding discussing
of the recommendations made by the
truck communities, Groups A and B,
and the actions discussed and suggested by
this committee along with actions implemented
by the City Staff.

In City Council January 11, 1999

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