



**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**  
**INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

**To** James L. Sullivan, City Manager

**Date** April 22, 1977

**From** James F. Rice, Jr., City Engineer

**Reference**

**Subject** City Council Order No. 15, 4/4/77 re: Cost report and Data to accept  
Private Ways as Public Ways

There are 234 Private Ways of various widths. Total length of these Ways are 50,930 feet in length or 9.65 miles.

For the City to accept a Private Way as Public Street, a Council Order would have to be prepared, published and hearings conducted.

Upon affirmative vote by the Council, a field survey, engineering plan, and a boundary description would be prepared and recorded with the Registry of Deeds.

The City then assumes all obligations and duties of repair, maintenance and service as is common to existing accepted (Public) streets.

If the City were to undertake to accept all remaining private ways as public, then in addition to the above, there would be the first cost of roadway and sidewalk construction in the amount of \$600,000.

All the City streets would then be a comparable status and condition

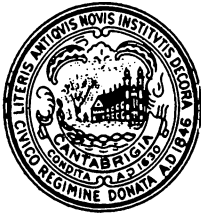
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| DATA: | Approximately one third are in approved condition.   |            |
|       | Approximately one third require re-surfacing         | \$114,000. |
|       | Approximately one third require complete re-building |            |

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|---------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| PRICES: | Bitumimous hot top type I | \$3.00 per sq yd in place    | \$114,000      |
|         | Gravel                    | \$7.45 per cu. yd in place   | 47,000.        |
|         | Curbing                   | \$7.50 per lin. ft. in place | \$240,000      |
|         | 114 Catch Basins          | \$675.00 in place            | <u>77,000.</u> |
|         |                           |                              | \$592,000.     |

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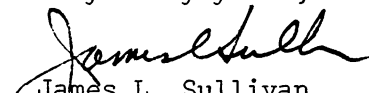
To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to awaiting report item no. 15, regarding the number of private ways in the City, enclosed please find a report from James Rice, City Engineer with this data.

As you are aware the City has expanded its street and sidewalk repair program through a combination of City, Block Grant and Economic Development Administration funds.

However, the program is far from complete and I recommend the completion of the repair of accepted ways before becoming involved in a major capital expense for private ways.

Very truly yours,

  
James L. Sullivan  
City Manager

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Response to Awaiting Report No. 15, re:  
number of private ways in the City.

In City Council,  
June 6, 1977

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