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Friday, June 17, 1994

Mr Robert Healy

CITY MANAGER

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Re: **New River Crossing Mitigation Package**

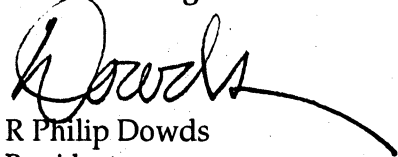
Dear Bob:

At its regular meeting of 16 June 94, the Board of Directors of the CCA gave further consideration to the State's proposals for, and the City's response to, the New River Crossing of the Central Artery Project. Board members remain concerned about the long-term negative impacts of the massive multi-lane bridge proposed for the Charles River crossing near North Point, and are not convinced that the State's package of proposed "mitigations" will do much to remedy the situation.

The Board is further concerned that the proposed mitigations are not widely understood within our community, and may even include traffic and transportation projects which are not really wanted or needed in Cambridge, and might even be counter-productive. Consequently, the Board resolved that you should not drop the City's suit against the crossing nor accept any package of proposed mitigations without further citizen and neighborhood review and input. We ask you to work closely with the Council and the neighborhoods to sponsor a public hearing on the proposed mitigations at your earliest opportunity.

Please feel free to contact me if you think the CCA may be of further help in this matter.

Sincerely,

The Cambridge Civic AssociationR Philip Dowds
Presidentcc: Pebble Gifford, Phil Sego
Cambridge City Council (via City Clerk)

Consent Comm. # 12

SJ 323

Comm. from R. Philip Dowds, President,
Cambridge Civic Association, regarding
the negative impacts of the massive
multi-lane bridge proposed for the
Charles River crossing near North Point.

In City Council,

June 27, 1994

*Referred to the
Traffic and
Transportation Committee*

*6/29/94 Copy sent to Traffic
& Transportation (d)*