



City of Cambridge

40.
IN CITY COUNCIL

June 25, 1990

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COUNCILLOR CYR

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- WHEREAS: The effects of this project will extend beyond Boston's municipal boundaries to create thousands of jobs for the 1990's, but will also affect surrounding cities and towns including Cambridge where connector bridges and high ramps are planned; and
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- WHEREAS: Thus, the public, public interest groups, and the City are just beginning to respond to the concerns raised by these schemes; and
- WHEREAS: The City Council's walk through the area with Secretary Salvucci and the presentation of the plan make it clear that, in addition to questions and concerns raised by individual departments in recent hearings, the City must have a coordinated, technically correct, and politically astute response to this plan, clarifying the alternative courses of action for the City; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the City Manager bring to the City Council at its July meeting recommendations that reflect his concerns and the concerns and recommendations of the appropriate departments and boards regarding the exchange schemes, including any recommended alternative schemes; and be it further

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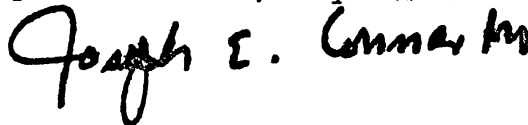
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy; 

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Order adopted