



City of Cambridge

O-20.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 28, 2002

VICE MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the Tree Protection Ordinance be referred to the Ordinance Committee for hearing and report.

In City Council October 28, 2002.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

October 16, 2002

Norman Y. Mineta
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Mineta:

I am writing regarding the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). Cambridge is a very dense city of 105,000 where close-knit residential neighborhoods directly abut large institutions and businesses. TEA-21 has been critical to the City of Cambridge's ability to implement innovative transportation projects that meet our mobility needs but reduce reliance on automobiles. This important law should be preserved and strengthened.

Below are some examples of the importance of TEA-21 to Cambridge:

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program has enabled the City to leverage private sector funds at a three-to-one ratio to operate a shuttle service that connects a key regional transportation hub with employment centers in Cambridge. The shuttle provides a link for the increasing number of residents who "reverse commute" to jobs outside the city.

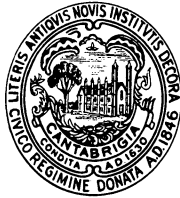
The Enhancement program has enabled the City to provide pedestrian and bicycle connections between a dense residential neighborhood and a major open space resource as well as provide safe pedestrian and bicycle facilities and landscaping along a major regional arterial. In this case, federal funds leveraged a significant local match.

The City is hoping to be able to access funding from the Transportation and Community and System Preservation program to upgrade a deteriorating railroad underpass to meet ADA requirements and provide a safe and direct link between a low-income neighborhood and a school and recreational complex.

In addition to maintaining adequate funding for these and other important programs in TEA-21, the City also strongly supports increased funding for transit in metropolitan areas, further expansion of local control over funding allocations, and basing transportation programs on sound environmental principles.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager



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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

October 21, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 02-78, regarding submitting comments on the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), please be advised of the following:

TEA-3 is the third version of the transportation vision established by Congress in 1991 with the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) and renewed in 1998 through the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21).

Legislative activity by Congressional transportation committees is expected to begin in January 2003. The Administration is also expected to submit its reauthorization proposal to Congress in January.

Attached is a copy of a letter to Secretary Mineta emphasizing Cambridge's strong support for the preservation and strengthening of TEA-21.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda #10

**Awaiting Report Item
Number 02-19**, regarding
information on applying and
contributing to the Cambridge
Scholarship Fund.

In City Council October 28, 2002

**PLACED ON FILE.
ORDER ADOPTED.
SEE ORDER #20.**