

City of Cambridge

Agenda # 14 Transferring the
Walden Street and
Huron Avenue bridges to
the Commonwealth of Mass.

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council March 24, 1975

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	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mrs. Ackermann	✓			
Mr. Clinton	✓			
Mr. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Duehay	✓			
Mrs. Graham			✓	
Mr. Russell	✓			
Mr. Vellucci	✓			
Mr. Wylie	✓			
Mayor Sullivan	✓			
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City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 24, 1975

ORDERED:

That in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 15, upon notification from the City Manager that the bridges described as Huron Avenue and Walden Street Railroad Bridges be transferred to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with Chapter 634 of the Acts of 1971, the conveyance of said bridges by the City Manager to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is hereby authorized and requires no monetary consideration in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 15 and Chapter 634 of the Acts of 1971, respectively.

In City Council March 24, 1975
 Adopted by yeas and nays Vote
 Yeas 8 Nays 0 Absent 1
Paul E. Leahy
 City Clerk



Office of the City Engineer
Cambridge, Massachusetts
City Hall

LISTS OF BRIDGES IN CAMBRIDGE

Porter Square Bridge

I understand that this belongs to the State.

Wooden Bridge at Fresh Pond Filtration Plant

I understand that this belongs to Water Department and B & M RR

* Huron Avenue Bridge over B & M RR

This belongs to the City

* Walden Street Bridge over RR

This bridge belongs to the City

Mt. Auburn Street Bridge at Mt. Auburn Cemetery over RR

I understand that this bridge belongs to the State

Steel Bridge at Alewife Brook Parkway over RR

This bridge belongs to the State

Eight Bridges over the Charles River

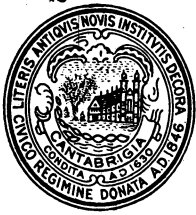
Belongs to M. D. C.

Bridge over Broad Canal at First Street

Belongs to M.D.C.

Bridge at Commercial Avenue over Lechmere Canal

Belongs to M.D.C.



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March 17, 1975

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Re: Railroad Bridges (Walden Street & Huron Avenue)

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

In order to effectuate the transfer of said vehicular bridges pursuant to Chapter 634 of the Acts of 1971, it will be necessary to be in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 15 of the Mass. General Laws.

Therefore, to abandon the City of Cambridge's rights in the named bridges above, the officer (City Manager) of the City having charge of the bridges must notify the City Council that, in his opinion, the ownership of such bridges would be more advantageous to the residents of Cambridge under the control of the Commonwealth. And, that the public purpose of said bridges would still be retained, but the responsibility for the maintenance, repair, reconstruction, replacement or removal of any such bridges as may be necessary for the public safety and convenience would be shifted to the State's Department of Public Works. If, thereafter, the City Council by a two-thirds vote authorize the conveyance of such land, and specifies the minimum amount to be paid for such conveyance, the City Manager may convey said bridges by deed. After such deed has been recorded in the Registry of Deeds, Middlesex County, then the transfer will be consummated.

Enclosed are two inclosures:

- a. A drafted City Council order, by this department, that would be in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 15 and Chapter 634 of the Acts of 1971.

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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- b. A status report on ownership by the Engineering Department, of all the bridges in the City of Cambridge.

Note: Once a City Council order has been passed, the transfer will not be effective until the deed has been recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. D. McCarthy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Edward D. McCarthy
City Solicitor

EDMcC: jm
Encs.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

March 24, 1975

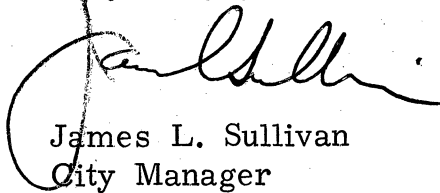
To the Honorable, the City Council:

At the present time the City of Cambridge has charge of two vehicular railroad bridges, namely the Walden Street Bridge and the Huron Avenue Bridge. It is my opinion that the ownership of these bridges would be most advantageous to the residents of the City under the control of the Commonwealth.

In view of this fact, it is my intention to transfer these two bridges to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Chapter 634 of the Acts of 1971, and Chapter 40, Section 15 of the Massachusetts General Laws. For your further information enclosed is a communication from Edward D. McCarthy, City Solicitor, pertaining to this matter.

It is respectfully requested that your Honorable Body give favorable consideration to this request at this time. I enclose a proposed order authorizing the City Manager to convey said bridges to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Order adopted
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