



Cambridge Redevelopment Authority

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January 29, 1975

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Re: Environmental Impact Study Progress Report
Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area
Project No. Mass. R-107

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

This will respond to your recent letter inquiring about progress on the proposed Environmental Impact Study (EIS), for the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area. As you know, such a study has been specifically requested by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and will consider the impact, both adverse and beneficial, of the project plan as it is proposed to be amended.

In the summer of 1974, when a number of development alternatives appeared to be well enough defined, the Authority requested and received proposals for such a study. On September 18, the Authority tentatively designated Metcalf and Eddy as the consultant for the study work and instructed the Authority staff to confer with that firm for the preparation of an acceptable work program and form of contract also acceptable to HUD. This firm is, as I am sure you are aware, a nationally-known engineering firm with extensive experience in the matters to be considered in such a study. After several meetings with HUD the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and others, a draft work program and scope of services were prepared and presented for comments at a open public meeting on December 18, 1974, held at the DOT auditorium. A form of contract has also been drafted, and is being reviewed by both the Authority and by Metcalf and Eddy, prior to being submitted for HUD review and approval.

The proposed work program specifically identifies a number of alternatives for study by the consultant. In brief, these alternatives include proposals sometimes referred to as (1) the "No-Build

Plan", which would leave the development area as permanent open space, (2) the "Kendall Square Task Force Plan", with a total of 1,411,000 square feet of building, (3) the "City Manager's Plan", with a total of 2,372,000 square feet of building, (4) the "Neighborhood Plan", with a total of 2,811,000 square feet of building, and (5) the "Maximum Plan", with a total of 3,379,000 square feet of building. The proposed contract designates the so-called Neighborhood Plan as the preferred alternative, in accordance with the October 9, 1974 action of the City Council. It is anticipated that the study will require approximately six months to complete, and is presently estimated to cost about \$110,000.

While there is some question as to the technical value of such a study at this time, in advance of specific construction proposals as distinguished from general development plans, the study is required by HUD, and we trust will be of benefit to the Authority and the City in connection with the future progress of the project.

We shall keep you informed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Rowland", written in a cursive style.

Robert F. Rowland
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. Thaddeus R. Beal
Mr. Herbert L. Berman



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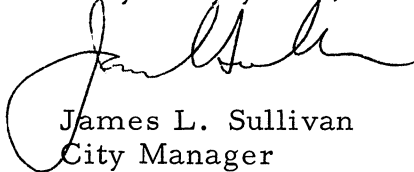
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

February 10, 1975

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from Robert F. Rowland, Executive Director of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, with an Environmental Impact Study Progress Report on the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Environmental Impact Study of the Kendall
Square Urban Renewal Area - a progress report.

In City Council,
February 10, 1975

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