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Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
City Councillor

January 7, 1991

TO: The Honorable, The City Council

FROM: Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., City Councillor *TJT*

SUBJECT: Correspondence dated December 26, 1990 to Governor-Elect William F. Weld

Attached please find for informational purposes, a copy of the letter delivered to then Governor-Elect William F. Weld outlining my position and opposition to the proposed "Scheme Z" project.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
City Councillor

December 26, 1990

Honorable Governor-Elect William Weld
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor-Elect Weld:

On November 19, 1990, I introduced an order in the Cambridge City Council opposing the proposed "Scheme Z" crossing of the Charles River as part of the Central Artery Project. My order was in substitution of a proposed order by Councillor Duehay to immediately enter into a lawsuit that would have stopped the entire Central Artery project.

I proposed my order since throughout your campaign for Governor, you strongly committed yourself to the protection of the environment, and, as a resident of Cambridge, I was sure that you would appreciate the severe negative impact that Scheme Z would have particularly on my fellow residents of East Cambridge. Thus my order called for the establishment of the Cambridge Central Artery Advisory Committee which would work with you and your administration to develop a preferred alternative acceptable to both the Commonwealth and the City of Cambridge.

In recent days, though, I have become very concerned that several of your closest advisors have come out in support of Scheme Z. These include your personal friend and advisor, Harold Hestnes, and your choice for Secretary of Administration and Finance, Peter Nessen, who is an active member of the Conservation Law Foundation. When such individuals begin to support Scheme Z, I fear that my fellow residents of East Cambridge will be ignored.

As the first Republican Governor of the Commonwealth in almost two decades, I call on you to immediately request that the Republican Administration in Washington separate that portion of the Central Artery Project north of Causeway Street from the rest of the project so that the balance of the project can begin on schedule, and to meet with the Cambridge Central Artery Advisory Committee to develop a mutually acceptable alternative to the currently proposed Scheme Z.

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Councillor Timothy Toomey
December 26, 1990

As I indicated at the Council meeting on November 19, 1990, I am ready to work with you to develop a project that will benefit Cambridge and the Commonwealth. I am equally ready for Cambridge to file a lawsuit which will stop the entire project if the people of East Cambridge are ignored.

The choice, Governor-Elect Weld, is yours, but the time to decide is now.

Sincerely yours,



Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
City Councillor

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CITY OFFICERS.

Comm. from Councillor Timothy J. Toomey,
Jr. transmitting a copy of a communica-
tion sent to Governor-Elect William F.
Weld relative to his opposition to the
proposed Scheme Z project.

In City Council,

January 7, 1991

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