



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To The Honorable City Council

Date July 14, 1977

From *H. Teso*
George Teso, Traffic Director

Reference

Subject Status Report On Proposed Truck Restrictions on A Number of
Streets in East Cambridge.

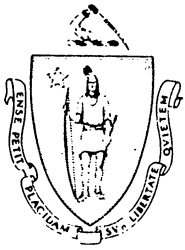
As requested by the City Council on many occasions, I have been trying to restrict heavy trucks from using our City streets, especially our residential streets and have submitted what I consider a reasonable proposal to the State DPW for approval, a copy of which is enclosed.

I have had meetings with all parties concerned and my staff has been working with the Mass. DPW and the office of the Secretary of Transportation in trying to determine an alternate route for these trucks. It was the opinion of most of these agency's that the proposal submitted jointly by the Cities of Cambridge and Somerville was the only solution to this truck problem.

I have received a letter from Mr. V.J. Cantone of the State DPW informing me that the MDC has objected to our proposed alternate route. Due to this objection, the State will not issue a permit to the Cities of Cambridge and Somerville to restrict heavy trucking on some of our streets.

The State has suggested that I find a suitable alternate route within the City of Cambridge and at that time they would consider issuing the City a permit to restrict heavy trucking on some of our streets. I am preparing a proposal that would use Mass. Ave., Main St., Binney St. and First St. to Monsignor O'Brien Highway as an alternate route and will be submitting it to the State about the second week in August. At that time, I will inform you of any progress made.

Enc.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Executive Office of Transportation and Construction

Department of Public Works

100, Nashua Street, Boston 02111

CAMBRIDGE TRAFFIC

June 28, 1977

Mr. George Teso, Director
Traffic and Parking Department
57 Inman Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Teso,

This is in further reference to your letter dated December 13, 1976 requesting consideration of the restriction of the use of heavy commercial vehicles on a number of streets in East Cambridge.

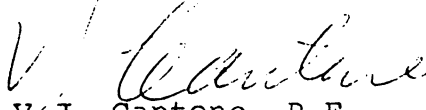
Due to the suggested alternate route involving Charles Street, a Metropolitan District Commission road in Boston, that agency was contacted for its views. As you are no doubt aware, a meeting was held at this Department on June 2, 1977. Present at the meeting were Mr. Preston of your office, Deputy Fahey and Mr. Campbell of the M.D.C., Mr. Taft for Boston and Mr. Krekorian and Mr. Cantone of the Department.

Deputy Fahey and Mr. Campbell expressed opposition to use of Charles Street between the Charles and Leverett Circles. This has been confirmed by letter from Martin F. Cosgrove, Chief Engineer for the M.D.C. The letter states that they feel that the proposed exclusion would greatly hinder traffic flow in the area, particularly during peak hours.

June 29, 1977

In view of the lack of suitability of the suggested alternate route, approval of the proposal would have to be denied if it were to be submitted as a regulation.

Very truly yours,


V.J. Cantone, P.E.
Traffic Engineer

JGB/ds



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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DEPARTMENT OF
TRAFFIC & PARKING

December 13, 1976

George Teso
Director

Mr. L. T. Perkins, P.E.
Traffic Engineer
Department of Public Works
100 Nashua Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Perkins,

We respectfully request that a permit be issued to the City of Cambridge to restrict all commercial vehicles over $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons from the following named streets or sections of streets.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Putnam Ave. from River St. to Waverly St.
Sidney St. from Mass. Ave. to Henry St.
Prospect St. from Mass. Ave. to Somerville City Line
Columbia St. from Main St. to Webster Ave.
Webster Ave. from Columbia St. to Somerville City Line
Windsor St. from Main St. to Cambridge St.
Portland St. from Main St. to Cambridge St.
Warren St. from Cambridge St. to Somerville City Line
Fulkerson St. from Binney St. to Cambridge St.
Lambert St. from Gore St. to Cambridge St.
Seventh St. from Cambridge St. to Gore St.
Sixth St. from Cambridge St. to Gore St.
Fifth St. from Cambridge St. to Gore St.
Sciarappa St. from Cambridge St. to Gore St.
Gore St. from Third St. to Somerville City Line
Third St. from Broadway to Msgr. O'Brien Highway

The enclosed plan shows the alternate route which is via Mass. Ave., Main St. across the Longfellow Bridge to Storow Drive to Route 93, the Central Artery, or Monsignor O'Brien Highway.

The City of Cambridge has met with the City of Somerville and the Secretary of Transportation, Mr. Fred Salvucci who suggested that we submit this proposal to you. We hope that a favorable decision can be reached.

Enclosed are copies of an O & D study, a map of the traffic volumes and a plan which shows the location of traffic control devices, the zoning, type of buildings and property, etc., of the abutting streets.

December 13, 1976

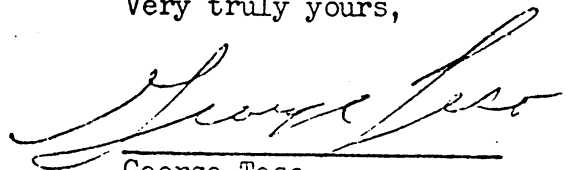
The City of Somerville will be submitting to you shortly a similar request to restrict all commercial vehicles over $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons from the following streets or sections of streets. These are continuations of those to be restricted in the City of Cambridge.

CITY OF SOMERVILLE

Prospect St. from Somerville Ave. to Cambridge City Line
Medford St. from Somerville Ave. to Cambridge City Line
Webster Ave. from Washington St. to Cambridge City Line
Warren St. from Gore St. to Cambridge City Line

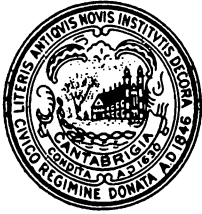
If you require further information, please let us know.

Very truly yours,



George Teso
Traffic Director
City of Cambridge

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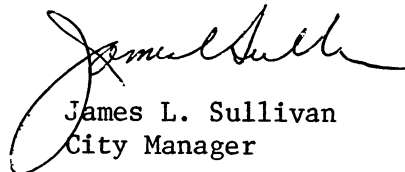
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

September 12, 1977

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a status report on the proposed Truck Restriction on various streets in East Cambridge.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
Enc.

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In City Council,
Sept. 12, 1977

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