



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

July 31, 2000

MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DECKER
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

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WHEREAS: In response to this policy the City installed bike lanes on Concord Avenue between the Fresh Pond rotary and the Belmont town-line several years ago and in the process reduced travel lanes available for automobiles; and

WHEREAS: It has been observed that the introduction of the bike lanes have contributed to an increase in traffic congestion and slowing of traffic along Concord Avenue and with this, an increase in idling time with resulting increases in emissions; and

WHEREAS: It has also been observed that the bike lanes are little used along this part of Concord Avenue' and

WHEREAS: Ample room appears to exist on the Fresh Pond Reservation side of Concord Avenue for a two-way bike path situated along with, but separated from, the existing walkway; and

WHEREAS: There has also been interest in providing amenities, including trees and other planting improvements, along the part of Concord Avenue that abuts the Fresh Pond reservation; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager work with appropriate City Departments to determine the level of use of the bike lanes along Concord Avenue and assess the impact of these lanes on traffic congestion, travel times, and resulting increases in emissions resulting from idling automobiles and report back to the City Council; and be it further

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Order #25

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Concord Avenue and the relocation
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Mayor Galluccio

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