



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

JAMES L. SULLIVAN

City Manager

October 10, 1979

Dean Amidon, Commissioner
Department of Public Works
100 Nashua Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Commissioner Amidon:

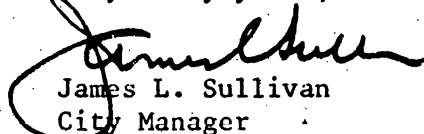
I would like to express my serious concern over the "Proposed Northwest Ramp and Winter Street Improvements in Waltham" which seems to be moving inexorably toward a construction phase without the necessary Environmental Impact Statement conducted.

I am particularly concerned with the impact on the Cambridge reservoir wetlands and water supply from the sodium contamination from road salt used by the Department of Public Works and City agencies for combating snow and ice in the winter time. Cambridge has been alerted to the fact that there is a higher than normal sodium content in its water supply and this has caused concern in the Cambridge community by the citizens, by the Cambridge Water Board, and by other agencies of the City government. Certainly, we do not wish to increase the potential for salt run-off into our wetlands and reservoir by a new construction in the vicinity of the reservoir. If such a construction is to take place, an Environmental Impact Statement should be required to be conducted as we are dealing with a potential increase in sodium contamination and efforts should be made to assess the potential of the problem and possible solutions.

At the same time consideration should be given to analyzing the potential and minimizing the current contamination.

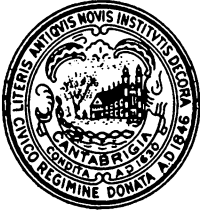
It is absolutely essential that the Environmental Impact Statement be conducted on the proposed improvements.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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cc: Federal Highway Administration, Washington, D.C.
DOT Federal Highway Dept., 100 Summer Street, Boston
John A. Bewick, Secretary, Environmental Affairs
Cambridge Water Board



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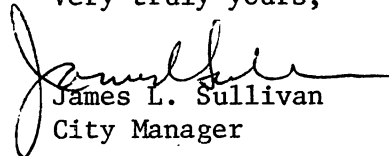
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October 22, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 28 enclosed is a copy of a letter that I have sent to Dean Amidon, Commissioner of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, regarding the Winter Street intersection project.

Very truly yours,


James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Response to Awaiting Report No. 28 re:
Winter Street intersection project.

In City Council,
October 22, 1979

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