

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

~~December 15, 1997~~
December 22, 1997

INTRODUCED BY CITY MANAGER ROBERT W. HEALY

AN ORDER CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1997

ORDERED: That in addition to sums previously appropriated by the City Council for the fiscal period 1997-98 the following sum is hereby appropriated in the Public Investment Fund the City of Cambridge:

FUNCTION	DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM	SALARY & WAGES	OTHER ORDINARY MAINTENANCE	TRAVEL & TRAINING	EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES	APPROPRIATIONS
Community Maintenance & Development	Community Development				\$490,000.00	\$490,000.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the above appropriation in the Public Investment Fund to be financed by estimated revenues drawn from the following sources:

FINANCING PLAN	REVENUE
Mass Highway Department	\$490,000.00

In City Council December 22, 1997.
Adopted by a yeas and nays vote:-
Yeas 6; Nays 2; Absent 1.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

December 15, 1997

To The Honorable, The City Council;

I am hereby requesting an appropriation of \$490,000.00 to the Public Investment Fund Community Development Department Extraordinary Expenditures Account.

The Central Artery/Tunnel project has agreed to reimburse the City to perform the following tasks: 1) Have an engineering consultant to complete the design of the infrastructure and roadway improvements to the North Point area; 2) Have a consultant to design and implement a Traffic Monitoring Program during construction of the Central Artery/Tunnel project; 3) Have a consultant to provide to the City general engineering assistance in the review and monitoring of Central Artery construction activities.

The revenue for this appropriation will come from the Massachusetts Highway Department.

As discussed with the City Council, I have been negotiating with the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) toward resolution of the remaining litigation over the Central Artery Project. You will recall that Judge Woodlock, in our federal court case, denied our motion for summary judgment and granted a judgment in favor of the MHD. That left us with a similar state court action under MEPA (the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act) and a separate action under Chapter 91 (the state statute regulating waterways.)

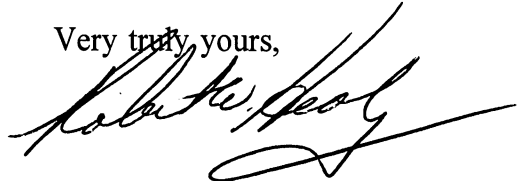
As I advised the City Council on prior occasions, the state ceased funding the "Services Schedule" which was negotiated during the time period when the City and Massachusetts Highway Department were working cooperatively to agree to revisions to the so-called "Scheme Z." While major improvements were achieved with the revised design, mutual consensus was not reached and litigation resulted which also resulted in the non funding of the Services Schedule.

In a cooperative spirit the City and the MHD have executed an amended Services Schedule that will provide for reimbursements to the City over a two year period with a value of \$1,203,100.00 for:

- Planning Services
- Traffic Monitoring
- North Point Roadway and Infrastructure Project
- Special Engineering Services
- Project Coordination

The commitments by the MHD in this new Services Schedule, coupled with the assurances I have received from the MHD for cooperation in dealing with the impacts of the advancing Project, are vital at this stage. This new agreement resolves the remaining litigation issued between the City and the MHD.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mec

Consent Agenda #20

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F-193

Relative to an order requesting the appropriation of \$490,000 to provide funds for planning services, traffic monitoring, project coordination, North Point roadway and infrastructure project and special engineering services related to the Central Artery Project.

In City Council December 15, 1997

Tabled by
to allow for Executive Session
Vice Mayor Born

December 22, 1997

ORDER ADOPTED

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