

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

5 October 1974

PETITION

To the Honorable, the City Council  
of the City of Cambridge

The undersigned, for the benefit of the public and of the immediate community, respectfully request that you arrange for immediate completion of the SIDEWALK ON COOLIDGE AVENUE FROM MT. AUBURN STREET TO THE CAMBRIDGE CEMETERY ON THE EAST SIDE. This is a heavily used thoroughfare connecting Watertown with Cambridge in the already congested Mt. Auburn-Fresh Pond Parkway area. The amount of commercial, commuter, funeral and normal traffic indicates that pedestrian protection by at least one sidewalk should be the responsibility of the City or County.

Pedestrians here include (1) the elderly and infirm who visit the City's cemetery on foot, (2) children and residents going to and from the bus at the foot of Coolidge Avenue, and between their homes and the area schools, (3) Sunday and other strollers who enjoy walks along the beauty of Mt. Auburn Cemetery. All of these and others must now walk well into the street because the gutters are stony and deep and the sidewalk space subject to mud, snow, and runoff. It is important that granite curbing be installed because, although very recent parking restrictions control most parking hazards, only a hard curb will prevent trucks, snowplows, and other legitimate vehicles from continuing to mount the sidewalk, damage property, and severely impede pedestrians.

We urge that this work be done before winter, and also that you have in mind coming Bicentennial visitors to this significant part of Cambridge who should find here a safe, pleasant, and dignified walkway.

Jane F. Hawkins  
Norm Goldberg  
Silvio J. Oresti, M.D.  
Jean Oresti

Conelia D. Wheeler  
Joseph Lynn (head-  
master, Shady Hill  
School)

Copies: signatories, Mr. Duehay, Mr. Rice, Rev. Lowery,  
Transportation Forum, Buckingham-Browne and Nichols  
School.

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To the Honorable, the City Council of the  
City of Cambridge

The undersigned respectfully pray

that Portland Cement Sidewalk  
Bituminous Concrete Sidewalk  
Edgestones may be laid in front of premises No.  
Street.

Owner  
or  
Owners Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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for SIDEWALK, COOLIDGE AVENUE

EAST SIDE

No. Mt. Auburn St to C Levee

25 October 1974

10/21/74 Refused to the  
City Manager for Report  
in two weeks as to  
ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON  
Coolidge Ave., Harvard.  
Force it and sidewalks near  
Neighborhood House and

In City Council *Harmoner* 5/19/45 19

Referred to the Committee on Roads  
and Bridges

**Attest:**

**City Clerk**