



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 3, 1975

Councillor Ackermann
Councillor Duehay

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED SENATE BILL
S-1502, PROVIDING FOR STATE FUNDS TO BUILD TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES
FOR BICYCLE COMMUTING AND OTHER BICYCLE TRAVEL.

WHEREAS:

Senator William M. Bulger of Boston has introduced a bill (S-1502) to divert one per cent of the State Highway Fund into the construction of bicycle paths as a commuting alternative, and

WHEREAS:

This measure if implemented could contribute to conserving gasoline, improving public health and air quality, and alleviating traffic congestion, and

WHEREAS:

If only five per cent of the approximately 480,000 drivers that come into Boston and Cambridge every day switched to bicycles, over nine million gallons of gasoline a year would be saved, and \$4.5 million would stay in consumer pockets, and

WHEREAS:

The City of Cambridge, like Boston, strongly supports energy conservation, air quality improvement and the lessening of traffic congestion through greater use of bicycles, and

WHEREAS:

It is particularly important to Cambridge that the funds made available can be used to construct bicycle "parking facilities" in addition to bicycle paths, and

WHEREAS:

The Federal Highway Act of 1973 has already endorsed the principle behind S-1502 by making available up to \$2 million per year per State for bicycle paths built in conjunction with federally-funded highway projects, and

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It would be preferable to make bicycle paths and related facilities eligible for use of whatever state funds needed to optimize bicycle travel, rather than to establish a separate fund with a specific dollar limit, therefore be it

RESOLVED:

That the Cambridge City Council goes on record as in strong support of the S-1502 in principle, and be it further

RESOLVED:

That the City Council recommends that the Legislature specifically include bicycle "parking facilities" as eligible for funding under this statute, and be it further

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That the City Council recommends that the Legislature consider eliminating the proposed limit of one per cent of the State Highway Fund as well as the establishment of a separate bicycle fund, and that it rather establish the eligibility of bicycle paths and other bicycle facilities for State funding on the same basis as highways, as needed for maximum possible increase of bicycle travel, and be it further

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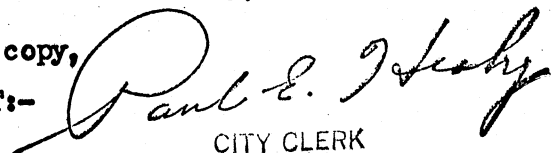
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