

Finance #151

City of Cambridge

In City Council,

April 10, 1972.

PROPOSED CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CITY MANAGER'S CAMBRIDGE TRANSPORTATION FORUM

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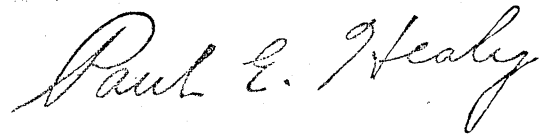
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In City Council April 10, 1972.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy,

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March 31, 1972

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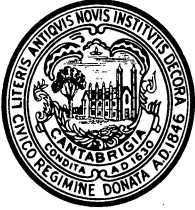
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Paul E. Healey
City Clerk

STAFFING FOR CAMBRIDGE - U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Overall direction of the work is provided jointly by Robert A. Bowyer, Planning and Development Director, and George Teso, Traffic and Parking Director, and by their Assistant Directors, Edward A. Handy and Lauren M. Preston. Stephen E. Zecher of the Planning and Development Department is a major contributor to the work, and Captain Nicholas J. Fratto represents the Cambridge Police Department on the study team. Consultant services are provided by Michael A. Powills, Jr., Senior Vice President at Barton-Aschman Associates, Inc.; Professor Marvin E. Manheim, M.I.T. Urban Systems Laboratory; and Assistant Professor Tunney F. Lee, M.I.T. Department of Urban Studies. Mr. O. Hugo Schuck, the Transportation Systems Center's Technical Assistant to the Director/Concepts, monitors the contract for the U. S. Department of Transportation, and together with an associate, Mr. David Glater of D.O.T., is making valuable contributions to the City's work.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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April 3, 1972

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Subject: Cambridge - U.S. Department of Transportation Study

The following summary of the Cambridge - U.S. Department of Transportation Study will supplement the report to be made to the City Council Transportation Committee on April 3d by the City Manager, together with members of the Planning and Development Department, Traffic and Parking Department, and Police Department. The summary and oral report are pursuant to my memorandum of March 17, 1972, to the City Council requesting a meeting with the Council Transportation Committee.

History and Objectives of Study

The Cambridge - U.S. Department of Transportation Study is being carried out under a \$50,000 contract awarded to the City of Cambridge by the Transportation Systems Center of the U. S. Department of Transportation. The contract was awarded in August, 1971, and completion of the work is scheduled for June 30, 1972.

The Transportation Systems Center, with headquarters here in Cambridge, is a major research arm of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Consequently, the basic thrust of the work called for by the study contract is in the nature of research -- the Center having commissioned the City of Cambridge to study, develop and recommend more effective ways of doing transportation planning at the municipal level. Specific work products called for the contract under which the City is working are:

1. Development of a proposal for a three to five year prototype transportation planning operation in Cambridge which takes fully into consideration the existing intra-city needs of the people, other relevant community values, the longer-range land use plans of the City, and compatibility with metropolitan-level and regional-level plans -- this prototype transportation planning operation to serve as a basis for helping solve the transportation planning problems of generally similar cities throughout the United States.
2. A sketch master plan for Cambridge land use and transportation -- to serve as a starting point for the prototype transportation planning program.
3. An Annotated Inventory of Cambridge Transportation and Land Use Plans.

Staffing assignments for the study are given in an attachment to this memorandum.

To the Honorable, the City Council (cont.) April 3, 1972

Status of Study

With approximately one-half the contract funds expended through March 31, 1972, the study has moved ahead significantly in the development of sketch master plans for land use and transportation in Cambridge, as well as in the development of concepts and programs for broad, well-balanced citizen/public agency/private sector involvement in a participatory Cambridge transportation planning effort. Working documents developed to date involve: (1) an annotated inventory and evaluation of previously completed Cambridge land use and transportation planning reports; and (2) a progress report of January 12, 1972, containing preliminary statements on (a) summary of Cambridge transportation problems; (b) goals and policies for Cambridge transportation planning; (c) a transportation planning and development process for Cambridge; (d) transportation proposals.

City Manager's Cambridge Transportation Forum

Against the background of a clearly strong Cambridge commitment to an open and participatory planning process, the study team has determined that there exists a very significant need for a single, broadly-representative group of citizens, appropriate public agencies, and private organizations whose concern with transportation problems produces a capability for valuable and efficient two-way communication between the many interests they represent and Cambridge government staff and officials responsible for identifying and finding solutions to the transportation problems of the City. From this determination has emerged the concept of an on-going City Manager's Cambridge Transportation Forum -- and it is this concept in particular for which the City Council's concern and support are earnestly sought both through this memorandum and the presentation to be made at the Council's meeting of April 3, 1972.

The overall purpose of the Transportation Forum will be to help Cambridge government improve the quality of living for the people of Cambridge and the Metropolitan Area by:

1. improving their access to jobs, education, medical services, friends, recreation, shopping, personal services, libraries, and to all other places and activities that give substance to our daily lives -- such improvement in access to involve greater travel safety; reduced trip times and costs; less frustration; expanded knowledge of travel opportunities and methods; greater freedom to choose the time of day at which a trip will be made.
2. improving the efficiency of commercial and industrial goods movements serving Cambridge -- and working with the State and Metropolitan Boston communities to accomplish the same objective on a metropolitan basis.
3. reducing to acceptable levels the negative environmental impacts that are the by-products of needed transportation movements and activity in Cambridge.

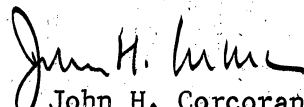
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April 3, 1972

The Transportation Forum will move toward the achievement of these purposes by helping the City Manager, the City departments, and the City Council in their efforts to identify, understand, evaluate, and find solutions to major transportation problems that downgrade the quality of living in Cambridge.

It is my intent, with the City Council's support, to move forward immediately with the establishment of the proposed City Manager's Cambridge Transportation Forum. I have selected our transportation consultant, Tunney F. Lee, as interim Coordinator for the Forum -- and together, working with the Cambridge - U.S. Department of Transportation study staff, we will select a tentative group of approximately twenty-five to thirty transportation-oriented individuals and organizations constituting a fully-representative and well-balanced cross-section of Cambridge interests. All procedures for operation of the Transportation Forum will be discussed and worked out with this group-- and while the final selection of operating procedures will necessarily be mine, it is clear that failure to achieve consensus would severely strain the Forum's prospects for becoming a positive force in our transportation planning programs.

Very truly yours,


John H. Corcoran
City Manager

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Enclosure

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relative to Cambridge-U.S.Dept.of Trans-
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April 3, 1972

Referred to Hearing
Hearing Held April 3rd
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After Hearing Comm
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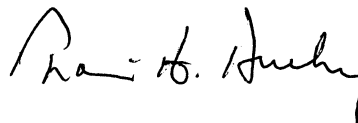
The

Committee on Transportation

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Reports,

Recommending that said resolution
be referred to the City Council for action.



For the Committee

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