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REPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

Present: Councillor Duehay (Chairman), Councillors Ackermann and Russell; Mr. Connarton

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Also considered at the hearing was a proposal to use the northern portion of the dump land, temporarily until the Alewife Red Line station and parking lot open, for peripheral parking to help commuters when the EPA guidelines become effective. This proposal was made in a report by Messrs. Bowyer and Teso.

It was also determined that this utilization of a portion of the dump land during this interim period might, if revenues were sufficient, pay for a portion of the grading and reclamation of the dump site, a cost that would otherwise have to be borne by the taxpayer.

John Pitkin, Chairman of the Transportation Forum, did not object to using the site for parking during the Bicentennial but did feel other parking uses ought to be further analyzed.

It was the conclusion of the subcommittee that this area was so far removed from Bicentennial activities and from highway traffic flow that parking there for that purpose did not seem practical. Further, the possibility of readying the site for the 1975 opening of the Bicentennial seemed remote, although it was stated by Mrs. O'Loughlin that the peak tourist year would be 1976 rather than 1975.

Finally, the details of developing the site for peripheral parking, including financing, were sufficiently unclear, that it is the recommendation of the subcommittee that the matter be referred back to the City Manager for further study and report and to the Transportation Forum for their recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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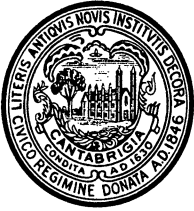
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