

MAURICE LAZARUS

October 18, 1995

Margaret Drury
City Clerk
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Drury:

Since we cannot attend the public hearing on October 23rd concerning traffic problems in Cambridge, we send this testimony for the record. Our family has resided at 144 Brattle Street since 1960. We have enjoyed the amenities and beauty of the residential neighborhood -- with one exception: the increasing traffic and particularly heavy and huge trucks. These include trailers, six-wheel trucks, concrete mixers, large food delivery trucks, etc.

This morning, for example, an eighteen-wheeler container type truck was on Brattle blocking Sparks Street and trying to turn left on Craigie. A man from the truck got out to stop and direct traffic. It caused a traffic jam.

Not only is Brattle Street residential, but there are also schools nearby with young children, which necessitates a traffic policewoman at opening and closing school hours. Even with recent changes made, the corner of Sparks, Craigie, and Brattle Streets remains exceedingly dangerous.

Would it be possible to reroute at least trucks over a certain weight or size to other through streets? Huron and Mt. Auburn are roughly parallel and Concord feeds directly into the Fresh Pond traffic circle for Routes 2 and 16.

There may be better solutions that traffic officials will know. In any case, we ask your recognition of this problem and your assistance in solving it.

Mel & Maurice Lazarus

Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Lazarus

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Maurice Lazarus transmitting
concern regarding truck traffic
problems in Cambridge.

In City Council October 23, 1995

Referred to the 7:00 p.m.
hearing