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To: Mayor Russell, Vice Mayor Born, Councillors Davis, Triantafillou,
Reeves, Sullivan, Toomey, Duehay, Galluccio.

From: John Moot, 44 Coolidge Hill Road, Cambridge

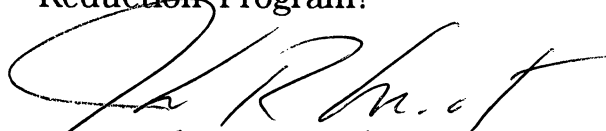
Subject: **Vehicle Trip Reduction Program, (VTRP)**

At the hearing before the DEP on the Parking Freeze, Liz Epstein described a very comprehensive program to reduce automobile usage in the city. Whether or not the Parking Freeze is lifted, this effort is important.

To add to the program, I should like to suggest the installation of an additional 500 bus-stop shelters throughout the city. One significant deterrent to the use of mass transit is the lack of comfort: especially the exposure to rain, sleet, snow and cold wind while you wait for the bus. The clear plastic shelters in use have proven themselves. We need more, both large and small.

The cost of installing the shelters might be shared between the City and local businesses and neighborhood groups. A plaque in each shelter could give the name of the sponsoring organization.

Although these 500 shelters may still cost the City money, would they not be a very visible and effective addition to the Vehicle Trip Reduction Program?



cc: Robert W. Healy Jr., City Manager
Elizabeth Epstein, Deputy Director, Community Development

Communication was received from John Moot, 44 Coolidge Hill Road, suggesting the installation of an additional 500 bus-stop shelters to the Vehicle Trip Reduction Program.

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In City Council February 24, 1997

*Referred to City
Manager on the motion
of Councillor Sullivan
and a report on cost
on the motion of
Councillor Davis.*