



City of Cambridge

Consent Agenda #8

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 25, 1996

VICE MAYOR BORN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a comparison report with other cities regarding automobile traffic as they relate to registered cars and parking permits.

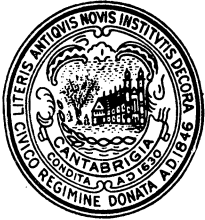
In City Council November 25, 1996
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

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D. Margaret Drury

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Traffic, Parking and Transportation
57 Inman Street,
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Susan E. Clippinger
Director

Administration	349-4700
Parking Violations	349-4705
Resident Parking	349-4701

November 14, 1996

TO: Robert Healy, City Manager

FROM: Susan E. Clippinger, Director *SC*

SUBJECT: Calendar Item #001 dated 9/30/96

RE: Report on Automobile Traffic in Cambridge

Attached is information on cars registered in Cambridge and resident permits issued for the calendar years 1985-1996. Also attached is information for the last five fiscal years showing meter and parking ticket revenues and ticket issuance activity.

The information shows that car ownership and resident permits issued has remained relatively constant over the 10 year period. There are also no large changes in ticket issuance activity.

However, there have been changes in revenues over the 5 year period. The most dramatic change is in resident permit parking program revenues. The change is a result of the increase in the cost of a permit from \$4 to \$8 which occurred in 1992 and is reflected in the FY 1992 revenues.

The City remains committed to the transportation policies that have been in place for some time and are articulated in the Growth Policy document and the Vehicle Trip Reduction Ordinance. In particular, this Department is working aggressively to improve and expand pedestrian and bicycle facilities, encourage the provision of good public transportation services and protect resident neighborhoods from the most negative aspects of vehicle trips--the most onerous of which is speed. Good traffic engineering principles and physical changes, including traffic calming, are techniques being used.

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Comparison of Registered Cars and Resident Parking Permits

Calendar Year	Cars registered as of Jan 1	Total cars billed for excise tax	Resident permits issued	% of cars billed to permits
1985			31,434	
1986			33,583	
1987	39,236	59,215	34,676	59%
1988	34,665	60,559	35,326	58%
1989	41,427	59,722	35,622	60%
1990	40,612	58,358	36,072	62%
1991	38,516	55,710	36,021	65%
1992	39,131	55,271	35,784	65%
1993	40,042	55,292	34,201	62%
1994	39,799	55,662	33,905	61%
1995	39,467	54,910	34,037	62%
1996	41,320		33,487	

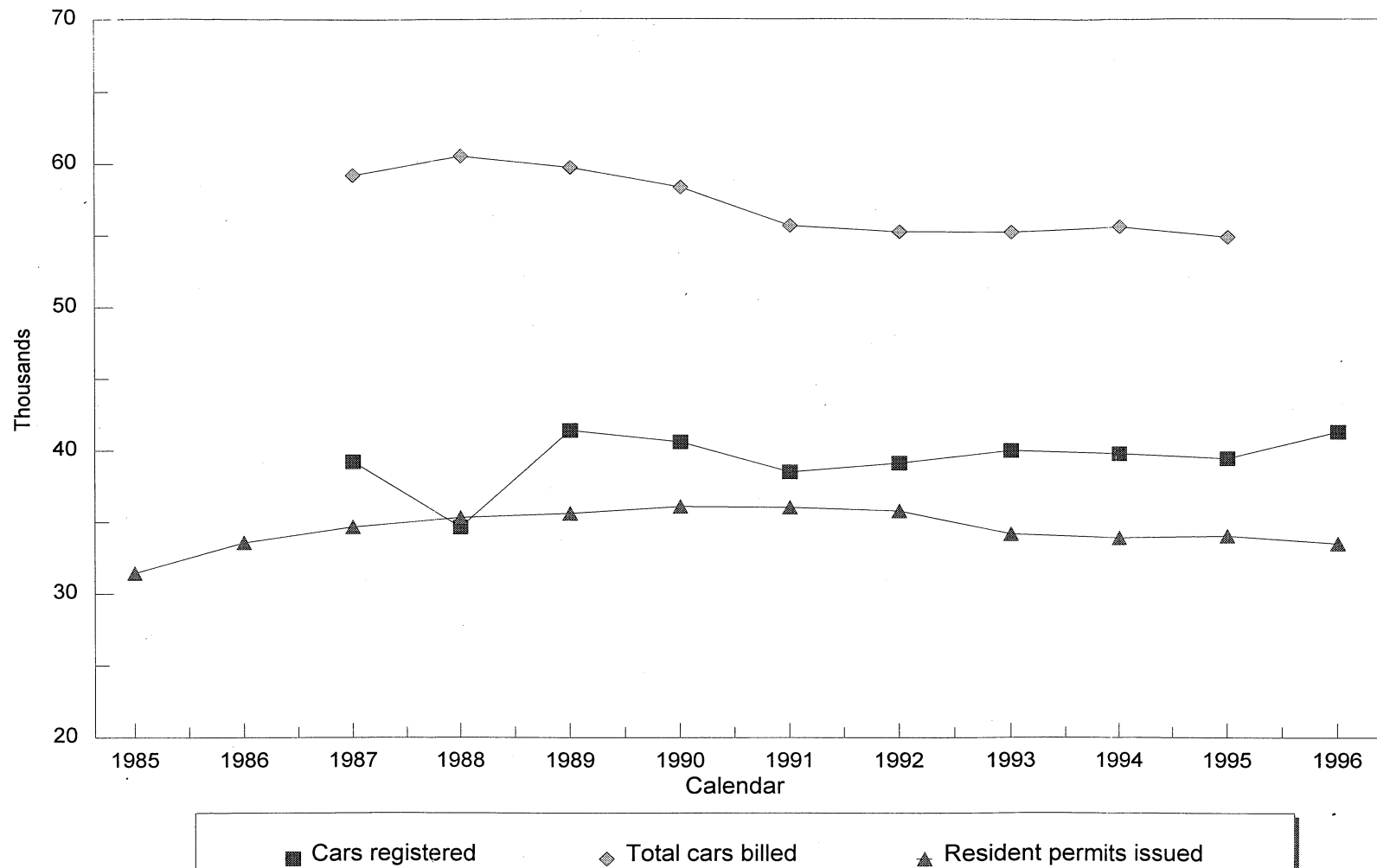
Notes:

Cars registered as of Jan 1 is the Registry of Motor Vehicles record of cars who should be billed for excise tax as of the beginning of the year.

Total cars billed includes all cars registered from Cambridge as of January plus all those added during the year. Cars that are sold or otherwise leave the City are not deducted from this number.

Resident permits issued includes all permits issued throughout the year that are still active as of September 16, 1996.

Comparison of Registered Cars and Resident Parking Permits



Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department
Parking Revenues FY90 to FY95

Fiscal Year	Parking Fines	Meters	Resident Permits	Garages
1990	\$7,209,225	\$1,821,845	\$157,120	\$1,321,815
1991	\$7,086,474	\$1,809,155	\$163,274	\$1,485,262
1992	\$7,799,325	\$2,094,819	\$204,160	\$1,362,400
1993	\$7,318,840	\$2,286,350	\$269,410	\$1,449,479
1994	\$6,597,255	\$2,205,062	\$282,215	\$1,618,357
1995	\$6,855,815	\$2,391,645	\$290,840	\$1,846,457

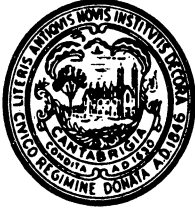
The amount and percent increase(decrease) in revenues from FY90 to FY95.

(\$353,410)	\$569,800	\$133,720	\$524,642
-5%	31%	85%	35%

Note: The large increase in revenues from resident permits between 1990 and 1995 is due in large part to the increase in the price of a permit from \$4 to \$8.

City of Cambridge - Parking Ticket Issuance
Fy1990 - FY1995

Year	Total Tickets	Meter Tickets	% of Total	Resident Permit Tickets	% of Total
1990	493,995	204,180	41%	71,495	14%
1991	465,585	203,493	44%	77,467	17%
1992	464,495	215,521	46%	70,467	15%
1993	418,232	204,394	49%	65,532	16%
1994	403,044	203,354	50%	50,047	12%
1995	437,642	216,939	50%	67,694	15%



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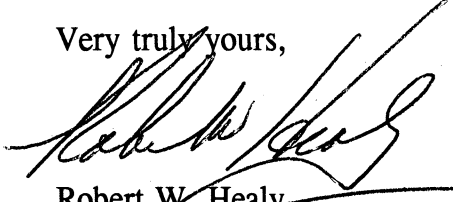
RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

November 25, 1996

To The Honorable, The City Council:

With reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 5, regarding a report on automobile traffic in Cambridge, please find attached a response received from Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department Director Susan Clippinger.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

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Transmitting communication relative to
Awaiting Report Item Number Five, regarding
a report on automobile traffic in
Cambridge.

see 418 CM
original order #19
of 9-30-96

In City Council November 25, 1996

ORDER ADOPTED