



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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*Robert W. Healy, City Manager*

*Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager*

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February 23, 2007

Acting Commissioner Priscilla E. Geigis  
Department of Conservation and Recreation  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600  
Boston, MA 02114-2104

Re: Boston University Bridge Reconstruction

Dear Acting Commissioner Geigis:

The City of Cambridge is aware that the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is planning to rehabilitate the Boston University Bridge. The project will have significant construction impacts on Cambridge residents, business and institutions. The project will also provide DCR the opportunity to improve the bridge's universal accessibility and bicycle and pedestrian access to the Paul Dudley White bikepath.

The City requests that the DCR begin formal coordination meetings with City staff on this project and begin community meetings in Spring 2007. It is the City's desire that the project provide the maximum benefits with minimum construction impacts and that the Cambridge community be well informed and have the opportunity to comment during the project's planning, design and construction phases. I am concerned that planning has started without any outreach to myself or City staff. The City Council is very concerned about this project and is requesting a public meeting in Cambridge this spring to brief residents about the project.

Thank you for your attention to these comments. Please contact Sue Clippinger, Director of Traffic, Parking and Transportation, at 617-349-4743 with any questions and to begin our coordination. We look forward to working with you to make this project a success.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manger

cc: Sue Clippinger, Director, Traffic Parking and Transportation Department  
Beth Rubenstein, Assistance City Manger for Community Development  
Lisa Peterson, Commissioner, Public Works Department  
Nancy Schlacter, Assistant to the City Manger  
Lori Peterson, Project Manger, Department of Conservation and Recreation

attachment: City Council Order (CRS REQ175081)



# City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL  
January 22, 2007

COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to contact the Department of Conservation and Recreation to request that they schedule community meetings beginning in the spring of 2007 with respect to the BU Bridge repairs.

In City Council January 22, 2007  
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.  
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk