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Office of the Mayor | Henrietta Davis

March 13, 2013

TO: Donna P. Lopez
Interim City Clerk

FROM: Mayor Henrietta Davis

SUBJECT: Communications and Reports from City Officers

Would you place the attached communication received from Kathy Born, Chair, Cambridge Redevelopment Authority, on the Communications and Reports from City Offices for the City Council meeting scheduled for March 18, 2013.

The communication states the support of the CRA for the "Rail With Trail" proposal for the Grand Junction rail line as set forth in a letter to the CRA dated January 24, 2013. The City Council confirmed their support by adoption of Order Number Eleven of January 28, 2013, a copy of which is attached.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.



Cambridge Redevelopment Authority

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March 12, 2013

Cambridge City Council
c/o Cambridge City Clerk
City of Cambridge
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
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Re: Redevelopment Authority Support for Rail with Trail

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Let me first congratulate Councilor Toomey for his leadership on the proposal to improve the Grand Junction rail corridor through the "Rail with Trail" proposal.

Please accept this letter as an expression of support for Councilor Toomey's "Rail With Trail" proposal for the Grand Junction rail line through Cambridge as set forth in his January 24, 2013 letter to the Authority. This support was confirmed in a vote of the Authority taken at its meeting held on February 27, 2013, to be documented in the official minutes of the meeting which will be publicly available on the Authority's website.

As the Council is aware, the Authority controls rights for land along the railroad line, which, of course, serves as the northerly border of the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area. As we work to complete the redevelopment of the area, the Authority is most interested in expanding transit options for residents and businesses. The Authority is also actively supporting the City of Cambridge Community Development Department's open space study for all of East Cambridge. While housing remains the most pressing priority for the area, we view additional transportation options and the provision of additional open space as two keys to its future. The Rail with Trail proposal advances both objectives.

We look forward to continuing work with Councilor Toomey, the entire Council, and City and state officials on this important project. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me should you have any questions regarding the Authority's support for the project.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen Born', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kathleen Leahy Born, AIA, LEED AP
Chair

KLB/dm

Copies to:

Mr. Brian Murphy

Ms. Susan Glazer

Members of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority:

Mr. Barry Zevin

Ms. D. Margaret Drury

Mr. Conrad Crawford

Christopher Bator, Esquire



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
January 28, 2013

MAYOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record endorsing the attached letter submitted by Councillor Toomey requesting the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority to support a multi-use path along the Grand Junction Railroad.

In City Council January 28, 2013
Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
Attest:- Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


Donna P. Lopez, Interim City Clerk

Attachment