

**City Council of Cambridge – Council Order #16
Anderson, Western Avenue, and River Street Bridge
Underpasses- Begin permitting and Funding**

**Statement of Support by Ronald Axelrod, Charles River
Conservancy Board Member, 26 Shepard Street**

I speak on behalf of a coalition of The Charles River Conservancy, Livable Streets, Cambridge Running Club along with 27 Elected Officials and 48 organizations in support of building Pedestrian and Bicycle Underpasses at three bridges that are in reconstruction and soon to be reconstructed by MassDOT- Anderson, Western Avenue, and River Street.

The renderings of these proposed underpasses are show on these boards.

The underpasses are needed for three major reasons:

1. Safety of passage avoiding the dangerous on Soldiers Field Road intersections for pedestrian and bicyclists
2. Safety for families, children, elderly, and physically challenged individuals using the river pathways
3. Safety for commuting bicyclists at the three intersections.

I urge the Council to support the Resolution that the city go on record to the MassDOT that the Department start the permitting process and design to incorporate the underpasses on all three bridge reconstructions.

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