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Policy Order and Resolution List for Monday, April 27, 2015

#8 That the City Manager is requested to confer with relevant City staff and Hubway representatives to determine the feasibility of putting bike share stations in West Cambridge at places such as the West Cambridge Youth Center, the Tobin School, Fresh Pond or other private or public locations and the feasibility of having all Hubway stations be situated so that they are available year round.

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1. Cambridge City Council - Authorizes public improvements.

An improvement for one group of citizens should not create a disadvantage for another group. The permanent loss of three-four parking spaces on Lawrence Street represents a major disadvantage. The problem will be further exacerbated in the winter time, as evident of the parking shortage caused by the snow .

2. Human Services / Safety Issues

Human Services Commission promotes activities that enhance the quality of life for Cambridge residents. I appeal to the Council to keep in mind the quality of life for both car riders and bike riders. In many cases, residents are both.

When you take away parking spaces you create safety issues.

3. Hubway Survey

To say there is widespread or general support for Hubway stations does not address the local impact of each Hubway station. A general survey collects general information regarding the support or opposition to an idea. Specific implementation must involve the specific parties who are impacted by the idea. In 2013 the population of Cambridge was 107,289. The Hubway survey compiled responses from 148 residents of Cambridge.

4. Another example of Installation without Communication:

Hubway station was installed in front of a Somerville bike shop in 2013.

Last year residents of Lawrence Street were not notified that a Hubway station would be installed on their street. After the installation some residents were told that the City planned to alternate the location -- between Lawrence and Corporal McTernan Streets. Now the Lawrence Street residents have been told that a permanent location on Lawrence Street is the plan—a plan that reduces parking and increases unsafe behavior.

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