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Mr. Robert W. Healy  
City Manager  
City of Cambridge  
Cambridge City Hall  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
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**Re: Cambridge City Council Order #32**

Dear Mr. Healey:

I am writing in response to your letter of August 5, 2010 regarding the Cambridge City Council's Order #12 concerning the possibility of installing a long flat tube slide at a Cambridge MBTA station.

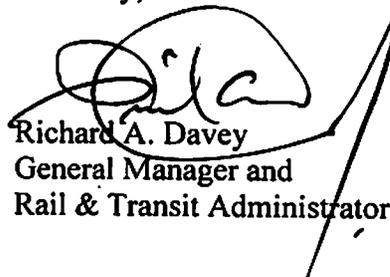
The Order references a link to a "You Tube" video containing a Volkswagen commercial in which a tube slide is installed between a subway entrance escalator and stairway.

Please be advised that we have viewed the video and have determined that the liability to the MBTA if someone was injured while using the slide presents a risk and possible safety hazard.

While we appreciate the Council's goal of "adding a bit of personality to a subway stop", however, we must respectfully suggest that they propose a safer method to achieve that objective.

Thank you and please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Davey  
General Manager and  
Rail & Transit Administrator