

## Cambridge Traffic Department Collection

Cambridge Historical Commission  
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Cambridge, MA 02139

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**Dates:** c. 1930s-1980s

**Extent:** 0.50 cubic feet

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### Collection Description:

Correspondence, maps, studies, memos, plans, applications, and similar documents related to projects of the Cambridge Traffic Department. Projects include traffic installations, enhancements, and other forms of urban renewal.

### Box list:

- Folder 1: Central Square
  - Pleasant and Auburn Streets, 1986
  - Central Square Enhancement (River at Western Avenue), 1985
- Folder 2: Harvard Square
  - Traffic and Parking Study, 1963
  - Cambridge Common, 1968
- Folder 3: Press Releases
  - Traffic Department press releases, 1963-1975
- Folder 4: Minibus
  - Memos, press releases, correspondence and other documents related to mini bus service in Cambridge, 1972-3
- Folder 5: News Clippings
  - General articles and news clippings about traffic (not all Cambridge-related), 1959-1979
- Folder 6: Riverbend Park
  - Letters, plans, tables, traffic counts, notes, etc. regarding a proposal to close Memorial Drive on Sundays for a people's park, 1974-7
- Folder 7: Street Cleaning
  - Letter, analysis, clippings, and program statement regarding a street-cleaning effort, 1973, 1983-4
- Folder 8: Wellington-Harrington Urban Renewal Area
  - Letters, plans, traffic studies, and other materials related to urban renewal proposals (1970, 1978)
- Folder 9: Photographs

- Mostly photocopied and one original photograph of Cambridge street/aerial views (c. 1950s-60s)
- Scrapbook materials (1 original, 2 photocopied packets)
  - News clippings regarding traffic and urban renewal
- Research Copy: Traffic Studies and Reports, 1933-1971 [research copy of items below]
- Folder 10: Cambridge Traffic Study Survey: Special Study Number 1 – Traffic Conditions on Massachusetts Avenue from Waterhouse Street to Arlington Line, June 1933
- Folder 11: News Clippings Re: Planning Board and Parking, March-June 1946
- Folder 12: Outline of Talk by Professor Frederick J. Adams on The Effect of Future Planning on the Business Centers of Cambridge, 30 April 1946
- Folder 13: Survey of Parking Situation at Harvard University, including press release, December 1956
- Folder 14: Plan for Central Square [parking development], ca. 1960
- Folder 15: Initial Report, Memorandum 9: Circulation [traffic in Cambridgeport], 2 October 1961
- Folder 16: Press Release Re: Traffic in Central Square, 1961
- Folder 17: East Cambridge Traffic Study, January 1962
- Folder 18: Parking Meter Use Survey, 1963-1964
- Folder 19: Annotated Inventory of Cambridge Transportation and Land Use Plans, 19 August 1971

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