

**CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**HEARING ORDER**

**Regarding the Urgent Review of The Impacts On Boston's Neighborhoods  
During And After The Arborway/Casey Overpass  
Bridge Demolition Project**

Offered by Councillor Charles C. Yancey

- WHEREAS: The Boston City Council takes very seriously its mandated to ensure the health and safety of the inhabitants and visitors in the City of Boston; and
- WHEREAS: According to MassDOT and the Barletta Company, the Arborway/Casey Overpass Project has commenced road preparation for the May 2015 demolition, and will take - approximately 2.5 – 3 years to complete the permanent alteration of this major roadway; and
- WHEREAS: This extensive timeframe brings immediate and multifaceted challenges to residents and visitors who routinely depend on safe travel to the Longwood Medical Area, the Fenway and to downtown Boston for lifesaving medical services, employment, education, worship, shopping, as well as, entertainment; and
- WHEREAS: Input from residents and businesses in abutting neighborhoods, such as Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park, Roslindale, Roxbury, and all neighborhoods along Route 203, including Jamaica Plain, is critical to effective traffic management, safely curtailing new traffic to undesignated small streets and to the ongoing survival of businesses (both small and large); THEREFORE BE IT
- ORDERED: That the appropriate City Council Committee hold a series of public hearings to examine the traffic density, safety and environmental health impacts on Boston's neighborhoods and drivers during and after the demolition of the Arborway/Casey Overpass Bridge; BE IT FURTHER
- ORDERED: That the Committee invite representatives from the Boston Transportation Department, Boston Emergency Medical Services, Boston Fire Department, Boston Police Department, private ambulance services, Boston Public Schools, all school transportation services, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Agency, senior and disabled transportation companies, the taxi industry, MassDOT, the Barletta Company, the business community, as well as, the public in order to give testimony as to any unforeseen circumstances along with remediation procedures for any unintended consequences such as, but not limited to undesignated alternative traffic flow, decreased road access for emergency vehicles and any environmental health hazards associated with massive idling of vehicles and exposure to air bourn and settled demolition material that may adversely impact residents and drivers in abutting neighborhoods, as well as, neighborhoods along Route 203.