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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Six.

An Act Providing for the Laying Out and Construction of Missing Links between Existing Parkways and Traffic Routes to provide a Metropolitan Circumferential Highway.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The metropolitan district com-
2 mission, hereinafter called the commission, is
3 hereby authorized to lay out and construct, in
4 accordance with the provisions of chapter
5 ninety-two of the General Laws relative to the
6 laying out and construction of parkways and
7 boulevards, parkways and boulevards in the
8 following locations in the cities of Lynn, Mel-
9 rose, Cambridge, Boston and Quincy and the
10 towns of Saugus, Milton and Braintree and may
11 expend therefor such sum not exceeding two mil-
12 lion dollars as may hereafter be appropriated.

13 (a) Beginning at the westerly end of Great
14 Woods Road in the city of Lynn thence through
15 the Lynn Woods Reservation and the Lynn

16 Water Works Reservation in the city of Lynn
17 and the town of Saugus, southerly of the Lynn
18 Water Works Reservoir, thence over public
19 or private ways and private lands in said town
20 of Saugus to the intersection of Walnut
21 Street and the Newburyport Turnpike, includ-
22 ing a bridge over a portion of the Lynn Water
23 Works Reservoir.

24 (b) Beginning at a point on the Newbury-
25 port Turnpike in the town of Saugus at or near
26 the Saugus River thence southwesterly over
27 public or private ways and private lands in
28 said town of Saugus and the city of Melrose to
29 the terminus of the Lynn Fells Parkway at
30 Bellevue Avenue. The width of any takings
31 therefor shall be not less than one hundred
32 feet from the Newburyport Turnpike to Elm
33 Street and not less than seventy feet from Elm
34 Street to Bellevue Avenue.

35 (c) Beginning at the present terminus of Ale-
36 wife Brook Parkway at Massachusetts Avenue
37 in the city of Cambridge thence over lands of
38 the commonwealth of Massachusetts to Con-
39 cord Avenue in said city of Cambridge, includ-
40 ing bridges for carrying said parkway or
41 boulevard over the tracks of the Boston and
42 Maine Railroad. Beginning again at said
43 Concord Avenue thence over public or private
44 ways and private lands to the northerly termi-
45 nus of Fresh Pond Parkway at Huron Avenue
46 in said city of Cambridge; also an extension of
47 Memorial Drive in the city of Cambridge from

48 a point near the Cambridge Boat Club west-
49 erly along the banks of the Charles River
50 Basin to an intersection with Mount Auburn
51 Street at a point opposite Willard Street.

52 (d) Beginning at the intersection of the
53 Neponset River Parkway with Regent Street
54 in the Hyde Park District of the city of Boston
55 thence along Regent Street to Milton Street
56 East in said city of Boston.

57 (e) Beginning at a point in Milton Street
58 East in the Hyde Park district of Boston at
59 the Fowl Meadows Reservation thence over
60 said Fowl Meadows Reservation to Brush Hill
61 Road in the town of Milton.

62 (f) Beginning at a point on Blue Hill
63 Avenue at the intersection with the Neponset
64 River Parkway in the town of Milton thence
65 over said Neponset River Parkway, private
66 land, and the Blue Hills Reservation, cross-
67 ing Blue Hills Parkway, thence over the Blue
68 Hills Reservation and private land to a point
69 at or near the junction of Hillside and Har-
70 land streets in said town of Milton thence
71 over private land and the Blue Hills Reserva-
72 tion in said town of Milton and in the city of
73 Quincy to a point on Randolph Avenue in said
74 city of Quincy. The width of any takings
75 therefor shall be not less than one hundred
76 feet.

77 (g) Beginning at Blue Hills Parkway in
78 the town of Milton at its intersection with
79 Harland Street thence along Harland Street

80 in said town of Milton to an intersection with
81 the parkway or boulevard described in para-
82 graph (f) of this section. The width of any
83 takings therefor shall be not less than one hun-
84 dred feet.

85 (h) Beginning at a point on Randolph
86 Avenue in the city of Quincy north of Monan-
87 taquot Stream thence easterly through the
88 Blue Hills Reservation north of said Monan-
89 taquot Stream in the city of Quincy and the
90 town of Braintree to a point on West Street
91 in said town of Braintree.

92 (i) Beginning at a point on West Street in
93 the town of Braintree at the Blue Hills Reser-
94 vation thence along West Street in said town
95 of Braintree to the intersection of streets in
96 said town of Braintree known as Five Corners
97 at the junction of West, Granite and Frank-
98 lin streets. The width of said parkway or
99 boulevard along West Street shall be not less
100 than eighty feet.

1 SECTION 2. Before any work is done on the
2 work described under paragraph (i) of section
3 one, said city of Lynn shall and is hereby au-
4 thorized to execute a deed or deeds to the com-
5 monwealth of the lands or rights in lands
6 necessary for the construction of said parkway
7 or boulevard over the Lynn Woods and the
8 Lynn Water Works Reservation.

1 SECTION 3. One half of the expenditures
2 made under authority of the preceding sections

3 of this act shall be paid by the cities and towns
4 of the metropolitan parks district as part of the
5 cost of maintenance of boulevards under sec-
6 tion fifty-six of chapter ninety-two of the Gen-
7 eral Laws; the remaining one half shall be paid
8 from the Highway Fund, one third in each of
9 the years nineteen hundred and twenty-six,
10 nineteen hundred twenty-seven, and nineteen
11 hundred twenty-eight.

1 SECTION 4. The commission shall assess bet-
2 terments under chapter eighty of the General
3 Laws on account of the public improvement au-
4 thorized by the preceding sections of this act
5 and one half of the amount of the betterments
6 so assessed and collected shall be credited by the
7 state treasurer to the cities and towns of the
8 metropolitan parks district in the proportions
9 in which they annually pay money into the
10 treasury of the commonwealth to meet one half
11 of the cost of maintenance of boulevards under
12 said section fifty-six; the other one half shall
13 be credited by the state treasurer to the High-
14 way Fund.

1 SECTION 5. Any sections of the parkways or
2 boulevards authorized by this act which utilize
3 or include existing public streets or ways shall
4 be open to general traffic. All other sec-
5 tions may be used by any commercial vehicle
6 the total weight of which with its maximum
7 load does not exceed four thousand pounds;

8 provided, however, that if after one year's
9 operation the metropolitan district commission
10 shall determine, after due notice and hearing,
11 that the continued use of any such parkway or
12 boulevard for commercial traffic is detrimental
13 to the public interest, such section shall be
14 closed to such commercial traffic.

