

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, August 9, 1966.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

At the request of the Mayor of the City of Lynn and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, I submit for your consideration legislation attached hereto and designed Appendix "A". This legislation would place before the voters of Lynn, at the election to be held November 8, 1966, the question of whether or not to approve a proposed route for a connector between the City of Lynn and the proposed Interstate Route 95.

This legislation cannot be deferred until next year without effectively denying to the voters of Lynn an opportunity to make this choice. Past and present commissioners of the Department of Public Works have repeatedly pointed out that all segments of the Federally aided highway program must be under construction by the end of 1967. This deadline is necessary to ensure completion by 1972 — a Federal prerequisite for the Commonwealth to obtain ninety per cent Federal reimbursement. For this reason the Department cannot delay until after the election in November, 1967, the submission of final plans for Route 95 for the approval of the Federal Bureau of Public Roads.

I attach hereto letters from the Mayor of Lynn and the Commissioner of Public Works, designated respectively Appendices "B" and "C", and respectfully urge your prompt consideration and approval of the legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. VOLPE,
Governor of the Commonwealth.

APPENDIX "A"

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A SECTION OF PINE GROVE CEMETERY IN THE CITY OF LYNN FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

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 city of Lynn is hereby authorized to use a
2 parcel within the boundaries of Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn,
3 said parcel being shown and described as "Connector C" on
4 plate number three in the document entitled: "Feasibility Re-
5 port on Proposed Connector to Route 95", dated July fifth,
6 nineteen hundred and sixty-five, prepared for the Planning
7 Board of the City of Lynn, for the purpose of construction of
8 said city's segment of a connector road between Boston street
9 and Parkland avenue, to link with the commonwealth's segment
10 of a connector road between proposed Interstate Route 95 and
11 Parkland avenue.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the
2 voters of the city of Lynn at the biennial state election to be
3 held in the current year in the form of the following question,
4 which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used in said
5 city at said election: — "Shall an act passed by the General
6 Court in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled 'An
7 Act authorizing the use of a section of Pine Grove Cemetery in
8 the city of Lynn for highway purposes', be accepted?" If a
9 majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirma-
10 tive, this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.

APPENDIX "B"

CITY OF LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS,
City Hall 01901, August 2, 1966.

The Honorable JOHN A. VOLPE,
Governor of the Commonwealth,
Boston, Massachusetts.

MY DEAR GOVERNOR VOLPE:

The City of Lynn has been considering the problem of a connector road to I95 for a substantial period of time. In an effort to best serve the City of Lynn, the Lynn Planning Board ultimately approved of a connector designated as Connector "C". In order to implement this plan, it would be necessary to construct a road through presently unused cemetery land. The building of such a road would confer great benefits on the city and the solution to our present problem as a matter of city wide interest and importance.

With this in mind, it is my hope that the question may be submitted to all of the voters of the City of Lynn by referendum this Fall. In order that this be done, I would respectfully request Your Excellency's aid in presenting to the General Court a message proposing the placement of this question on the ballot to be presented to the citizens of Lynn in the coming election.

I have enclosed herein an Act prepared for the purpose of presenting this question. I would be sincerely grateful for any aid you provided in giving the citizens of Lynn the opportunity to express their wishes on this issue.

Very truly yours,

IRVING E. KANE,
Mayor.

APPENDIX "C"

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER,
100 NASHUA STREET, BOSTON 02114, August 8, 1966.

HONORABLE JOHN A. VOLPE,
Governor of the Commonwealth,
Executive Department, State House, Boston, Massachusetts.

DEAR GOVERNOR VOLPE:

This Department concurs with Mayor Irving E. Kane of Lynn in his August 2, 1966 letter to you requesting assistance in obtaining by referendum this year required cemetery land to expedite the construction of a connector road from proposed I-95 to a point within the City.

The Bureau of Public Roads, in a letter to the Department dated August 1, 1966, advised that "Before we can approve the Basic Design (Lynn I-95) we consider that a firm decision will need to be reached at this time and the record documented as to the location of an interchange in this area and the reasons that led to the conclusion." Now that the Department and the City have agreed upon the interchange location, the only obstacle appears to be the granting by the General Court to the City permissive legislation to utilize a parcel of Pine Grove Cemetery, subject to approval by referendum.

The proposed act, as amended by the Department of Public Works, clearly distinguishes the responsibility of the Commonwealth and the City of Lynn in the construction of this important segment of highway.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. RIBBS,
Commissioner.