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Joseph E. Connarton
Deputy City Clerk
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, MA. 02139

Dear Mr. Connarton:

I am pleased to inform you that the MBTA will sponsor a six-month demonstration program during which passengers will be permitted to bring bicycles onto the rapid transit system.

During the six-month trial period, which will run from June 16 to December 15, 1985, cyclists will be permitted to bring their bicycles onto the Red, Orange and Blue lines on Sundays and holidays only. Under the provisions of the trial program, a maximum of two bicycles will be allowed per train, confined to the rear car.

Photo identification permits with a cost of \$5 will be issued to persons 16 years of age or older, and to children between 12 and 15 years old provided they are accompanied by an adult with a valid bicycle permit. Permits will go on sale at the MBTA Pass Sales Office at the Washington Street Concourse on Monday, June 10, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. ID permits must be worn in order to bring bicycles onto the system.

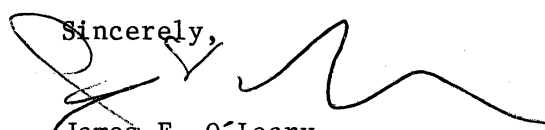
Along with their permits, cyclists will be issued rules and regulations, and will be required to sign a waiver releasing the MBTA from liability for loss of or damage to their bicycles while on T property.

At the end of the six-month trial period, the results will be evaluated and a decision will be made concerning implementation of a permanent bicycle program.

Few if any of the older transit authorities in the country permit bicycles on their trains. We enter this trial period in the belief that a limited and carefully managed program is possible. However, I must stress that cooperation from the cyclist community will be key to the success of the demonstration.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,



James F. O'Leary
General Manager

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Comm. from James F. O'Leary, General Manager of the MBTA Re: a 6-month demonstration program during which passengers will be allowed to bring bicycles onto the rapid transit system.

In City Council,

June 10, 1985

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