

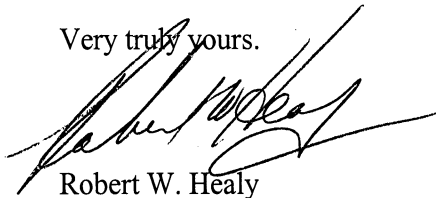
The route 77 (Night) service will be combined into the Red Line – Alewife Night Owl service. The Alewife route will be modified on outbound runs to extend to Arlington Center, with local stops along Massachusetts Avenue from Harvard Square to Beech Street, and from Alewife Brook Parkway to Arlington Center. Inbound runs will start from Alewife, with local service along Massachusetts Avenue from Beech Street to Harvard Square.

The 1 (Night) and 66 (Night) routes will continue operating, but at a reduced frequency. Service frequency on route 1N frequency will be reduced from every 20 minutes to every 30 minutes. Route 66N will operate hourly while current frequencies vary from 20 to 30 minutes.

The Orange Line - Forest Hills Night Owl service (via Lechmere) will not have any changes other than the system-wide changes noted above.

These changes will be effective on December 28, and, along with other Night Owl service modifications, are expected to result in a savings of approximately \$1 million annually.

Very truly yours.

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Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

December 9, 2002

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 02-113, regarding a report on changes in service by the MBTA for the Night Owl route, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger reports the following:

City staff have attended a Night Owl service presentation by the MBTA to the MBTA Advisory Board. The presentation covered ridership and cost statistics for the first year of the Night Owl pilot project.

Generally, cost-effectiveness is based on compliance with the MBTA's 1996 Service Delivery Policy stating that net cost per passenger must be less than three times the average cost per passenger (therefore less than \$3.30).

Only six of the 17 Night Owl routes are operating within Service Delivery Policy guidelines. The Red Line-Alewife service is among these six, and this route will continue to operate with some modifications. The route will be extended, and certain system-wide modifications will apply (both changes are detailed below). Due to heavy ridership, there will also be an additional outbound departure at 2:15 am.

Other routes through Cambridge did not perform as well. The following table illustrates nightly ridership and cost per passenger for Cambridge Night Owl routes:

Route	Ridership	Cost/pass
Red-Alewife	231	\$0.86
Route 1 (Night)	68	\$4.59
Orange – Forest Hills (via Lechmere)	71	\$6.24
Route 66 (Night)	50	\$7.16
Route 77 (Night)	30	\$7.41

Due to system-wide low ridership at certain times, the 1:00 am outbound departure and any inbound Government Center arrivals after 2:30 am will be eliminated from all routes discussed here. The 1:00 am trips had low ridership, likely due to their being only a short time after the last subway trips. The 2:30 inbound trips had low ridership because most of the passengers were traveling outbound at that time.

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Consent Agenda #15

Awaiting Report Item

Number 02-113, regarding a
report on changes in service
by the MBTA for the Night
Owl route.

In City Council December 9, 2002

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