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Clear draft on ~~notes~~ ^{settle the MBTA to convey the} displeasure at
cuts, ^{city council} process (failure to consult CM + Traffic Insp
no notice in discussion w/ City)

major contribution to MBTA

increased asl cuts that will inconvenience
citizens

Loss of service guarantee

W/A: The MBTA has announced

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City of Cambridge

Consent Agenda #37

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 11, 1999

COUNCILLOR DAVIS

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record requesting the City Clerk to draft a letter to the MBTA to record our displeasure at the service cuts on Mass. Ave.; and with the failure to consult the City Manager and the Director of Traffic Parking and Transportation about these service cuts beforehand, particularly in view of Cambridge's major contribution to MBTA revenues.

In City Council January 11, 1999.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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City Clerk



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ROBERT W. HEALY
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Deputy City Manager

December 17, 1998

Mr. Robert H. Prince, General Manager
Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
10 Park Plaza
Boston Massachusetts 02116

Dear Mr. Prince:

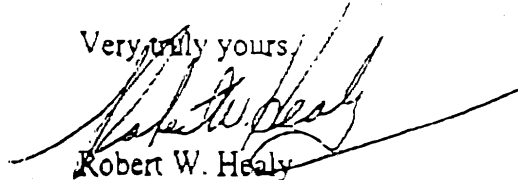
We have just learned that the MBTA plans to eliminate service to North Cambridge on Route 77A (trackless trolleys) for a two and a half hour period during the middle of the day. Trackless trolleys will not leave North Cambridge between 10:18 AM and 12:43 PM and will not leave Harvard Square between 10:30 AM and 12:54 PM. Although Route 77 (Arlington Heights) will still be operating on Massachusetts Ave. during that period, the headway will be doubled for service along Massachusetts Ave. as far as Clarendon Ave. in North Cambridge. In addition, limited stop service on Route 77 is scheduled to begin 40 minutes earlier (1:50 PM) and end 40 minutes later (6:40 PM). This will further degrade service on the Cambridge portion of Massachusetts Ave.

We have not seen any patronage numbers to justify this service reduction. How can such a drastic reduction in service to North Cambridge be justified in one of the major transit corridors in the MBTA District? We are concerned that the MBTA would cut service in December and double the time people will need to be waiting for a bus. Therefore, I am requesting that these proposed cuts in service be dropped.

We are also concerned that these changes were scheduled to be implemented without first consulting with us or even notifying the City that the changes were planned. In the past the MBTA and the City have had a cooperative relationship, included prior notification of proposed service cuts, in our joint efforts to improve public transportation. Hopefully, this incident does not represent a change in the MBTA's policy of working cooperatively with the local communities.

I hope to hear from you soon that the planned service cuts have been canceled. Thank you for your cooperation in quickly resolving this issue.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Healy

City Manager

Cc: City Councilors & Legislative Delegation



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To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 39, regarding a report on potential service cuts planned by the MBTA for Cambridge for 1999, please be advised of the following:

The attached letter was sent to Robert Prince, MBTA General Manager, objecting to the proposed service cuts and stating that these cuts not be implemented. A copy of this letter was also sent to local and state legislative delegations. A follow-up call was made to Alan Castaline, Manager of Surface Planning for the MBTA who has stated that the MBTA still intends to implement these service cuts and that there are no public hearing scheduled.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment

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Relative to AR 39 regarding a
report on potential service cuts
planned by the MBTA for Cambridge
for 1999.

In City Council January 11, 1999

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