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

Dear Mr. Connarton:

Thank you for your copy of the resolution submitted to the Cambridge City Council with regard to the Council's support of the Bikes On The (T) organization's proposal to permit bicycles on the MBTA system.

The Authority is concerned about the public transportation needs of varied user groups, including the cyclist community. The requested proposal submitted by the Bikes On The (T) organization to permit bicycles on trains during weekends is receiving careful internal review. There are obviously many relevant operational, safety, legal and other factors which need to be considered.

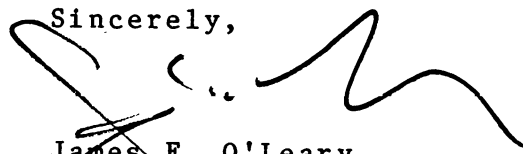
In re-examining our current policy, we are also surveying other transit systems' policies, programs and experiences. Data collected from the survey will also be considered.

We have had several meetings with representatives from the cyclist community to explore a potential pilot bicycle program. We have also permitted three cyclists to bring their bicycles on the Blue Line one Saturday as a demonstration. We anticipate continued dialogue to occur with the cyclist community.

I am anticipating a decision to be reached sometime this winter, at which time I will personally contact you.

I appreciate your interest. If I can be of further assistance to you, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



James F. O'Leary
General Manager

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Comm. from James F. O'Leary, General Mgr.,
MBTA in acknowledgement & appreciation of
resolutions adopted by the City Council in
support of the Bikes On The "T" proposal to
permit bicycles in the MBTA system.

In City Council,

January 14, 1985

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