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To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 7, regarding the cost of an additional 500 bus stop shelters to the Vehicle Trip Reduction Program, Traffic, Parking & Transportation Director Susan Clippinger reports the following:

The City rarely installs bus shelters as this is the responsibility of the MBTA. The cost of a bus shelter includes the purchase, installation, cleaning and maintenance including replacement parts.

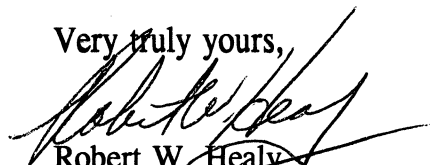
Shelters generally take up an area 5'x10'. They are installed on the public sidewalk unless the abutter agrees to the use of their property. To meet ADA design requirements, there must be an unobstructed area of sidewalk at least 4 feet wide adjacent to the shelter to allow wheelchair passage.

According to our records, there are approximately 300 bus stops in the City, at 20 of these stops, there is an MBTA installed and maintained bus stop shelter. The City has installed another 6 shelters.

The MBTA 5'x10' Plexiglas bus shelters cost \$6,000 installed plus the cost to install a 7'x12' concrete pad, if required, at about \$1,000 which is normally installed by the City. Consequently, the total cost for 500 bus shelters, including installation, is \$3,500,000.00 The MBTA's criteria for determining the location of prospective bus shelters includes: the number of people using the bus stop; the number of elderly and persons with disabilities using the bus stop and the level of bus service at the stop. Site factors to be considered are the width and conditions of the sidewalk, ADA requirements, conflicts with any residential or business windows, and the concerns of the abutters. The MBTA is currently privatizing the bus shelter installation and maintenance program. Under the new program, all MBTA shelters will include lighted advertising panels but no map or schedule information.

The City, as part of its design review process, encourages or, if possible, requires a developer to provide a shelter, or overhang and seating if their building abuts a bus stop.

Very truly yours,


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City Manager

Consent Agenda #5

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item
Number Seven, regarding the cost
of an additional 500 bus stop shelters
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