

Cambridge Citizens for Liveable Neighborhoods

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This letter is in reference to the service routes numbers 75 (Huron Towers), 77A (North Cambridge to Waverly) and 79 (Arlington to Alewife). Our understanding is that these services, and more than forty others, would be terminated as part of proposals under discussion.

Cambridge Citizens for Liveable Neighborhoods would wish to remind you that the Federal Clean Air Act, and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) that controls its application to the urban core of Cambridge and Boston, mandate determined policy to turn away from the single occupant passenger vehicle in favor of the cleaner forms of mass transit. Ongoing litigation in the matter of the Commercial Parking Freeze seems certain to add additional, welcome pressures in this area.

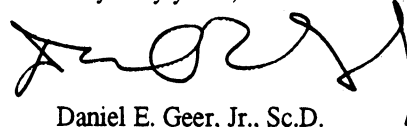
Your proposals run directly counter to this long-sought outcome. Without expansion of MBTA service in the urban core and in the suburbs, there is *no hope* for improved liveability of our cities.

This is a matter on which considerably more public debate must be sought. A decision cannot, repeat cannot, be made after the small amount of hearing time currently allocated to these issues. We ask for an extension of the period of comment, and an expansion of testimony to include seeking the comments of all identifiable groups in Cambridge who might have any views on these areas. We as a

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city believe in public transit; you'll see.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Geer', written over a horizontal line.

Daniel E. Geer, Jr., Sc.D.
Co-Chair, CCLN

cc: Cambridge City Council
all Cambridge neighborhood associations
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Comm. from Daniel E. Geer, Jr., Co-Chair,
Cambridge citizens for Liveable Neighborhoods
relative to the termination of MBTA service
routes numbers 75, Huron Towers; 77A, North
Cambridge to Waverly; and 79, Arlington to
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In City Council,
Oct. 16, 1989