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Mr. Paul E. Healy
Cambridge City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

Thank you for your letter about the bus route changes proposed in the Northwest Corridor Study. I can understand your concern about possible changes affecting Cambridge residents, but I do not think another public hearing is necessary.

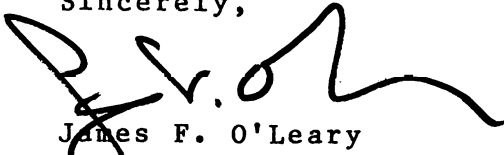
As you know, we held two public meetings in Porter Square, Cambridge on January 29, after deciding not to hold separate meetings in each community. This would have been unnecessarily time consuming and expensive. One meeting was in the afternoon and one was in the evening, so that anyone interested could attend.

Several people at the meetings spoke on behalf of Cambridge. These included Senator Bachrach, the Mayor, the City Manager, several councillors, representatives of the Cambridge Transportation Forum, and a number of North Cambridge residents who currently use routes 77 and 77A. I believe that these people voiced all possible opinions about future service on Massachusetts Avenue. If you believe that your views have not been clearly presented, please let me know what they are.

Final decisions on route changes in the Northwest Corridor will be made by the Board of Directors sometime in March.

With regard to your concerns about security problems at Alewife and Harvard Square, could you please be specific. I would be happy to address these concerns, but I need to understand them better before I can respond.

Sincerely,


James F. O'Leary
General Manager

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Comm. from James F. O'Leary, General Mgr,
MBTA Re: bus route changes proposed in the
Northwest Corridor Study, stating that final
decisions on any such changes will be made
by the Board of Directors in the near future.

In City Council,

April 8, 1985

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