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June 24, 1992

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

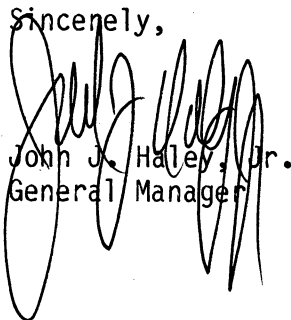
Thank you for your letters concerning the return of Route 83 to the Beacon Street alignment. Given the many changes that have occurred during the period that the bus was transferred to Somerville Avenue, the superior choice as to which routing to use is not immediately apparent. While the MBTA Service Committee has investigated the issue, since it has been so long since the bus was able to travel across the Beacon Street Bridge, analysis of ridership and service statistics alone do not provide an adequate basis for determining the alignment.

Consequently, we are not only researching the issue in-house, but we are also seeking comment from representatives of the communities affected. Knowledge of your City Council Order No. 22, does help us to understand the position of the City of Cambridge. Our goal is to have the bus routed the way it will best serve the riding public.

Once the results of our research are complete, Mr. Alan Castaline, our Chief Planning Officer, will contact you.

Thank you for your concern about this issue.

Sincerely,



John J. Haley, Jr.
General Manager



City of Cambridge

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Handwritten notes:
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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 1, 1992

COUNCILLOR WOLF

WHEREAS: The railroad bridge across Beacon Street at Oxford is being rebuilt and will reopen in the late fall; and

WHEREAS: MBTA bus #83, which has a route from Rindge Avenue to Central Square, used to cross the Beacon Street bridge and run along Beacon Street, serving citizens in the abutting neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: Especially with the new senior center coming to Central Square such a route would be a great boon to Cambridge residents; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the MBTA advisory council and with the City of Somerville to try to see that the route #83 bus be returned to its former route or some other way be found to make that connection; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council on progress in this matter.

In City Council June 1, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

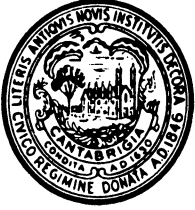
Attest:- John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John E. Flynn".

John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT W. HEALY

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RICHARD C. ROSSI

Deputy City Manager

August 3, 1992

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 29, regarding returning MBTA bus #83 to its former route, received from John J. Haley, Jr., General Manager of the MBTA, concerning this issue.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO.7

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Awaiting Report Item No. 29 regarding
returning MBTA bus #83 to its former
route.

In City Council,

August 3, 1992

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