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March 6, 1994

The Honorable Jonathan S. Myers
Cambridge City Councillor
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Jonathan:

It was a pleasure to meet with you on March 1 to discuss our mutual interest in proposed Circumferential Transit Service that would connect Cambridge with all of the existing transit lines in the MBTA system. The advantages of such service are apparent. It would provide better transit options for Cambridge residents and employees, and help to reduce air pollution by offering more efficient transit connections.

Since our meeting we have been informed that Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC) and the MBTA are preparing to introduce express bus service along a circumferential route. That is indeed a positive step. In order for this service to be a successful precursor to an ultimate light rail or other exclusive right-of-way system, it will need to be well thought out, marketed and monitored to assure that potential ridership levels can be achieved. We will be conveying our thoughts on these matters to appropriate State staff, and through our membership in the Circumferential Transit Employers Coalition.

The issue of Circumferential Transit service is one of many that you indicated you will be pursuing in your role as Chair of the Transportation Committee. Among the others, we particularly share your concern about pedestrian needs and amenities, and believe these issues generally merit a higher position in both transportation and urban design discussions. Your interest in bringing balance and perspective to forums on transportation in Cambridge is most welcome. We wish you every success in that role and offer our support and participation in the hearings, meetings and other activities you may convene to move these important issues forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "O. Robert Simha".

O. Robert Simha
Director of Planning

Consent Communication #13

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A comm. was received from O. Robert Simha,
MIT regarding the proposed circumferential
transit system.

In City Council March 28, 1994

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