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December 28, 1992

John J. Haley, Jr.
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Transportation Building
Ten Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Mr. Haley:

I am writing in response to your November 27, 1992 letter regarding the restoration of MBTA bus #83 to its previous route. I find your response totally unacceptable. This bus was re-routed upon determination that the Beacon Street bridge was unsafe, with the understanding that this route would be restored once the bridge was again safe for bus passage.

Your letter indicates that you have surveyed passengers who take this bus and have found a "strong interest of these patrons to have service remain as it is currently." Of course, when you only survey people who have a vested interest in the current route will you find a strong desire for it to remain. What about the individuals - the former and future customer base - who will ride the MBTA when it is re-routed over the Beacon St. bridge? Our estimation is that this customer base is substantial.

I, and the Cambridge City Council, again urge you to restore MBTA bus #83 to its original route when the Beacon Street bridge re-opens to two-way traffic in 1993.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Attachment
cc: Charles Flaherty



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November 27, 1992

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Mr. Robert Healy
City Manager
City of Cambridge
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

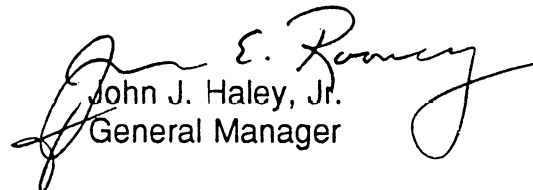
Thank you for your inquiry concerning the possible re-routing of MBTA bus #83.

As you know, in the late 1970s, the bridge connecting Beacon Street, Oxford Street and Somerville Avenue was closed to MBTA bus routes. Since that time, we have been running the route via Somerville Avenue and have established a customer base for that service. In the Spring and Fall of this year, we have established ridership counts on the existing route and surveyed passengers boarding at Park Street and Somerville Avenue. The results of those studies indicated a strong desire of these patrons to have service remain as it is currently.

At this point, it is our understanding that the bridge will not re-open to two-way traffic until the Spring of 1993. In the interim, we will continue our investigation which includes looking at alternative routes which could provide additional service in the corridor. Our Service Committee is actively involved in reviewing progress on this issue and intends to reach a final decision at their December meeting.

If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,


John J. Haley, Jr.
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January 11, 1993

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report #12 regarding the status of restoring MBTA Bus #83 to its former route, please find attached a letter from MBTA General Manager John J. Haley, Jr. and my response.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert W. Healy", written in dark ink.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Attachments

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #10

5-76
Awaiting Report Item No. 12 regarding the
status of restoring MBTA Bus #83 to its
former route.

See 1992 - Finance # 486
for original order dated
11/2/92

In City Council,

January 11, 1993

Placed on file