



City of Cambridge

Agenda Item # 9

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 20, 1995

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Astrid A. Dodds
73 Wendell Street
Cambridge, MA 02138
354-6553

7 March 1994

Re: Old Town Trolley

City of Cambridge License Commission
831 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

To the License Commissioners:

Since Old Town Trolley has altered its proposed route and no longer wants to use the Quincy/Cambridge, Cambridge/Felton, and Felton/Broadway intersections, I withdraw my objection to that part of its proposal.

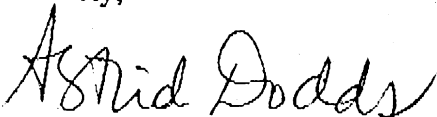
After the Feb. 14 hearing, Old Town Trolley and Harvard did discuss Old Town Trolley use of Harvard's 38 Oxford parking lot next to the Peabody Museum -- where tour busses already park -- to drop off and pick up OTT patrons. Unfortunately, the Oxford parking lot was deemed inadequate for that purpose at this time. I hope that Harvard and OTT will reconsider the 38 Oxford St. parking lot in the future. It offers advantages unobtainable in any other way: off-street parking for the trolley, greater safety for visiting tourists, and less congestion on Oxford St.

Harvard has agreed to let Old Town Trolley share its Oxford St. shuttle bus stop next to the Science Center except for the period from mid-September through October. If Harvard is willing to try sharing the space, then I, too, am willing to see if it will work, with the following qualifications:

- The shuttle bus parking space should be moved farther back from the crosswalk at the Oxford/Kirkland right angle. When the bus is there, pedestrians' view of oncoming southbound traffic is blocked.
- The Kirkland/Oxford crosswalk should be repainted as soon as possible.
- Every effort should be made to eventually identify an Old Town Trolley stop that is closer to the Peabody Museum, requires no tourists to cross Oxford, and avoids entirely the awkward right angle intersection of Kirkland/Oxford where the average weekday 24-hour vehicle volume is 10,910, an average of 454 motor vehicles an hour.* Pedestrian volume figures for the Kirkland/Oxford crosswalk are not available, but the nearest two intersections** have AM Peak Hour pedestrian volumes of 298 and 579 respectively.

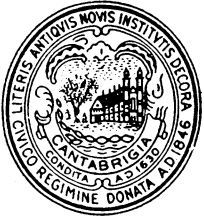
I appreciate Harvard's and Old Town Trolley's willingness to discuss these issues to date and to re-open the discussion in the future if that seems advisable. In the meantime, I endorse the solution that Harvard and OTT have worked out for the coming tourist season.

Sincerely,



Astrid Dodds

* Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., traffic count for Harvard, April 1993
** Everett/Oxford and Kirkland/Quincy, VHB study, April 1993



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Traffic, Parking and Transportation
57 Inman Street,
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Susan E. Clippinger
Director

Administration	349-4700
Parking Violations	349-4705
Resident Parking	349-4701

February 6, 1995

TO: Richard Scali, License Director

FROM: Lauren M. Preston, Deputy Traffic Director

SUBJECT: Old Town Trolley Tours

RE: Requested Route Changes

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We have reviewed the proposed route changes for Old Town Trolley and recommend that they be approved. The proposed routes involve streets which have existing bus activity, are wide enough to safely accommodate the trolleys and are generally through non residential areas. The only area in which we have a safety concern is the left turn from Quincy Street to east bound Cambridge Street. This is a very busy pedestrian crossing as well as a large number of vehicle movements. This will require the drivers to be very cautious when making this turn.

In order to lessen the effect these route changes have on residents, we recommend that when the tour is passing through residential areas the sound level be adjusted or turned off.

Old Town Trolley has requested two additional stops along the proposed route additions. The stop on Oxford Street at Kirkland should be at the existing Harvard/Radcliff shuttle stop. The Mass. Ave. trolley should stop at an existing bus stop near the M.I.T. museum. This would be for dropping off or picking up passengers only and at no time should the trolleys lay over.

It is our opinion that this route addition will allow people to visit Cambridge without having to drive their vehicle thus improving our air and helping our already over burdened parking supply.



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February 13, 1995

Mr. Richard Scali
Executive Director
License Commission
City of Cambridge
831 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Richard:

I am writing you about Old Town Trolley Tours' petition to expand their tour route to include the MIT Museum, Central Square, and the Harvard Museums. We have reviewed their plan and support the alterations wholeheartedly.

Old Town Trolley has been a vital part of the Harvard Square Business Association and has proven itself to be a conscientious and responsible member of our business community. They provide an attractive, effective, and pleasant way to bring visitors to Cambridge and Harvard Square, allowing visitors to view the wonderful assets of Cambridge without the hassle of driving or parking. They have been working with the Association on the transportation aspects of marketing Harvard Square and Cambridge and are making these changes to not only service their passengers, but also to assist us in our efforts to show off all that make the University and Harvard Square special - and the museums at Harvard are a vital part of that uniqueness.

We hope that the License Commission will grant Old Town Trolley's request. I know that Old Town is sensitive to residents concerns and that they will remain so throughout their operation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kristin T. Sudholz
Executive Director

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RICHARD V. SCALI
Commission Executive Officer

TO: License Applicants/Licensees

FROM: Cambridge License Commission
Richard V. Scali, Executive Officer 

RE: Hearings to be held on February 14, 1995, 6 p.m.
831 Massachusetts Avenue, 2nd floor hearing room

DATE: February 2, 1995

Enclosed please find a list of hearings set down as stated above.

The matter on the enclosed list which concerns you will be heard at this time. Your manager and you should be present at the hearing. You may bring an attorney to represent you at the hearing.

Please advise if there are any questions.



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January 30, 1995

Frank Curran
Old Town Trolley Tours
329 W. Second Street
South Boston, Mass., 02127

Re: Jitney license
Amended Routes

Dear Mr. Curran:

The hearing on your application to amend your Jitney license routes will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 1995, 6 p.m., Michael J. Lombardi Municipal Building, 2nd floor, 831 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Mass., 02139.

Very truly yours,

Richard V. Scali
Executive Officer

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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D. MARGARET DRURY
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March 27, 1994

Mr. Frank Curran
Operations Manager
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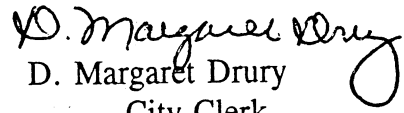
Dear Mr. Curran:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the order adopted by the Cambridge City Council at its meeting of Monday, March 20, 1995 amending the jitney license granted to Deacon Transportation, Inc., doing business as Old Town Trolley Tours, to operate a sight seeing tour bus service in the City of Cambridge.

For your information a copy of this order has also been forwarded to the Department of Public Utilities.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,


D. Margaret Drury
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Jitneylicense-OldTownTrolley



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Ms. Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
Leverett Saltonstall Building
Room 1210
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Please be advised that the Cambridge City Council adopted an amended order on the petition of Deacon Transportation, Inc., doing business as Old Town Trolley Tours for a jitney license to operate a sight seeing tour bus service in the City of Cambridge.

The City Council adopted this amended order at the City Council meeting held on March 20, 1995.

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Mr. Richard V Scali
Commission Executive Officer
831 Massachusetts Ave, 1st floor
Cambridge Ma, 02139

Dear Mr Scali,

Old Town Trolley would like to submit a petition to the licensing board to expand our sight-seeing tour route in Cambridge. Not only will the requested route improve our tour and provide Cambridge visitors with a more informative and enjoyable introduction to the city; but it will also enhance the neighborhoods we will be touring.

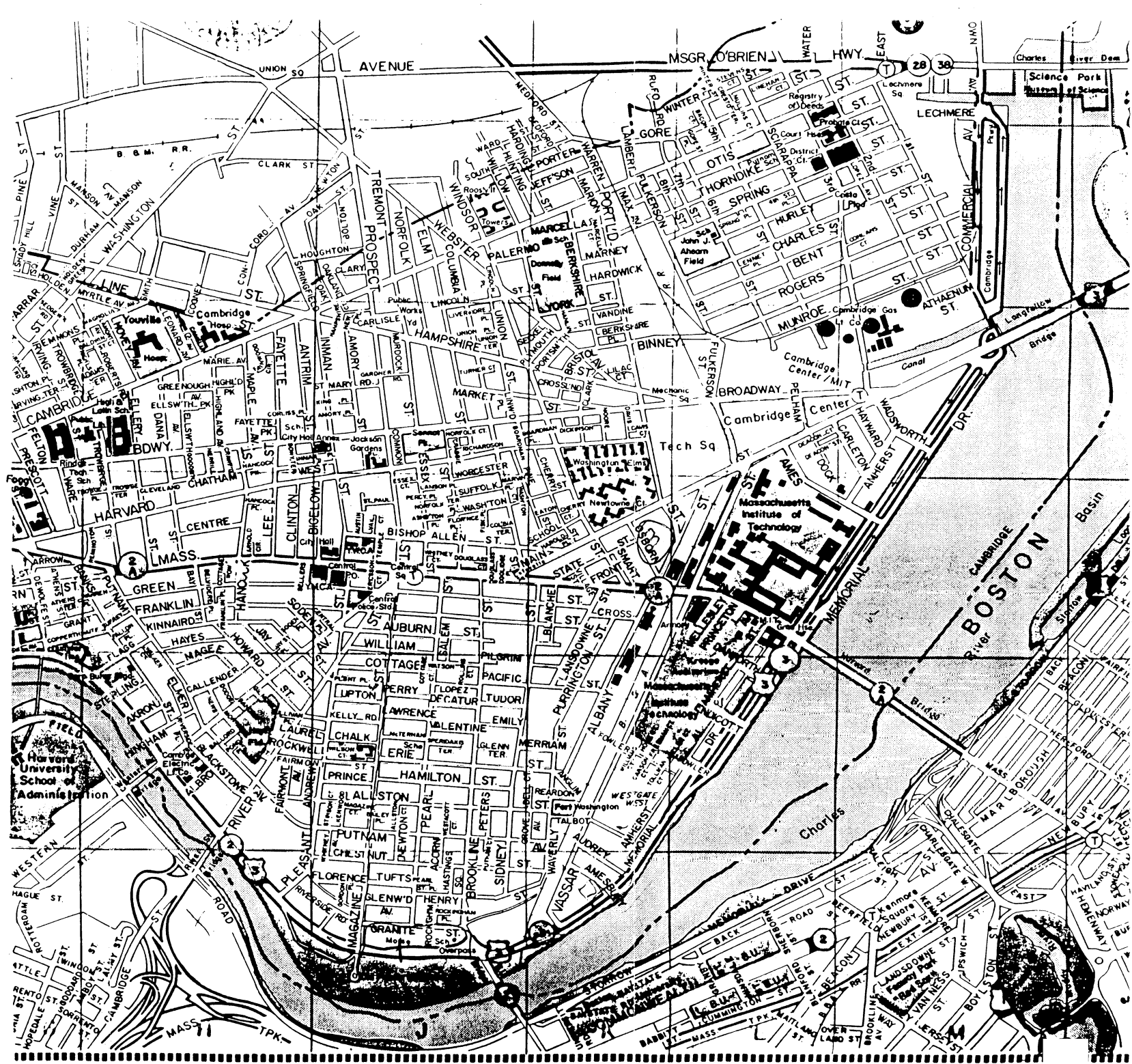
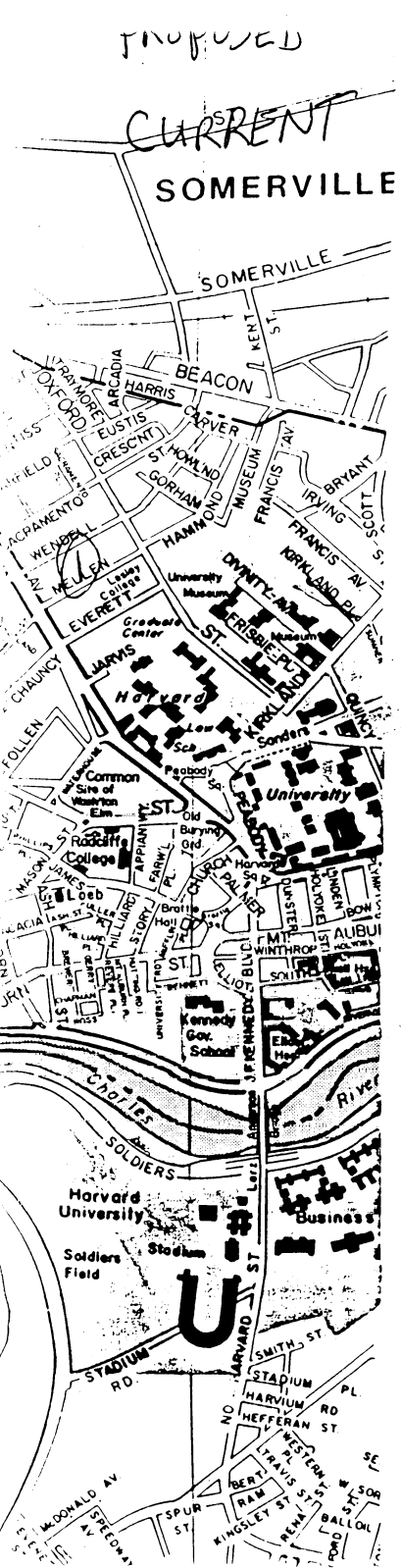
We propose 3 route changes and 2 stops to allow visitors to see the MIT Museum and Central Square area and also the Harvard Museums and the various Harvard schools and buildings. The first route change would be to go down Massachusetts Ave, right onto Everett Street, right onto Oxford street with a stop on Oxford street for the Museums and school area. The second route change would be to continue on Kirkland street and go right on Quincy street, left on Cambridge street, right on Felton street, right on Broadway street. This would allow us to continue with the regular approved route down Quincy street. The third route change would be from Main street, a left on Portland street and then a ~~left~~ ^{right} onto Albany street, to Massachusetts Ave onto the approved route. This route would allow us to stop at the MIT museum and allow visitors to walk around MIT and the Central Square area.

We believe that our new route down Everett street and Oxford street with a stop at the Harvard Museums, will reduce the requests and complaints about seeing the Museums, which we have received in our comment program. We believe it will also reduce the number of cars traveling to the Museums and the difficulty parking in front of the Museums. Therefore, solving problems for all concerned ;Old Town Trolley, visitors to the city and the neighborhoods. We would certainly monitor and reduce the noise levels in residential sections of the tour to be courteous neighbors.

The tour operates April and May on the weekends and seven days a week June thru October. Old Town Trolley has been in operation in Cambridge since 1986. We have always considered ourselves a good neighbor and look forward to our 1995 season. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at (617- 269-7150). I have enclosed a map to show our present route and the route we have requested for approval.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Curran - Operations Manager





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OLD TOWN TROLLEY
"CAMBRIDGE'S
BEST TOUR"
Call 269-8137

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OLD TOWN Trolley
329 W. SECOND ST.
S. BOSTON, MA.

02127

W hen you're invited to dine aboard the luxury yacht, Odyssey, as we cruise historic Boston Harbor, you'll select from a wonderful array of dishes, wines and beverages served by professionals whose only duty is providing a perfect meal. After, you'll stroll Odyssey's decks and choose the style of entertainment and dancing you prefer. The pleasures that only Odyssey can offer. As a couple, an intimate party or a large group—your yacht awaits.



"You'd have to own your own farm to get a fresher meal"

- Lelio Marino, Owner

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Harvard Square

- Harvard University
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Hyatt Regency

- Best Photographic Site of Boston Skyline
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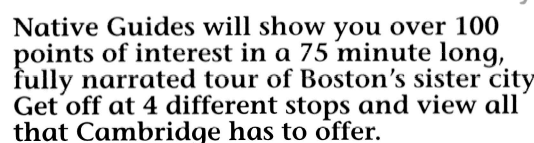
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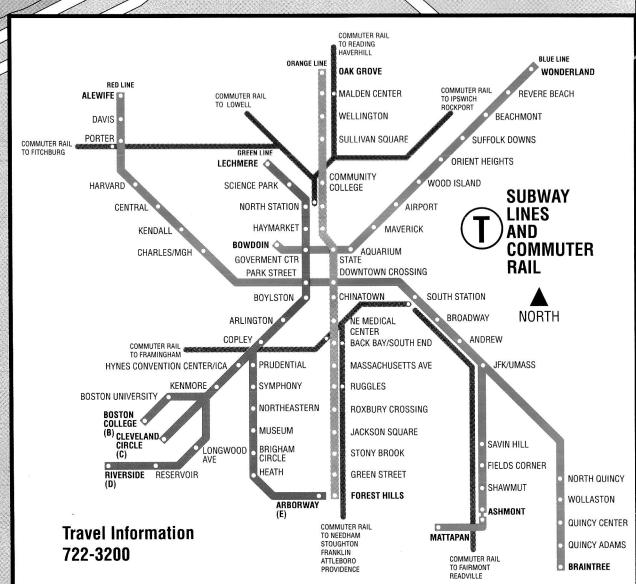
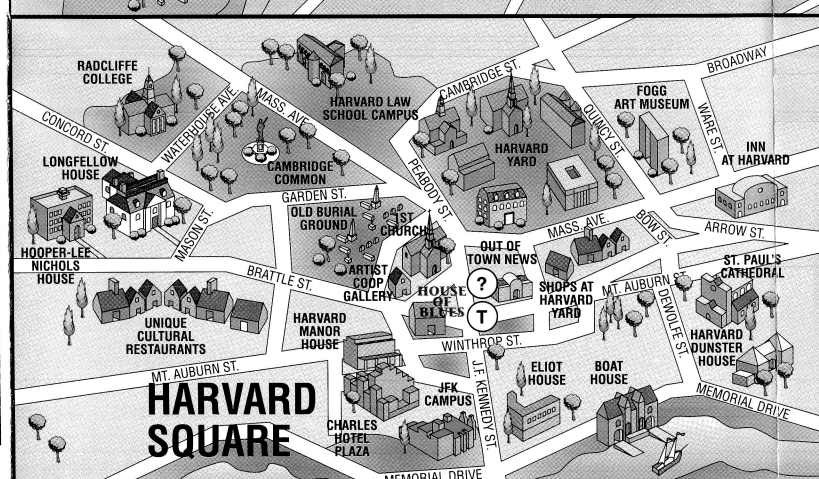
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City of Cambridge

Agenda Item No. 7a

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 6, 1992

COUNCILLOR ALICE WOLF

ORDERED: That a license is hereby granted to Myron Schippens, General Manager of Old Town Trolley of 329 West Second Street, South Boston, Massachusetts under the provisions of Chapter 159A of the Massachusetts General Laws for the operation of two sightseeing trolley busses over the following public ways in the City of Cambridge:-

Cambridge Street from O'Brien Highway to First Street

First Street from Cambridge Street to Main Street

Main Street from First Street to Broadway

Broadway from Main Street Mid-Block Connector

Mid-Block Connector from Broadway to Main Street

Main Street from Mid-Block Connector to Massachusetts Avenue

Massachusetts Avenue from Main Street to Garden Street

Garden Street from Massachusetts Avenue to Waterhouse Street

~~Waterhouse Street from Garden Street to Massachusetts Avenue~~

Massachusetts Avenue from Waterhouse Street to Garden Street

Garden Street from Massachusetts Avenue to Mason Street

Mason Street from Garden Street to Brattle Street

Brattle Street from Mason Street to Mt. Auburn Cemetery

Mt. Auburn Street from Mt. Auburn Cemetery to University Place

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Bennett Street from University Place to Eliot Street

Eliot Street from Bennett Street to John F. Kennedy Street

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Pleasant Street from Memorial Drive to Entrance to Hotel

Magazine Street from Memorial Drive to Granite Street

Granite Street from Magazine Street to Brookline Street

Brookline Street from Granite Street to Memorial Drive

Amesbury Street from Memorial Drive to Vassar Street

Vassar Street from Amesbury Street to Main Street to Galileo Galilei Way

Third Street from Broadway to Binney Street

Binney Street from Third Street to First Street ; and be it further

ORDERED: That this license be granted with the following provisions:-

1. That the seating capacity of the buses be limited to thirty-two passengers and not more than 2 buses;
2. That the Director of Traffic and Parking will designate in writing appropriate areas for the buses to pick up and discharge passengers in Harvard Square, the Longfellow House, the Museum of Science, the Sonesta Hotel, the Hyatt Regency Hotel, the Sheraton Commander Hotel and the Charles Hotel; and
3. That no stops other than those designated above be used for the pick-up or discharge of passengers and not be prevented from bringing passengers from Boston to Cambridge; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Council reserves the right to revoke the license granted in the event of the breach of any conditions outlined above.

In City Council April 6, 1992.

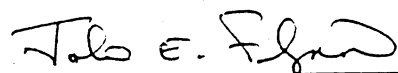
Adopted by a yea and nay vote

yeas 9; nays 0; absent 0.

Attest:- John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk

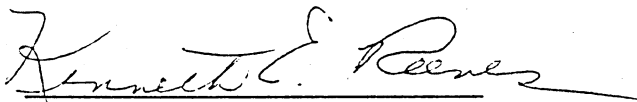
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ATTEST:-



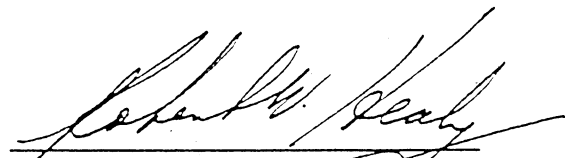
John E. Flynn, Deputy City Clerk

Approved by Mayor



Kenneth E. Reeves, Mayor

Approved by City Manager



Robert W. Healy, City Manager



March 7, 1995

Mr. Richard V Scali
Commission Executive Director
831 Massachusetts Ave, 1st floor
Cambridge Ma, 02139

Dear Mr Scali,

Old Town Trolley would like to submit a revised petition to the licensing board to expand our sight-seeing route in Cambridge. We have met with various Neighborhood Associations after our first meeting with the licensing commission and feel we have satisfied their concerns and subsequently have made modifications in our proposal. We propose 2 route changes and 2 stops to allow visitors to see the MIT Museum and Central Square area and also the Harvard Museums, Schools and Buildings.

The first route change would be to go down Massachusetts Ave, right onto Everett Street, right onto Oxford Street with a stop at the Harvard bus stop. We would then turn left onto Kirkland Street and a right onto Quincy Street, a right onto Cambridge Street back to the approved route. We will modify our schedule September 15th through the end of October and will not have a stop during the weekdays as requested by Harvard.

The second route change would be from Main Street, a left onto Portland Street, a right onto Albany Street and right onto Massachusetts Ave and stop at the MIT Museum.

In the spirit of these changes we hope that the Licensing Commission will grant us approval for our sight-seeing route. We thank you for extending us the response time, so we could present this revised proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Curran - Operations Manager

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March 3, 1995

Richard Scali
Cambridge License Commission
831 Massachusetts Ave
Cambridge MA 02139

Dear Richard,

I am writing to share with you the results of recent conversations between Frank Curran of Old Town Trolley and Harvard University.

As you know, Old Town Trolley has been talking to the Agassiz Neighborhood Council to gain their input. The Council requested that Frank Curran continue his conversation with Harvard to ensure safe stops for the Harvard shuttle and the Old Town Trolley as well as pedestrians. One option discussed was for Old Town Trolley to use the Harvard parking lot at 38 Oxford, in front of the Museum of Comparative Zoology; however, neither Frank Curran nor Harvard's Parking Office believe that there is sufficient room there for the trolley to turn safely because tour buses frequently use that location to park.

We believe that safety concerns can be met, however, under certain circumstances at the bus stop on Oxford Street where the Harvard Shuttle buses presently stop. Old Town Trolley's proposed schedule from April to June is three stops (10:00, 12:00 and 2:00) on weekdays and every forty minutes from 10:00 - 3:00 on week-ends; the latter is also their proposed schedule for every day from June through October. Harvard's Parking Office believes that the reduced schedule week-days from April to June, and the week-end and summer schedule of Old Town Trolley will not present a conflict.

Harvard does have concern, however, about the Trolley's weekday schedule during the September 15th through end of October period. As a result, Frank Curran has agreed not to make any stops at this location during the week-days for this six-week period. Frank

Curran has also agreed to work with Harvard to resolve any conflict in schedules or use that may arise.

Based on this discussion, Harvard believes that this proposal will work but we will certainly notify the License Commission if there are any difficulties. Please call me if I can provide any additional information, and please let me know the License Commission's decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Happy Green". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "H" and a cursive "Green".

Happy Green

cc Frank Curran
Terry Delancy
Lauren Preston
Jeffrey Smith



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Commission Executive Officer

TO: License Applicants/Licensees

FROM: Cambridge License Commission
Richard V. Scali, Executive Officer 

RE: Hearings to be held on March 7, 1995, 6 p.m.
831 Massachusetts Avenue, 2nd floor hearing room

DATE: February 23, 1995

Enclosed please find a list of hearings set down as stated above.

The matter on the enclosed list which concerns you will be heard at this time. Your manager and you should be present at the hearing. You may bring an attorney to represent you at the hearing.

Please advise if there are any questions.

Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 907, Cambridge, MA 02238

February 14, 1995

Cambridge License Commission
City of Cambridge
831 Massachusetts Ave. 1st Floor
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Regarding Deacon Transportation, Inc., d/b/a Old Town Trolley Tours application to amend its jitney license to change (Kirkland St.-Quincy St.-Cambridge St.-Felton St.-Broadway to Quincy St.)

I want to thank Deacon Transportation for informing me of their application. I must however state my opposition.

This position is based on my knowledge of the affected area and on conversations with neighborhood residents and business people. There are significant pedestrian safety concerns at three of the affected intersections. These intersections are

1. left from Quincy to Cambridge Street
2. right from Felton Street to Broadway
3. left from Broadway to Quincy Street.

At intersections (1) and (3), we must expect increases in the already substantial pedestrian traffic when Harvard's freshman dining is relocated to Memorial Hall in the near future. Neither of these intersections is properly configured to handle this traffic. There is, for example, no exclusive light cycle for pedestrians crossing Quincy St. at (1). The need for improvement to intersection (3) to improve safety is a subject of active and continuing discussion between the Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association and Harvard University.

The recent opening of the new Broadway Market Place has been a great improvement to the area, but unavoidably raises concerns for the safety of pedestrians crossing Broadway in front of the Market. Shoppers parking in the Market's lot must make the crossing on foot. This area is immediately adjacent to intersection (2). The promised installation of a marked cross-walk will improve the present situation, but significant safety concerns will remain due to the high volume of vehicular traffic, which includes turns from an uncontrolled intersection (Felton Street).

Fortunately an effective alternative for this portion of the proposed routing is available, namely, *right* from Quincy to Cambridge Street, then to Massachusetts Avenue, left back to Peabody Street and Broadway and right again onto Quincy Street. This greatly reduces the number of potential conflicts with both pedestrians and other vehicles with little or no increase in drive time.

Due to the short notice of this hearing, I am writing without the benefit of feedback from a Neighborhood Meeting. I have, however, spoken with several residents of the area as well as Charles Bougas, co-owner of New England Meat Markets in the Broadway Market Place, and all indicated that they support my opposition to the proposed route change.

Thank you for your consideration,



John Pitkin
President

cc: Traffic Department, Charles Bougas, Harvard University, Holly Weeks, Linda Swartz

Astrid A. Dodds
73 Wendell Street
Cambridge, MA 02138
354-6553

14 February 1994

City of Cambridge License Commission
831 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

To the License Commissioners:

I am a resident of the Agassiz neighborhood who has been active in recent years on the Agassiz Neighborhood Council Traffic Committee and on transportation issues in the City generally.

Apropos of the Old Town Trolley Company's application for permission to develop a new route for the purpose of conveying tourists to the Peabody Museum at Harvard University, I ask you to delay approval until the following happens:

1. Responsible officials at Old Town Trolley and Harvard meet with neighbors to discuss the logistics of a trolley and a bus sharing one Oxford St. Harvard Shuttle bus stop next to the Science Center. If a trolley and a shuttle bus are jockeying for space at that location, a fire engine cannot get up Oxford to the Agassiz neighborhood.
2. Responsible Old Town Trolley and Harvard officials meet with neighbors to discuss alternative routes to the Peabody Museum, such as down Everett St., across Oxford, and into the present Harvard parking lot next to the Museum.
3. The Cambridge Traffic, Parking and Transportation Dept. meets with area pedestrians to discuss improvements in pedestrian safety at several locations on the trolley's proposed route:
 - the extremely dangerous left turn across a WALK light that is presently allowed from Quincy to Cambridge St.
 - the absence of a crosswalk between the Broadway Market and its parking lot
 - the volume and speed of traffic on Broadway between Quincy and Felton St.
 - the right-angle intersection of Kirkland and Oxford where the present Harvard Shuttle bus stop is so close to the crosswalk that visibility is blocked when the shuttle bus is there

While I personally support any effort to reduce tourist use of private automobiles, I feel that the present route proposed by Old Town Trolley is problematic enough that it requires further scrutiny by all interested parties before approval is given.

Sincerely,



Astrid A. Dodds

1709 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02138
February 14, 1995

Licensing Commission
City of Cambridge
831 Massachusetts Avenue
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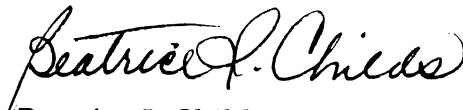
To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that the Old Towne Trolley company is filing for an amendment to its designated route through Cambridge to include travel onto Cambridge Street from Quincy Street with a right turn onto Felton Street in order to complete its view Harvard's Fogg Museum.

Please be advised that as the owner and resident of 1709 Cambridge Street, I strongly oppose the approval the amendment to permit sightseeing trolleys to travel along that route. That route is heavily congested -- particularly both the right and left turns from Cambridge Street onto Felton Street. The turn from Cambridge Street can at time become very congested. It serves as the route for MTA bus, access to the Broadway Garage, and vehicles attempting to travel to Broadway, Massachusetts Avenue, Harvard Square, and Memorial Drive, just to name a few. I believe that there are other routes that the sightseeing buses can take to view Harvard's museums.

I urge you to strongly consider not granting the amendment to include requested route. If I can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact me at my office 621-8231.

Sincerely,


Beatrice I. Childs



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February 7, 1995

Richard Scali, Executive Officer
Cambridge License Commission
831 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Scali:

I write in regard to the application scheduled for February 14 made by Old Town Trolley Tours to develop a route and stop on Oxford Street.

Mr. Curran of Old Town Trolley contacted us in late January, too late for our regular council meeting. Since the licensing hearing was to be held too soon for our February 21 meeting, he kindly provided us with information so that I could advise people of the application through our newsletter, *The Whistler*.

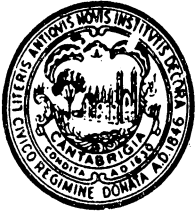
I have since heard from several residents who are concerned about the impact of this route on Oxford Street and the Agassiz neighborhood. We have invited him to attend our February 21 meeting, where neighborhood concerns can be raised and discussed.

We would like the License Commission to allow us to speak with Old Town Trolley and accept our input from that discussion on March 2, when the matter is scheduled for a decision. There will be representatives from the Agassiz Neighborhood Council at the February 14 License Commission hearing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if I can assist in this matter.

Sincerely,


Terry DeLancey



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Date: March 8, 1995

To: D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

Fr: Richard V. Scali, Acting Chair/Executive Officer

Re: Amendment to Route-Jitney application-Deacon Transportation, Inc. d/b/a Old Town Trolley Tours

Enclosed please find the documents with regard to the request by Deacon Transportation, Inc. d/b/a Old Town Trolley Tours to amend the route on their jitney license. The License Commission voted on March 7, 1995, 2-0, to recommend approval of the route change and its amendments. Old Town Trolley applied for this change on January 24, 1995, was first heard on February 14, 1995 and this hearing was continued to March 7, 1995 for discussion with the neighborhood. Old Town Trolley waived its rights to be heard within 45 days and a decision within 60 days of application due to these discussions. Even with this waiver, Old Town Trolley would like to be heard by the City Council as soon as possible and I would recommend this as well since they have been extremely cooperative with our office.

The amended route is spelled out in our advertisement as attached. A letter dated March 7, 1995 from Old Town Trolley spells out the compromised amended route and understandings with the neighborhood. Thus Felton Street and Broadway are not part of this application. Old Town Trolley has agreed to reduce their schedule April to June and not to make stops on Oxford Street, September 15 to the end of October. The letters from Happy Green and Astrid Dodds spell the neighborhoods positions.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

cc: Frank Curran, Old Town Trolley Tours

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

March 20, 1995

To The Honorable, The City Council:

I am hereby transmitting a communication from Richard Scali, Acting Chair/Executive Officer of the License Commission, relative to a request by Deacon Transportation, Inc. d/b/a Old Town Trolley Tours to amend the route on their jitney license, for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mev
attachment

Consent Agenda # 9

HA-20

Amendment to a jitney license for
Deacon Transportation, Inc. , doing
business as Old Town Trolley Tours
to amend route.

In City Council,

March 20, 1995

Order Adopted

*DPU, Petitioner & License
Commission ratified 3/27/95*