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November 29, 1978

Ellen M. DiGeronimo
Commissioner of Public Works
Massachusetts Department of
Public Works
100 Nashua Street
Boston, Ma. 02114

Re: Harvard Street grade crossing, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Ms. DiGeronimo:

Enclosed please find a petition on behalf of Consolidated Rail Corporation for the abolition of the Harvard Street, Cambridge, Ma., grade crossing. We have been instructed by the Railway & Bus Division of the Department of Public Utilities that consideration of this matter is initially with the Department of Public Works, pursuant to Chapter 159, Section 65 of the General Laws.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

William Gadsden

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cc: Cambridge City Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Petition of Consolidated Rail Corporation
for the abolition of the crossing at
grade at Harvard Street, Cambridge, Massa-
chusetts, pursuant to the provisions of
Chapter 159, Section 65 of the General Laws.

Now comes your Petitioner and states as follows:

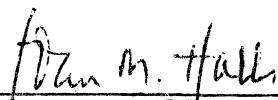
1. There presently exists in the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, at the place where the right of way of the Boston and Albany Railroad crosses Harvard Street, a so-called grade crossing.
2. However, by order of the Cambridge City Council dated June 6, 1960 that portion of Harvard Street running westerly from the right of way to Portland Street was discontinued as a public way, and by order of the Cambridge City Council dated February 14, 1977 that portion of Harvard Street running easterly from the right of way was discontinued as a public way. These orders were adopted at the request of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority.
3. As a result of its discontinuance as a public way, Harvard Street on each side of the grade crossing has been abandoned, and is physically impassable by motor vehicle traffic.
4. Under current schedules there are four train movements daily Monday through Friday and one each on Saturday and Sunday. Movements are restricted to a speed of five miles an hour.

5. Your Petitioner states that the maintenance of the Harvard Street crossing as a grade crossing is no longer required by public safety or convenience.

6. WHEREFORE, your Petitioner prays that the grade crossing at Harvard Street be abolished.

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION

By its attorneys,



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Comm. from William Gadsden, Choate, Hall &
Stewart, re: petition of Consolidated Rail
Corp. for the abolition of the crossing at
grade at Harvard St., Cambridge.

In City Council,
December 4, 1978

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Re: to the
City Council
for Report -
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