



Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

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November 4, 1997

Dear Ms. Drury:

Thank you for sending the MBTA a copy of the October 20 Cambridge City Council resolution concerning the MBTA public hearing that is to occur on November 10.

As you know November is a busy time with elections and Thanksgiving occupying people's time at the beginning and end of the month. Veterans Day, on November 11, is also a holiday, however, for most people, November 10 is simply another work or school day. All businesses, government offices, and schools are open on November 10, and hence to most people it is an ordinary day in terms of scheduling a public hearing. The location of the hearing, at the VFW Post at 688 Huron Avenue is within walking distance from the Route 72 stop at Huron and Aberdeen, and hence is accessible by mass transit.

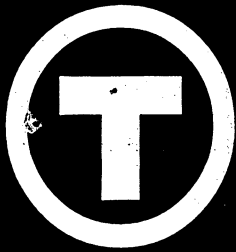
However, understanding that some potential participants may not be able to come due to previous commitments, or would like a meeting in a different location, we told City officials that we would be happy to attend any meeting that they chose to arrange. Assuming that other potential participants might not be available on the days after November 11, the following week was considered. MBTA staff were already busy on November 17 and 20 with other hearings, hence it was recommended that either November 18 or November 19 be the meeting date. Due to previously planned hearings in Cambridge on another issue, City officials selected November 18 and they arranged for the location. This is a City meeting that the MBTA is attending.

As a final note, it should be recognized that the hearing is located in Cambridge, but it is to hear comments on any route in the system, not just Cambridge routes. Similarly, the other five hearings are open to Cambridge residents who choose to attend them and they are welcome to comment at any and all of these meetings as well. Written comments are also welcome.

Thank you for bringing these concerns to our attention.

Sincerely,

Alan H. Castaline
Alan H. Castaline
Chief Planning Officer



Proposed Service Changes

Look for details in the **Preliminary Annual Service Plan**

(Available for review at Public Libraries
and our Web site: www.mbta.com)

*We'd like to
hear from you!*

Comments will be accepted at these
Public Hearings or by mail until December 8:

Cambridge

November 10

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Mt. Auburn VFW Post 8818
688 Huron Avenue

Boston

November 12

6:00 - 8:00 PM

State Transportation Bldg.
Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3
10 Park Plaza

Boston

November 13

9:00 - 11:00 AM

State Transportation Bldg.
Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3
10 Park Plaza

Lynn

November 13

7:00 - 9:00 PM

NSCC Corporate &
Continuing Education Center
MBTA Parking Garage
Broad & Market Sts.

Malden

November 17

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Malden Government Center
Council Chambers, Rm. 325
200 Pleasant Street

Quincy

November 20

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Quincy City Hall
City Council Chambers
1305 Hancock Street

Mail comments to MBTA Operations Planning • 45 High Street • Boston, MA • 02110

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Communication was received from Alan. H. Castaline, Chief Planning Officer, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, transmitting thanks for the City Council resolution concerning the MBTA public hearing of November 10.

In City Council November 17, 1997

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