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February 1, 1990

Mr. Thomas P. Glynn
General Manager
Transportation Building
Ten Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Mr. Glynn:

Thank you for your response to City Manager Healy, dated December 28, 1989 relative to the closing of the easterly side of the Alewife garage. The City Manager transmitted your response to the City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting of January 22, 1990.

At that meeting the City Council, at the suggestion of Vice-Mayor Reeves and Councillor Duehay, requested I write to you once again indicating the City Council dissatisfaction with the closing of the gate and urge you to reconsider your decision. Although they are sympathetic to your needs to make station modifications and staff reductions, however they believe this entrance should be reopened for the convenience of the many residents of Cambridge which utilize the station.

In an effort to provide greater local input to future decisions of this magnitude the City Council requests that you notify them in advance of any future station modifications in Cambridge.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph E. Connarton
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City Clerk

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Thomas P. Glynn
General Manager
Transportation Building
Ten Park Plaza
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

December 28, 1989

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

Dear Mr. Healy:

I am responding to your recent letter regarding the closing of the easterly side of Alewife Garage. Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention.

The reason for the closing of the entrance is a budgetary exercise brought on by a recent thirty (30) million dollar arbitration awarded to Local 589 causing the Authority to prioritize personnel assignments. So as to not effect service, a reduction in nonessential positions took place and it was decided to close the entrance portion of Alewife South (easterly) and make station modifications to accommodate passengers by being able to still exit the station. These modifications were completed by installing a rotor-gate, exit only in the main doorway and theater type push-bar doors on the same entrance level for emergency use. In addition to the door entrance modifications, a closed circuit camera has been installed and the area is displayed on the main TV screen in the main collectors booth.

This work was completed and the exit only status of the area went into effect Saturday, December 9, 1989, after three (3) days of pamphlet distribution at the aforementioned location, took place by the Authority's Marketing Department. Total annual savings in manpower hours by the Authority by instituting this action is expected to be approximately \$200,000 dollars for 1990. Records indicate that a maximum of only 535 passengers enter this area on an average weekday.

Also mentioned in Mr. Connarton's letter is the fact that due to this action, T riders would have to cross the parkway to enter the station, this is incorrect. A passageway exists, which was built with the original design of the station and surrounding area, where by any passenger wishing to enter the station from this area only has to walk a distance of about eighty (80) to ninety (90) yards passing below the aforementioned parkway into an entrance at garage level #1 where an escalator will bring riders one (1) level down to the main mezzanine level.

Beginning December 30, 1989, the same station modifications and manpower reductions will take place at the Orange Lines Downtown Crossing Station at Franklin Street, Temple Place and the closing of the State Street Bank Booth.

MR. ROBERT W. HEALY
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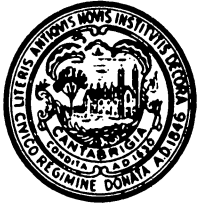
Your thoughtfulness in letting us know your feelings is greatly appreciated. Please be advise that the Authority will continue to explore new and creative ways by which to make your transit system a more efficient organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form the name Thomas P. Glynn.

Thomas P. Glynn
General Manager

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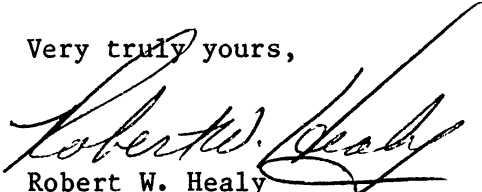
RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

December 28, 1989

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I hereby transmit a response to City Council Order #20, of December 11, 1989, relative to the closing of the easterly doors at the Alewife Station.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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enclosure

Agenda # 2

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Re: Order # 20 of Dec. 11, 1989 regarding
the closing of the easterly side of the
Alewife Station.

In City Council,

January 22, 1990

Placed on file