



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL**March 31, 1986****COUNCILLOR DUEHAY**

- ORDERED:** That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to review and evaluate the proposal by Harvard University relative to the long term rights for use of the underground facility which previously served as a temporary Harvard/Brattle Station during the MBTA Red Line extension; and be it further
- ORDERED:** That prior to the execution of any lease or sale of said property, the City Council be notified for the purpose of conducting a public hearing.

In City Council March 31, 1986.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

March 31, 1986

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I have been contacted by representatives of Harvard University regarding the reuse of an abandoned portion of the MBTA Red Line Tunnel previously used to provide access to the temporary Harvard/Brattle station during the reconstruction of the Red Line. A title search has shown that both the City and the MBTA have rights to this portion of the tunnel. However, access to the tunnel currently can only be achieved from the Kennedy School of Government site.

Harvard is interested in obtaining long-term rights to use the tunnel as a parking facility. Their proposal would provide for 67 parking spaces available on a commercial basis for a ten year period followed by sole use of the facility by Kennedy School affiliates. The University is prepared to make a payment to the City based on the fair market value of the facility. Taxes would also be paid to the City during the ten year commercial lease period. Harvard has expressed an interest in coordinating the necessary construction work entailed in this adaptive reuse with work the City will undertake to realign and reconstruct Eliot Street.

At present, the City is conducting an appraisal of the tunnel to determine its fair market value. Additional information will also be obtained to clarify the interests of the City and the MBTA. Once complete, this information will be forwarded to the City Council for referral to the Planning Board for consideration and recommendation in keeping with the statutory requirements pertaining to the disposition of public land.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/b

Agenda Item No. 3

S-214

Re: MBTA Tunnel reuse.

In City Council,

March 31, 1986

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C. Sullivan Order adopted
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