



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 17, 1997

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: The MBTA is continuing with its plan to privatize a significant portion of its bus service; and

WHEREAS: There is no credible evidence that this plan will save money; the "T" management has turned down a union concessionary package that would save more than the "T" says the private contract will save over the five-year life of the contract; and

WHEREAS: Polls have shown that the public is satisfied with MBTA service and have not found public support for privatization; and

WHEREAS: Privatization of the MBTA will do irreparable damage to its public employees; and

WHEREAS: The Carmen's Union, Local Division 589 of the Amalgamated Transit Union will hold a press conference on April 2, 1997 to highlight community-based opposition to the MBTA privatization plan; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record supporting the Carmen's Union and opposing privatization of the MBTA.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Whereas: The MBTA is continuing w/ its plan to privatize a significant portion of its bus service; and

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BOSTON CARMEN'S UNION

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March 11, 1997

RE: Press Conference Invitation

Dear Councilor:

As you know, the MBTA is continuing with its plan to privatize a significant portion of its bus service, including several bus routes in your community. The T's management currently plans to send a contract that would privatize all service from the Charlestown garage to the State Auditor for approval before the end of this month.

The Boston Carmen's Union remains opposed to this privatization plan for many reasons. First, T management has turned down a union concessionary package that would save more than the T says the private contract will save over the five-year life of the contract.

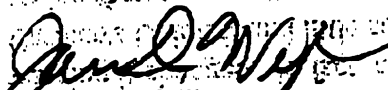
Second, according to an independent poll released a few days ago by Opinion Dynamics, Corp. on behalf of Mass Insight, the public is overwhelmingly satisfied with MBTA service, and shows no indication of wanting it changed. In fact, a separate poll conducted several months ago by Bannon Research for the Carmen's Union found little support for privatization, with only 35% of the MBTA's frequent riders saying they support the concept. We have found that as riders learn more about this particular plan, their support dwindles even more.

Finally, we have serious concerns about cutting out 30% of the MBTA bus system and turning it's day to day management over to a for-profit international conglomerate (ATC/Vancom).

For these reasons, the Carmen's Union is hosting a press conference on April 2nd at Noon in Downtown Boston to highlight community-based opposition to the privatization plan. As someone who has supported keeping public transportation public, we would like to invite you to participate. The event will include officials and community activists from most, if not all, of the 28 affected cities and towns.

We hope you will be able to join us. If so, please let us know as soon as possible if this event will fit into your schedule, since we will be forwarding a list of attendees to Boston and other local community media. Thank you for your consideration, and we hope to see you on April 2nd.

Sincerely,


James D. Wyllie

Recording Secretary



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BORN, Davis, Dwyer, Galluccio, Russell
Consent Order #22 Sullivan + Triantafyllou

Councillor Toomey re: Support for
the Carmen's Union and oppose
privatization of the MBTA.

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ORDER ADOPTED