



City of Cambridge

AMENDED ORDER
77.
IN CITY COUNCIL

August 7, 1991

COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR WALSH

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WHEREAS: These increases will be absorbed by all riders--the young, students, business commuters and seniors; and

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WHEREAS: These fare increases will be discussed with the members of the "T" Advisory Board in the near future before the effective date of implementation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record stating its strong opposition to the proposed rate increase and urge Secretary Taylor, as Chair of the Board of Directors to revisit this issue and delay its implementation until such a review is finalized; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Cambridge representatives on the Advisory Board to vote against the proposed rate increases; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward engrossed copies of this resolution to Secretary Taylor and the "T" Advisory Board.

In City Council August 7, 1991.

Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk



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ORIGINAL ORDER
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Consent

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CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

(617) 498-9090

William H. Walsh
City Councillor

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DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1991

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Cambridge, MA. 02142
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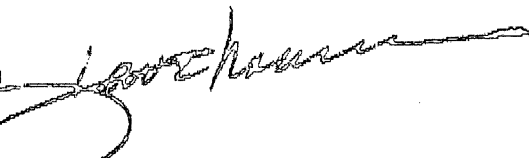
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REMARKS: Councillor Walsh requests that the enclosed Council
Resolution (with attachments) regarding the MBTA fare
increase be included in the Council's CONSENT AGENDA
for AUGUST 7, 1991 session.

Signature of person in Councillor Walsh's office transmitting
the document(s).

David F. Noonan 

SANDRA: Please phone (354 3366) upon receipt so that
I have confirmation this has been received and
filed.

Thank you for your usual cooperation - and now
I'll leave you alone for the rest of the day.

*add
Bill's
to Sheila
Affairs*

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City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

Councillor Walsh

August 7, 1991

WHEREAS: In response to the proposed fare increases by the MBTA Advisory Board, Boston City Councillor David Scodras sponsored the attached Council Resolution which was adopted unanimously by the Council membership; and

WHEREAS: Its content has equal applicability for Cambridge residents; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this Council expresses support for and total agreement with its contents; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and is requested to transmit a Certified Copy of this Resolution (with attachment affixed) to the MBTA Advisory Board, the Cambridge representatives in the State Legislature and to Governor Weld.

(ATTACHMENT)

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION OF COUNCILLOR SCONDRAS

- WHEREAS The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority is considering fare increases for the second time in less than three years; and
- WHEREAS Public transportation users are among those members of our society most in need of economic support, with 50-60% of local bus riders living in households with an annual income below \$20,000, 70-80% owning no automobile, and 40-60% having no driver's license; and
- WHEREAS Over 10% of public transportation users are elderly and facing a tax increase as a result of the legislature's recent decision to reclassify SSI payments as taxable income; and
- WHEREAS The MBTA is projecting that 43,000 daily riders, on average, will be driven off the system by the projected fare increase; and
- WHEREAS By not driving, MBTA riders save 142 million gallons of gasoline annually, resulting in 90% less hydrocarbon emissions and 75% less carbon monoxide emissions than if they drive; and
- WHEREAS The "Big Dig" which will further exacerbate the traffic and environmental problems in the city; and
- WHEREAS The MBTA's 1989 study of "Financing Operating Costs" indicates that the MBTA's mechanism of fiscal control is eroding, as the MBTA's primary funding source shifts from local communities to the state government; and
- WHEREAS That same study claims that a thorough investigation is needed to determine whether the small percentage of transit costs covered by MBTA fares is due to an inadequate fare schedule, or due to high management costs; and
- WHEREAS "High management costs" are often associated with the lack of an effective management structure; and
- WHEREAS The MBTA Budget Office's "Staff Summary", which suggests the fare increase, makes no mention of the management question; and

- WHEREAS The MBTA faces greater revenue problems than a fare increase can solve, as a result of declining federal and local aid; and
- WHEREAS The MBTA is one of only five of the twenty-six largest public transit systems which lacks a dedicated revenue source; and
- WHEREAS The MBTA's 1989 Study, "Financing MBTA Operating Costs: Alternatives for the Future", points to the need for such dedicated revenue sources as the most likely option for solving the MBTA's budget crisis; Now, Therefore, Be It
- RESOLVED That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, hereby expresses its opposition to the proposed fare increase, advises Boston's representatives to the MBTA Advisory Board to oppose them, and Be It Further
- RESOLVED That the MBTA should follow its own recommendations and conduct a "thorough examination" of the MBTA's management structure before considering raising fares; and Be It Further
- RESOLVED That the possibility of a dedicated revenue source, such as auto-use taxes and fees, be seriously considered as an alternative to raising fares; and Be It Further
- RESOLVED That the City Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to Boston's representatives to the MBTA Advisory Board, Boston's representatives to the State Legislature, and Governor Weld.



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CONSENT ORDER # 77

S-843

Councillors Russell, Duehay and Walsh
re: opposition to the increase in
commuter fares.

In City Council,

August 7, 1991

*Order adopted
as amended.*