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CAMBRIDGE CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCES INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON HARVARD-ALEWIFE SUBWAY EXTENSION PLAN

Cambridge City Manager John H. Corcoran today announced that an informational meeting will be held in the Tobin School auditorium, Vassal Lane, Cambridge on Thursday evening, September 21 at 7 o'clock to receive progress reports on planning work underway for MBTA'S proposed Red Line subway extension from Harvard Square to Alewife Brook in West Cambridge.

Robert J. LeBlanc, Assistant to the City Manager, will be chairman.

Somerville, Arlington, Belmont, Lexington and Watertown have been invited by the City Manager to attend.

A progress report is to be made by the engineering staff of Sverdrup and Parcel and Associates on its study of tunneling costs for each of three alternative alignments under consideration for the subway extension. The tunnel routes being studied are: 1) under Garden Street and the City dump; 2) Massachusetts Avenue to Porter Square, and then west to Alewife Brook beneath the Boston and Maine "Fitchburg Division" railroad right-of-way; 3) Massachusetts Avenue and Elm Street to Davis Square, Somerville, and then westerly to Alewife Brook in West Cambridge beneath the Boston and Maine "Freight Cut-Off" right-of-way.

The meeting will also include a report by the Boston Transportation Planning Review northwest corridor team on its comprehensive planning work for the subway extension - including route-selection factors, terminal planning, and intermediate station alternatives.

The City Manager urged all northwest corridor citizens and organizations concerned with the Red Line subway extension to Alewife and beyond to attend and to give their comments on planning and engineering work in progress. At the same time, he stressed the need for all to bear in mind that this is an informational meeting falling midway in the course of the studies underway, and that it will be important for everyone attending the meeting to bear in mind that final data and recommendations are not to be expected from the engineers and planners at this time.

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