

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ADDITIONAL
PRELIMINARY REPORT

OF THE

SPECIAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE
RELATIVE TO RAPID TRANSIT IN THE
BOSTON METROPOLITAN AREA

JANUARY, 1947

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MEMBERSHIP.

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Sen. FURBUSH of Waltham.

Appointed by the Speaker.

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JANUARY, 1947.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

The time during which the General Court will receive the report of this Commission was extended to April 1, 1947, by an order adopted by the House on January 8, 1947, and by the Senate on January 9, 1947.

Since some of the members originally appointed to the Commission are no longer members of the General Court it now appears advisable to pass legislation specifically providing that all such members shall continue as members of the Commission.

It also appears advisable to extend the life of the Commission until April 4, 1947.

A draft of legislation necessary to carry said recommendations into effect is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

RESOLVE REVIVING AND CONTINUING THE SPECIAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE AND STUDY RELATIVE TO RAPID TRANSIT IN THE BOSTON METROPOLITAN AREA.

1 *Resolved*, That the unpaid special commission, es-
2 tablished by chapter 56 of the resolves of 1943, and
3 continued under chapter 85 of the resolves of 1945, is
4 hereby revived and continued for the purpose of con-
5 tinuing its investigation and study of the subject of
6 rapid transit in the Boston metropolitan area, and
7 supplementary and feeder services in connection
8 therewith. The fact that any person who was ap-
9 pointed a member of such commission by the president
10 of the senate or the speaker of the house of representa-
11 tives has prior to the date of passage of this resolve
12 ceased to be a member of the general court shall not
13 be held to terminate his membership on the com-
14 mission nor to create a vacancy therein.

15 For the purpose of such investigation and study,
16 said commission may employ necessary engineering,
17 legal and other assistance, and shall prepare a supple-
18 mentary comprehensive plan or plans showing the
19 rapid transit routes and the supplementary and feeder
20 services in connection therewith which it recommends,

21 the district or districts which it recommends to be
22 served, and such statistical information and data as it
23 may deem to be of assistance to the general court in
24 the consideration of any legislation recommended.
25 Said commission may utilize the services of the de-
26 partment of public utilities, the Boston transit depart-
27 ment, the state planning board, the state department
28 of public works and any engineering or other depart-
29 ments, suitably organized to prepare plans or other
30 information, of any city or town within the district or
31 districts which it expects will be served by the pro-
32 posed rapid transit system, and out of the sum which
33 it is hereby authorized to expend may make funds
34 available to said commission, board and departments,
35 or any of them.

36 Said special commission shall make a final report
37 to the general court by filing the same with the clerk
38 of the house of representatives not later than April
39 fourth, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, accom-
40 panied by such plans, statistics and drafts of legislation
41 as it may deem necessary or appropriate.

42 For the purposes of this resolve, said commission
43 may expend the unexpended balance of the amounts
44 appropriated by item 0268 of chapter 736, acts of 1945,
45 and item 0268 of chapter 617, acts of 1946, and said
46 balance is hereby made available for the payment of
47 expenses incurred by said commission. All amounts
48 expended by said commission under authority of this
49 resolve and of said chapter 85 of the resolves of 1945
50 shall be apportioned equitably among the cities and
51 towns benefited when a rapid transit system is estab-
52 lished pursuant to said report, and shall be paid to the
53 commonwealth according to the method of apportion-
54 ment to be included in the recommendations of said
55 commission.

