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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 8, 1949.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill providing for the construction of an addition to the Washington Street tunnel and rapid transit facilities between Haymarket Square and Sullivan Square, and for the removal of a portion of the elevated structure (printed in House, No. 2038, App. B), report that the same ought to pass in the form of a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 2727).

For the committee,

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO THE WASHINGTON STREET TUNNEL AND RAPID TRANSIT FACILITIES BETWEEN HAYMARKET SQUARE AND SULLIVAN SQUARE, AND FOR THE REMOVAL OF A PORTION OF THE ELEVATED STRUCTURE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter of the acts of the current
2 year is hereby amended by inserting after section 3
3 the following new section:—
4 *Section 3A.* The authority shall construct and
5 equip an addition to the existing Washington street
6 tunnel in the city of Boston, consisting of a tunnel and
7 elevated structure to connect with said Washington
8 street tunnel at the northerly end of the present Union
9 station platform near Haymarket square, thence
10 running under Haymarket square and under Haver-
11 hill street, thence running between the Industrial
12 Building and the North Station terminal building
13 and thence under private lands continuing in a
14 northerly direction under the Charles river to City
15 square in Charlestown, thence under Main street in a
16 northwesterly direction to a point near Baldwin street,
17 and thence under private lands emerging by way of an
18 incline to the surface and thence by way of an elevated

19 structure passing over existing freight tracks of the
20 Boston and Maine Railroad located between Ruther-
21 ford avenue and Bunker Hill street and joining with
22 the present elevated structure at Sullivan square.
23 Said addition shall include a new underground station
24 at the North Station under Causeway street and a
25 station between City square and Thompson square
26 at or near the junction of Main street and Warren
27 street in Charlestown.

28 After the use by the authority of the tunnel addition
29 constructed under this section begins, the authority
30 shall proceed without delay to remove its elevated
31 structure located between Haymarket square, in
32 Boston, and near Sullivan square, Charlestown,
33 including the structure located on the Charlestown
34 bridge, so called, presently used by the main line
35 elevated trains, but excluding any structural members
36 incorporated in the drawbridge structure of said bridge
37 which specially support or serve said main line elevated
38 trains, and shall remove that portion of said main line
39 elevated structure now located on Causeway street
40 through Keaney square and on Commercial street,
41 Boston, above its foundations, to put the surface of the
42 public ways disturbed by such removal into as good
43 condition as the adjacent surface of said ways, to
44 restore to good condition sidewalks affected by such
45 removal and to repair any damage done by such
46 removal to any building to which said elevated struc-
47 ture is affixed. The cost to the authority of removing
48 such elevated structure and of restoring public ways,
49 sidewalks and buildings as aforesaid, less the amount
50 received by the authority from the sale of the structure
51 as salvage or otherwise, shall be included in the cost
52 of the work authorized by this section.

53 The authority may expend for the purposes of this
54 section not exceeding _____ dollars.
55 No construction work shall be done under this section
56 until a plan therefor, together with estimates of cost
57 indicating that the project can be completed at a cost
58 not exceeding _____ dollars, shall
59 have been approved by the commission of the depart-
60 ment of public utilities. Any plan so approved under
61 this section may be altered at any time by a new plan
62 approved in like manner.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.