

To accompany the petition of Charles W. Hedges and Amelio A. Della Chiesa providing for a study by the Old Colony Area Transportation Commission of the feasibility of setting up a rapid transit service and bus service in the Old Colony Area. Transportation.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Eight.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A STUDY BY THE OLD COLONY AREA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF THE FEASIBILITY OF SETTING UP A RAPID TRANSIT SERVICE AND BUS SERVICE IN THE OLD COLONY AREA.

1 *Resolved*, That the Old Colony Area Transportation Commis-  
 2 sion established by section one of chapter five hundred and  
 3 forty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-eight shall  
 4 make a study of the feasibility of setting up a rapid transit  
 5 service on the tracks of the Old Colony Division of the New  
 6 York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad between Boston and  
 7 Quincy and points south of Quincy; and the feasibility of sub-  
 8 stituting bus service in place of train service to those communi-  
 9 ties in the Old Colony Area which lie beyond the orbit of any  
 10 proposed rapid transit service.

11 Said commission shall cause to be prepared preliminary plans,  
 12 estimates of the cost of construction, equipment and acquisition  
 13 of rights-of-way, together with estimates of passenger traffic  
 14 potential and anticipated revenues, and such other matters as  
 15 it deems advisable.

16 Said commission may engage consulting engineers and con-  
 17 tractors to perform, under the direction of said commission,  
 18 such portions of said work as it may deem necessary.

19 For the purpose of making surveys and borings in connection  
 20 with the work authorized under this resolve, the commission and  
 21 its consultants and contractors may enter upon and use public

22 and private ways and lands. Any person injured in his property  
23 by such entry or use of his land by the commission or its agents  
24 may recover his damages under chapter seventy-nine of the  
25 General Laws.

26 For the purposes of this resolve said commission may expend  
27 such sums, not exceeding sixty thousand dollars, as may be  
28 appropriated therefor.

29 The aggregate amount of the sums appropriated by the com-  
30 monwealth shall be assessed, as provided by section twenty of  
31 chapter fifty-nine of the General Laws, upon the cities and  
32 towns named in section two of chapter five hundred and forty-  
33 one of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-eight and in the  
34 same proportions set against their respective names as they  
35 appear in said act.

36 Said commission shall report to the general court the results  
37 of its study from time to time, and shall file its final report, to-  
38 gether with such plans, statistics and drafts of legislation neces-  
39 sary to carry its recommendations, if any, into effect, on or be-  
40 fore the first Wednesday in January, nineteen hundred and  
41 fifty-nine, by filing the same with the clerk of the senate.