

HOUSE No. 1507

By Mr. Robert L. Lee of Boston, petition of Robert L. Lee that the city of Boston be authorized to borrow money for the extension of the Washington Street Tunnel to Sullivan Square in the Charlestown district and for the removal of the elevated structures in said district. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act authorizing the Extension of the Washington Street Tunnel in the City of Boston to Sullivan Square, in the Charlestown District of Boston, and the Removal of the Elevated Structure from Main Street, in the Charlestown District of Boston.

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. The present Washington Street tun-
2 nel used by the Boston Elevated Railway Company
3 shall be extended by the Boston transit commission,
4 or such other board or authority as shall be charged
5 with such construction to a point at or near or beyond
6 Sullivan square, in the Charlestown district of Boston.

1 SECTION 2. The Boston transit commission is
2 hereby empowered immediately upon the passage of
3 this act, to prepare proper plans and to make a pre-
4 liminary survey and estimate of cost of the proposed

5 tunnel extension. Upon completion of the estimate
6 of cost, the commission shall file the same with the
7 city treasurer of the city of Boston, who shall, from
8 time to time at the request of the commission, issue
9 and sell at public or private sale, the bonds of the city,
10 registered or with interest coupons attached, as he may
11 deem best, to an amount not exceeding the cost of
12 the tunnel herein provided for. Such bonds shall be
13 designated on their face "Sullivan Square Extension
14 Tunnel Loan", and shall be for such terms, not ex-
15 ceeding fifty years, as the mayor and treasurer of
16 said city may determine, and shall bear interest
17 payable semi-annually at such rate not exceeding
18 four per cent per annum, as the treasurer shall de-
19 termine.

1 SECTION 3. Upon completion of said tunnel, the
2 Boston Elevated Railway Company shall remove the
3 elevated structure from Keany square, Boston, to
4 Sullivan square, in the Charlestown district of Boston.

1 SECTION 4. Upon completion of said tunnel, the
2 city of Boston shall lease the same to the Boston
3 Elevated Railway Company, under the same relative
4 terms and provisions as now apply in the contract
5 between the city of Boston and the Boston Elevated
6 Railway Company in regard to rental of the present
7 Washington Street tunnel.

1 SECTION 5. The said tunnel shall be constructed
2 by the use of day labor, and persons employed here-
3 under shall be exempt from civil service rules and
4 regulations, in order to afford relief for unemployed
5 persons in the present emergency.



