

By Mrs. Newman of Cambridge and Mr. Campbell of Cambridge, petition of Mary B. Newman and Levin H. Campbell that provision be made for the extension of rapid transit facilities in the cities of Cambridge and Waltham and the towns of Arlington, Lexington, Bedford, Belmont and Weston. Metropolitan Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Three.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF RAPID TRANSIT FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON, THE TOWN OF LEXINGTON, THE TOWN OF BEDFORD, THE TOWN OF BELMONT, THE CITY OF WALTHAM, AND THE TOWN OF WESTON.

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 Metropolitan Transit Authority, hereinafter
2 referred to as the Authority, shall construct and equip an ad-
3 dition to the Cambridge subway, in the city of Cambridge, con-
4 sisting of a subway line extending from Harvard square to Porter
5 square and a rapid transit line on the present tracks of the Fitch-
6 burg division of the Boston and Maine Railroad, hereinafter re-
7 ferred to as the railroad, extending from Porter square to a point
8 in West Cambridge. The Authority and the railroad shall main-
9 tain a joint passenger station at Porter square in the city of Cam-
10 bridge. The Authority shall construct and equip a high speed
11 trolley rapid transit line in the city of Cambridge and the towns
12 of Arlington, Lexington and Bedford from a point in West Cam-
13 bridge to the Bedford station on the present tracks and right-of-
14 way of the Lexington branch of the Boston and Maine Railroad
15 and to Bedford airport on the present tracks and right-of-way
16 of the Bedford airport siding, so called, including thereon the
17 present stations and whatever other station, parking areas, and
18 appurtenant facilities are determined by the Authority to be nec-
19 essary. The Authority shall construct and equip a high speed
20 trolley rapid transit line in the city of Cambridge, the town of

21 Belmont and the city of Waltham, from a point in West Cam-
22 bridge on the present tracks and right-of-way of the Fitchburg
23 division of the Boston and Maine Railroad, to Clematis brook
24 and from Clematis brook on the present tracks and right-of-way
25 of the Central Massachusetts branch of the railroad to the
26 Main street crossing in the city of Waltham, and whatever other
27 station, parking areas, and appurtenant facilities are deter-
28 mined by the Authority to be necessary. The Authority shall
29 grant trackage rights to the railroad for the maintenance and
30 operation of service between Porter square in the city of Cam-
31 bridge and the Main street crossing in the city of Waltham and
32 between a point in West Cambridge and Bedford and on the
33 tracks of the Bedford airport siding, so called.

34 The Authority shall acquire either by lease, purchase, or by
35 eminent domain, under chapter seventy-nine of the General
36 Laws, such portions of the Fitchburg division, the Lexington
37 branch, and the Central Massachusetts branch as the Authority
38 may determine to be necessary for said rapid transit lines and
39 the appurtenances. After the acquisition of said portions of the
40 Fitchburg division, the Lexington branch, and the Central
41 Massachusetts branch neither the railroad nor the authority
42 shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of any
43 bridges over the right-of-way and the elimination of any grade
44 crossing over the right-of-way of said portions of the Fitchburg
45 division, Lexington branch, and Central Massachusetts branch
46 but said bridges shall thereafter be maintained and repaired by
47 the state department of public works, and said grade crossings
48 shall be eliminated by the state department of public works at
49 the time of construction of the rapid transit lines if the traffic
50 conditions at any particular grade crossing warrant its elimina-
51 tion as shall be determined by the state department of public
52 works.

53 The Authority may expend for the purpose of this section not
54 exceeding dollars. No construction work shall be
55 done under this section until a preliminary plan therefor, to-
56 gether with estimates of cost indicating that the project can be
57 completed at a cost not exceeding dollars, shall have
58 been approved by the commission of the department of public
59 utilities. Any plan so approved under this section may be al-
60 tered at any time by a new plan approved in like manner.

61 Any person who loses his employment with the railroad on
62 account of and subsequent to the acquisition of portions of the
63 Fitchburg division, Lexington branch, and Central Massachu-
64 setts branch of the railroad by the Authority shall have the right
65 if exercised within ninety days from the date of actual operation
66 by the Authority to similar employment with the Authority sub-
67 ject to negotiation with the operating brotherhoods of the rail-
68 road and the Authority.

69 The city of Waltham, the town of Bedford and the town of
70 Lexington shall not be liable for any part of the deficit of the
71 Authority but if the Authority shall ever undertake to operate
72 bus or trackless trolley service in said city and towns, it shall
73 do so only with the consent of the city or town concerned and on
74 the basis of an operating contract in which said city or town shall
75 agree to reimburse the Authority for any deficit incurred in any
76 such operation.

77 There shall be no referenda in any city or town pertaining to
78 the acceptance of this act.

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

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