

HOUSE No. 60

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION,
20 SOMERSET STREET, BOSTON 02108, November 3, 1965.

HONORABLE KEVIN H. WHITE, *Secretary of the Commonwealth*, State House,
Boston, Massachusetts 02133.

MY DEAR MR. SECRETARY: — In accordance with the provisions of chapter 30, sections 33 and 33A, as amended, I am transmitting the enclosed bills and recommendations for legislative action.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD WHITMORE, JR.,
Commissioner.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PRESERVATION OF BOSTON HARBOR AND OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Chapter 256 of 1882 confines the discharge of certain sewage to Moon Island only. The works authorized under chapter 645 of 1951 and subsequent acts make provisions for discharge of this same sewage at Deer Island. In order to remove any possible conflict, chapter 256 of 1882 should be repealed.

It is, therefore, respectfully recommended that the accompanying bill be approved.

2. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INCREASING OF MEMBERSHIP ON THE PUBLIC ACCESS BOARD.

Since the reason for establishing a Public Access Board was primarily to designate points of access to the waters of the Commonwealth for construction purposes, and since the Metropolitan District Commission is one of the larger holders of beaches and water rights, we feel that the M.D.C. should be included in its membership.

It is, therefore, respectfully recommended that the accompanying bill be approved.

3. AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO COVER THE COST OF EXTENDING THE DORCHESTER TUNNEL TO DORCHESTER LOWER MILLS AND THE MAKING OF CONNECTIONS TO THE CITY TUNNEL EXTENSION NOW IN SERVICE.

To better supply the Southern High Service Water System, the previously authorized Dorchester Tunnel should be extended to Dorchester Lower Mills where a direct connection can be made to the existing Blue Hills Line and permit maintaining satisfactory pressures in the Southern High Service Distribution System during periods of peak demands.

Also, additional monies are needed to make connections to the City Tunnel Extension, which is now in service in the city of Somerville.

It is, therefore, respectfully recommended that the accompanying bill be approved.

4. AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO COVER THE COST OF COMPLETING THE SEWERAGE PROGRAM.

In order to complete the authorized work on the overall sewerage program, it is necessary that additional funds be made available. The principal projects to be completed for which funds are not available are the North Charles Relief Sewer, the Detention and Chlorination Station in the vicinity of B.U. Bridge; the Squantum Force Main; the Boston Marginal Conduit Pumping Station; the rehabilitation of tide gates and existing pumping stations to be modified and integrated with the new facilities.

In view of the many substantial advantages which this continuing program offers, particularly as relates to public health, to the member communities, it is respectfully recommended that the accompanying bill providing for additional funds be favorably considered.

5. AN ACT TO FURTHER REGULATE THE BIDDING PROCEDURES AND THE AWARDING OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS BY THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

The Metropolitan District Commission feels that this department should have a similar prequalification requirement relating to any prospective bidder for work with the Metropolitan District Commission. We have watched with interest its development since it was enacted into law for the Department of Public Works, and we are convinced that this type of legislation will strengthen the types of bidders who may be interested in doing work for us and, in addition, will expedite the handling of bids.

We, therefore, recommend that the attached legislation be given favorable consideration.

