

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2521

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 23, 1951.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill authorizing the metropolitan district commission to convey a certain parcel of land located in Cambridge, Arlington and Belmont to the Metropolitan Transit Authority (House, No. 2224), report that the same ought to pass in the form of a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 2521).

For the committee,

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO CONVEY A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN CAMBRIDGE, ARLINGTON AND BELMONT TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

*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 district commis-  
2 sion is hereby authorized and directed to sell and  
3 convey, in the name and behalf of the commonwealth,  
4 to the Metropolitan Transit Authority, a body  
5 politic and corporate, for a sum not greater than the  
6 original cost to the said commission, the land and  
7 appurtenances owned by the commonwealth and  
8 under the control of said commission, situated partly  
9 in Cambridge, partly in Arlington and partly in Bel-  
10 mont, and more particularly bounded and described  
11 as follows:—beginning at a point in Cambridge  
12 where the westerly line of the right of way of the Old  
13 Lexington and Arlington Railroad joins with the  
14 northerly line of the right of way of the Central  
15 Massachusetts Division of the Boston and Maine  
16 Railroad, and thence running in a northerly direc-  
17 tion along the westerly line of the right of way of the  
18 Old Lexington and Arlington Railroad a distance of  
19 three hundred and twenty-five feet to the center line

20 of Alewife brook; thence continuing northerly to the  
21 Cambridge-Arlington line and continuing northerly  
22 in Arlington a distance of three hundred and fifteen  
23 feet to the southerly line of the Concord turnpike;  
24 thence turning and running in a westerly direction  
25 along the said turnpike a distance of six hundred and  
26 ten feet; thence turning and running in a south-  
27 westerly direction a distance of seventy-five and  
28 ninety-two hundredths feet; thence turning and  
29 running in a southerly direction a distance of eighty  
30 feet to the Cambridge and Arlington line; thence  
31 continuing in Cambridge in a southerly direction five  
32 hundred and thirty-one and fifteen hundredths feet;  
33 thence turning and running in a westerly direction a  
34 distance of two hundred and thirty-nine and sixty  
35 hundredths feet; thence westerly on a radius of nine-  
36 teen hundred and fifty feet for a distance of four  
37 hundred and thirty-two and forty-six hundredths  
38 feet; thence turning and running in a northerly  
39 direction a distance of four hundred and ninety-seven  
40 and forty hundredths feet; thence turning and run-  
41 ning in a westerly direction a distance of seventy-six  
42 and ninety-five hundredths feet; thence westerly on  
43 a radius of fifty-four hundred and fifty-three and  
44 eighty-three hundredths feet for a distance of four  
45 hundred and eighty-one and sixty-nine hundredths  
46 feet; thence westerly on a radius of nine hundred and  
47 four and eighty hundredths feet a distance of eight  
48 hundred feet to the Belmont-Cambridge line and  
49 continuing in Belmont a distance of two hundred and  
50 fifty-eight and eighty-four hundredths feet; thence  
51 turning and running in a northwesterly direction on  
52 a radius of five hundred and forty-five and forty-three  
53 hundredths feet for a distance of six hundred and

54 nineteen and forty-nine hundredths feet; thence  
55 turning and running in a southerly direction for a  
56 distance of six hundred and fifty-four and thirty  
57 hundredths feet; thence turning and running in an  
58 easterly direction on a radius of eight hundred and  
59 thirteen and one hundredths feet for a distance of  
60 four hundred and eighteen and fifty-three hundredths  
61 feet; thence continuing on a radius of two hundred  
62 and sixty-eight and thirteen hundredths feet for a  
63 distance of one hundred and fifty-five and forty-nine  
64 hundredths feet; thence running in a southeasterly  
65 direction for a distance of three hundred and fifty  
66 feet to the Cambridge line; thence continuing in  
67 Cambridge in a southeasterly direction for a distance  
68 of three hundred and seven and forty-nine hundredths  
69 feet to the northerly side of the right of way of the  
70 Central Massachusetts Division of the Boston and  
71 Maine Railroad; and thence turning and running  
72 easterly along said railroad right of way a distance  
73 of thirty-two hundred and eighty-six and ninety-  
74 seven hundredths feet to the point of beginning, and  
75 containing about fifty-two acres; all foregoing meas-  
76 urements being more or less, and being that tract of  
77 land shown on a plan entitled "Commonwealth of  
78 Massachusetts, M. D. C., Parks Division, Alewife  
79 Brook Parkway-Arlington-Belmont-Cambridge plan  
80 showing land to be reserved for the Metropolitan  
81 Transit Authority dated May 11, 1950, and revised  
82 to May 9, 1951", and on file at the offices of the  
83 metropolitan district commission; provided, how-  
84 ever, that said sale and conveyance under this act  
85 shall not take effect unless and until the trustees of  
86 said Metropolitan Transit Authority shall within  
87 ten years from the effective date of this act accept by

88 vote said land and appurtenances, but said commis-  
89 sion shall not otherwise dispose of said land within  
90 such ten-year period.

1 SECTION 2. This sale and conveyance shall be  
2 subject to such easements for drainage or otherwise  
3 as shall be determined by the metropolitan district  
4 commission.

1 SECTION 3. Said commission shall in the name  
2 and behalf of the commonwealth execute and deliver  
3 a good and sufficient deed to convey the land and  
4 appurtenances under the provisions of this act.

1 SECTION 4. The moneys received by the com-  
2 mission shall be deposited with the department of  
3 the treasurer and receiver general. The treasurer  
4 shall prorate and credit the total in the year that the  
5 moneys are received, to abate the assessments for  
6 metropolitan parks and boulevards, as follows:—  
7 forty-seven per cent thereof to the city of Cambridge,  
8 twelve per cent thereof to the city of Somerville,  
9 twenty-four per cent thereof to the town of Arling-  
10 ton, and seventeen per cent thereof to the town of  
11 Belmont.

1 SECTION 5. The provisions of chapter ninety-two  
2 of the General Laws shall not be applicable to this  
3 sale and conveyance.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.





