

Dear Councilors--

Several weeks ago I wrote you all and outlined some of the issues we face regarding Public Transit in Watertown. As I stated then, I will be asking the Council tonight to adopt two measures, one calling for a resolution in support of the T Riding Public of Watertown, and calling for the MBTA to engage with us in an effort to resolve our transportation issues.

Secondly, I will call for the Council to form a Task Force on Public Transportation composed of Town Officials, citizens, business owners and other stakeholders to examine, research and recommend approaches to solving our transit needs both present and future.

I am providing you in advance the text of the resolution that I am proposing to be sent to Dr. Beverly Scott, GM of the MBTA, so that you have an opportunity to read it and consider it prior to tonight's meeting:

- That service on the 70, 71 and 73 bus lines has deteriorated significantly in the past five years.
- That these bus lines experience overcrowding and delays that are not fair to the paying transit riders of Watertown
- That the Town Council is concerned greatly about the inconvenience and reduced quality of life suffered by Watertown's T riding public
- That the Town Council petitions the MBTA to add additional buses to the 70, 71 and 73 routes at both peak and off peak hours.
- That the Town Council further petitions the MBTA to engage with the Town of Watertown and other affected municipalities to identify other measures that would increase the quality of bus service on these lines and consider other public transit improvements
- That the Town Council requests the MBTA to send a representative to one of its regularly scheduled meetings to discuss the problems and potential solutions

If you have any suggestions regarding wording, or other points to include, I am very open to input.

I ask you for your support for this measure. I believe that passing this resolution would be very well received by your Transit riding constituents and the Watertown community in general.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Joseph Levendusky