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John J. Long
City Clerk
City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

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Dear Mr. Long:

Thank you for your letter, dated October 30, regarding the City of Somerville's request for the MBTA to install an additional bus shelter under the Washington Street overpass to service Routes 80 and 88. Placing a shelter in this location would require the installation of curbside ramps, as the MBTA cannot add a shelter to an inaccessible location. The MBTA is continually looking to secure funding to make accessibility improvements such as this; however, should the City be in a position to fund this project as part of one of your contracts, it may help to accelerate the placement of a shelter. This stop does meet our minimum ridership requirement for shelter placement. Either the MBTA or the City would work with our shelter provider – JC Decaux – to provide a new shelter at this location.

In the interim, the MBTA will post a sign at the existing shelter serving Routes 86, 91, and CT2 to direct passengers intending to use Routes 80 or 88 to the appropriate stop. A recent review of the location noted that the bus stop signs at both stops are currently missing. The MBTA will install new signs that clearly indicate which routes serve which stop.

Thank you for your support of the MBTA.

Sincerely,

Robert Guptill
Manager of Service Planning