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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ADVOCACY OF THE 55
BUS COALITION BY DECLARING JUNE 26, 2024 AS “#55
BUS” DAY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Accessible, reliable public transit is a right, for which we all share in the responsibility to promote in our communities; *and*

WHEREAS, The 55 Bus Coalition – a grassroots community advocacy effort led by the Fenway Community Development Corporation, the District 8 Council Office, elected state representative offices, and dedicated residents – represents Fenway residents, commuters, students, and elders who rely on MBTA #55 bus service for various needs without which, access to essential services and connection to the wider City is cut off for some residents; *and*

WHEREAS, Since the #55 bus route cuts made in 2021, the 55 Bus Coalition has worked with residents and city and state representatives to restore limited service, elicit feedback from stakeholders, and promote a long-term vision for an enhanced route that continues to serve the needs of Fenway residents; *and*

WHEREAS, The 55 Bus Coalition’s efforts include: 1) Preserving connections to ADA-compliant stations; 2) Preserving access for older adults; 3) Expanding the operating schedule to include commuting hours; 4) Preserving the unique route coverage of the 55 including Boylston Street and connections to downtown Boston; *and*

WHEREAS, The 55 Bus Coalition successfully advocated for: 1) reinstatement of the #55 bus service following its temporary suspension; 2) restoration of full-day service 6AM-7PM seven days a week via the Bus Network Redesign (BNRD) Process; 3) addition of a neighborhood-specific destination display on the #55 bus; *and*

WHEREAS, The MBTA must ensure that Route #55 riders, particularly in the West Fenway, have access to convenient and reliable transit and that delivery and enhancement of public transit infrastructure for a neighborhood that is home to Fenway Park, major hospitals, and numerous cultural and institutional destinations should be a required investment; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That Boston City Council recognize the advocacy of the 55 Bus Coalition by declaring June 26, 2024 as “#55 Bus Day” in the City of Boston

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