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Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods  
133 William Street  
Room - 214  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Committee:

We are writing to inform you that myself and Sgt. Scott Liberty, Chairman will be unable to attend the Public Safety & Neighborhoods meeting, on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, due to a previously scheduled commitment.

We would like to be recorded in support of Written Motion #1, to discuss the possibility of re-routing the Ft. Rodman bus route that is presently traveling south on Brock Avenue, west on Portland Street to East Rodney French Boulevard to South Rodney French Boulevard, then back onto Brock Avenue north, this route has been implemented due to the fact that the UMASS entrance is where the bus used to take a U-turn and proceed north on Brock Avenue; and further, requesting that SRTA use an alternate route other than traveling through a residential area such as Portland Street, the alternate route being requested is that the Fort Rodman bus travel south to the University of Massachusetts, take a left onto South Rodney French to the entrance of Fort Taber, where a bus stop sign will be placed at the corner of South Rodney French Boulevard and West Rodney French Boulevard, southwest corner, then make a U-turn back east to Brock Avenue north; this alternative route would not only eliminate the Portland Street residential area, but also give an opportunity for bus transportation to bring people right to the gate of Fort Taber; and further, that a letter be sent to SRTA Bus Management requesting the alternative route.

Please read this letter into the record to make my colleagues, those in attendance and the public aware of our support of the aforementioned request, and of the reason for our absence.

Very truly yours,

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Scott Downing  
Office of the Traffic Commission  
Executive Secretary/Parking Clerk