



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

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WRITTEN MOTION

Responding to request by Robert Branco, a 9-member committee and other constituents, many of whom are disabled, requesting that the Committee on Veterans Affairs, Health, Housing and Disability Issues meet with SRTA Bus Company Officials to request them to review, reconsider and, hopefully, REVERSE the decision to eliminate Sunday and "after hour" bus service, which has created major inconveniences and limited access to hospitals, malls, work, classes and even the ability for them to leave their homes and travel at an affordable price.

Joseph P. Fortes, Councillor Ward Four

Susan Teixeira

From: robert branco [branco182@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 15, 2005 8:54 AM
To: Susan Teixeira; Bocciechamp@aol.com; Claire Levovsky; Pswiftnepax@aol.com; Councillorjoanne@aol.com
Subject: SRTA bus issue

Members of the City Council,

Many of your constituents, and those of other cities and towns within SRTA's jurisdiction, are disappointed that we have no bus service after hours and on Sundays. While we all heard the bus company's reasons for these exclusions, and while we're trying to understand them, the fact remains that the decision has created major inconveniences and limited access to hospitals, malls, work, etc., for those who use the bus.

I have put together a 9-member committee, consisting of mostly persons with disabilities, to attempt to reverse SRTA's decision and get our bus service back. We may also look into extending the hours of service during the week.

It is quite difficult, particularly for those with disabilities, to go out in the evening at an affordable price. Many such people, and those without disabilities, attend night school classes, work the night shift at various jobs, go out with friends, etc.

We are asking that the New Bedford City Council consider a motion to bring this item before the body at a meeting, and also to invite officials from the SRTA Bus company. If any one from the Council wishes to acknowledge and carry out our request, please email me or phone 508-994-4972.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Kind Regards,

Bob Branco

cc. Lori Rego, Claire Levovsky, Pat Swift and Joanne Hardy