



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

May 24, 2018

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods at a Meeting held on Monday, May 21, 2018, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes, Lopes, Abreu and Council President Morad, requesting, that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods meet with Erik Rousseau, SRTA Bus Management, Sgt. Scott Liberty and Scott Downing, Traffic Commission, 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 West 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 East Rodney French Boulevard, southeast corner, then make a U-turn back west 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. (Ref'd 2/8/18)

On motion by Councillor Rebeiro and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to request SRTA to put the proposed bus route into place as follows: Fort Rodman bus travel south on Brock Avenue 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 East Rodney French Boulevard, southeast corner, then make a U-turn back west to Brock Avenue north. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY &
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brian K. Gomes".

Councillor Brian K. Gomes, Chairman

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