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Judge August Taveira has set Apr. 8 as the date for a hearing in Suffolk Superior Court on the suit of the Town of Milton seeking to restrain work on the \$12.8 million rapid transit extension from Ashmount to Mattapan sq.

Edward J. McLaughlin, counsel for the Mass. Bay Transportation Authority, agreed that no physical changes will be made until after the court proceedings on the two-mile route and at the terminal site. The "T" seeks to relocate the Cambridge maintenance shops and storage maintenance yard in Mattapan sq. near the Milton line to make way for the Kennedy Memorial Library, in Cambridge.

Robert D. O'Leary, counsel for the Town of Milton,

agreed that the "T" could continue to have its survey teams in the area, and that maintenance work because of the floods could continue.

The town maintains that, (1) the project is contrary to the authority's master plan of 1966; (2) replacement of the present high-speed trolleys by rapid transit would

be illegal, and (3) the authority failed to confer — as the law requires — with other state agencies before voting to go ahead.

Leo J. Cusick, general manager of the Authority, has stated that: The Ashmont - Mattapan project is more feasible than any of the others considered;

—In the long run it would be less expensive;

—Unless it can be secured the entire South Shore ex-

tension will be jeopardized because there would be no suitable place to store the cars now on order for the new line.