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Milton selectmen launched their third attack on the MBTA yesterday with a 'position paper,' asking the 79 community members of the MBTA Advisory Board to support their claim that the moving of the MBTA storage yards to Mattapan is a

The relocation of the Cambridge facility to make way for the John F. Kenne-

"classic example of wasteful

investment."

dy Memorial Library has been a continuing source of controversy. It was cause for a suit brought by the town which was later dismissed by the courts.

Alternate site proposals for Braintree, Weymouth, and Dorchester (both at Butler st. and Codman sq.) were rejected after local residents protested and when in one case the Legislautre made it impossible to move in

The main criticism set forth in the Milion paper is that it will cost between \$15

and \$25 million to build the Mattapan yard, which could be built on another site for less money.

The position paper notes the alternate sites listed in the MBTA Engineering Reports, with cost estimates determed by Milton selectmen. They are:

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Codman Yard \$	898,300
Codman Yard Revised	2,080,925
South Braintree	2.528,000
Butler St	3.973,000
Butler St. Revised	9,000,000
Savin Hill	4,205,000
Savin Hill Revised	8,000,000
North Quincy	6,068,000
Fort Point Channel	8,000,000

John A. Cronin, executive secretary of the Milton selectmen, said the Mattapan site is favored by the M.B.T.A. because it is locaed on Authority and M.D.C. land and "would not require legislative approval to build

The other sites, Cronin said "would involve obtaining legislative approval."

Cronin said the only hope town officials have in winning its battle with the

M.B.T.A. is to convince the communities in the system that the rapid transit's deficit is already spiraling at a tremendous rate and to complete a project at twice the necessary cost is unreasonable.

All but two members of the board (Milton and Randolph) voted to approve the Mattapan extension in February of this year. And trustees of the Kennedy Memorial Library have made it clear that if the Cambridge yards are not vacated by the Spring of 1970, there may be no library at all. position, the position paper states that the Milton Selecmen have requested a "complete restudy of the proposed Mattapan extension and car barns."

The request was made to the Special Commission Rel-

ative to the Finances and

Operations of the MBTA

chaired by Senator James R.

Despite this unfavorable

McIntyre (D-Quincy).

Although Sen. McIntyre was not available for comment yesterday, it was learned that two members of the special commission have

already responded to the Milton paper.

Harrison Chadwick (R-

Winchester) stated in a letter to John Cronin: "I believe your position is completely sound and I am with you all the way. Please be assured I will do whatever I can to block this totally unwise project."

Joseph E. Breit (D-Quincy) said in a letter to the executive secretary: "I have already stated publicly my opposition to such a move, it would be an unwarranted waste of the taxpayers' money for a project

of extremely doubtful benefit. I will do all I can to defeat this senseless proposal of the MBTA."

Milton hopes its paper will be seriously considered before the Special Commission presents its new master plan for the MBTA on Jan. 31.

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Milton's first attempt to block construction at Mattapan failed when Judge Frank W. Tomasello dismissed the town's suit from Suffolk Superior Court Sept. 23, 1968. Milton has appealed the case to the higher courts where it is now under advisement.

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