

Milton in Court To Bar MBTA Extension Plan

The MBTA "violated paragraph after paragraph" of the law in going ahead with plans for a \$12.8 million rapid transit extension from Ashmont to Mattapan, the town of Milton charged, Monday in Suffolk Superior Court.

Milton Town Counsel Robert D. O'Leary made the charge as the town opened trial before Judge Frank W. Tomasello of its suit aimed at blocking the transit extension through Milton and the relocating of MBTA car yards from near Harvard Square to Mattapan near Milton.

The MBTA seeks to relocate the car yards from the 12-acre site in Cambridge which has been chosen for the John F. Kennedy memorial library.

Edward J. McLaughlin, counsel for the MBTA argued that Milton has no legal standing to bring the case in court. McLaughlin said that the only reason for the court action is that "Milton feels the plan was a horrendous mistake, the cost is too high and the town doesn't like it generally." Several Milton residents were present in court.

O'Leary argued that the proposed rapid transit extension plan was not properly presented to a meeting of the MBTA advisory board last Feb. 29. The plan was approved by the board at that time over objections of Milton representatives.

Leo J. Cusick, general manager of the MBTA, testified that no revisions of the MBTA's master plan had been made or approved since that plan was adopted by the advisory board in September, 1966.