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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Harvard Square Subway Kiosk
AND/OR COMMON Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Massachusetts Avenue, Corner of Boylston Street
CITY, TOWN Cambridge VICINITY OF 8th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE Massachusetts CODE 02138 COUNTY Middlesex CODE 017

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority
STREET & NUMBER 45 High Street
CITY, TOWN Boston VICINITY OF STATE Massachusetts, 02110

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Middlesex County Registry of Deeds
STREET & NUMBER 128 Third Street
CITY, TOWN Cambridge STATE Massachusetts, 02141

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Survey of Architectural History in Cambridge
Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth
DATE 1973 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Cambridge Historical Commission
Massachusetts Historical Commission
CITY, TOWN Cambridge STATE 02139
Boston Mass. 02108

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Harvard Square Subway Kiosk is located on a traffic island at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue, Brattle and Boylston Streets in Cambridge, a bustling commercial center. Because of the use and location of the site, it is often congested, and the Kiosk itself is partially obscured by telephone booths, vending machines and informal newstands.

Attributable only to an anonymous Boston elevated streetcar railway engineer, the building is clearly derivative of contemporary industrial design. The dominant element is the broad copper-clad roof composed of cross-axial tunnel vaults. Flat sections filling each corner complete the rectangular plan. The deeply extended eaves reveal wooden soffit and shallow rafters. The two stairwells to the subway area are enclosed by twin pavilions, one 15' x 15'6" and the other 12' x 15'6". Both have corner posts of alternating limestone blocks and brick, infilled on three sides with steel factory sash above low brick walls. The basement is constructed of fine polished granite.

Curvilinear iron detail at the entrance and the imaginative profile of the roof are the sole decorative elements of the uncluttered composition.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1928

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Harvard Square is a center of transportation, commercial and academic activity, and university and community interaction in Cambridge. The Square is bisected by Massachusetts Avenue, a major commercial thoroughfare flanked by the confines of Harvard Yard on one side and a complex system of small commercial streets on the other. Harvard Square is the point of intersection between this edge and the major secondary commercial streets in the area.

The simple MBTA Kiosk serves as an internationally recognized symbol for the Square. At previous times in history, freestanding structures occupied the site and identified the Square. From 1708-1758 a courthouse stood there, and during the early 19th century a markethouse occupied the same site.

Beyond its traditional role as a focus for Harvard Square, the Kiosk is representative of the acceptance of straightforward industrial design as a legitimate component of modern architecture. The Kiosk is particularly significant in this regard because of its prominent location in a busy commercial area; most contemporary examples were isolated in industrial and urban fringe areas.

A landmark in Harvard Square since 1928, the Kiosk remains a single stable element in an environment of continual change.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cambridge Historical Commission, Report Four: Old Cambridge,
Cambridge, 1973.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .03 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 | 325480 | 4693200
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C | | | | | | | | | |

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Blaine Mallory & Joseph Orfant, National Register Editor
(Allison Crump, Cambridge Historical Commission)

ORGANIZATION Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE June 13, 1977

STREET & NUMBER 294 Washington Street

TELEPHONE 617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN Boston

STATE Massachusetts, 02108

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elizabeth Reed Amason

TITLE Executive Director, Mass. Historical Comm.

DATE 6/27/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

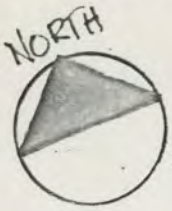
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Charles [Signature]

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 1-30-78
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DATE 1-30-78



Harvard Square Kiosk
 Cambridge, Massachusetts
 Scale: 1"=200'
 Source: Cambridge Community
 Development Department
 Date: 1971

JAN 30 1978



Property Harvard Square Subway Kiosk

State Mass.

Working Number 7.6.77.1090

Middlesex

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 2
Maps 2

OK ^{pl} 7.7.77

Conversation w/ Joseph Ortant: MBTA is extending redline + wants to demolish or alter kiosk.
LBF 1.24.78 Franklin

Arch'l HISTORIAN
Accept - L. Belbe
12/14/77

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

J. Gilmore
11.22.77
Accept

To HAER

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

Not 50 years old but structure does possess notable associative values - Why not an historic district? What prompted this single site nomination? Structure is of minor significance technologically - Why not nominate entire subway system? - HAER has no objections to placement of site on NR but HAER defers comment on its acceptability

HAER
Inventory Accept
Review 11/20/77
Donald C. Johnson

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

11/28/78

The significance of this kiosk is well articulated: (1) as a visual focus of Harvard Sq. and (2) as an unit of the subway

accept
alovich

BRANCH CHIEF

Henry P
1.30.78

KEEPER

Wz
1 30 78

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry 3.7.78

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74



Middlesex County

Harvard Square Subway Kiosk
Cambridge, Massachusetts

1977

Charles M. Sullivan
Cambridge Historical Commission

57 Inman Street

Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Photo #192

Looking southeast from above.

Harvard Square M.B.T.A. Kiosk
View southeast from above
Photo: Charles M. Sullivan, 1-77
Cambridge Historical Commission

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RAPID TRANSIT
TO ALL
POINTS

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NO STOPPING

OUT

Theatre, Concert
Sports Events
Tickets on sale

Middlesex Co.

Harvard Square Subway Kiosk
Cambridge, Massachusetts
1977
Charles M. Sullivan
Cambridge Historical Commission
57 Inman Street
Cambridge, Mass. 02139
Photo #2 *72*
Looking northeast from head of
Boylston Street

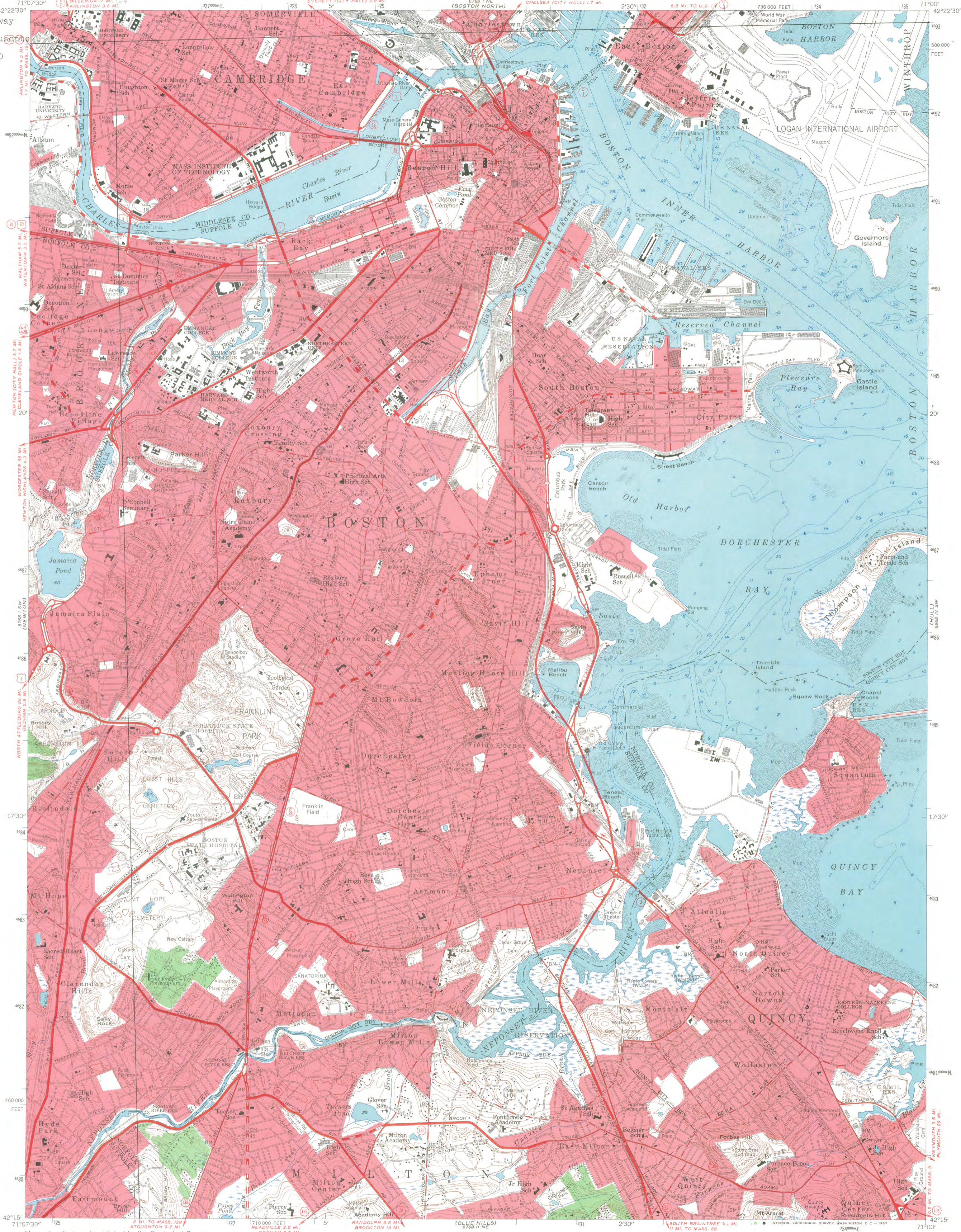
Harvard Square M.B.T.A. Kiosk
View northeast from head of Boylston
Photo: Charles M. Sullivan, 1-77
Cambridge Historical Commission

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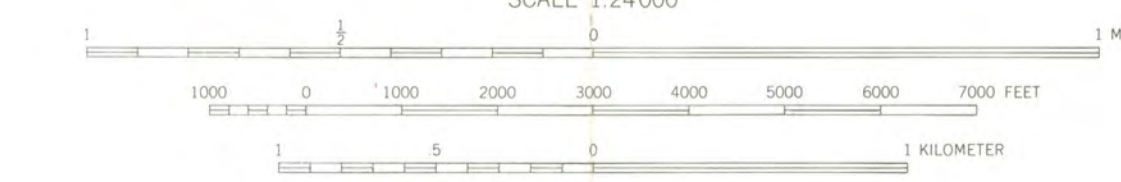
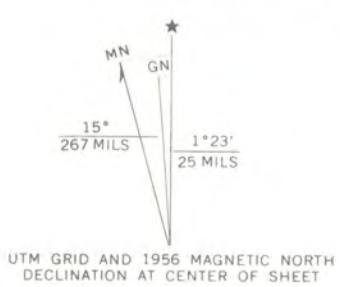
JAN 30 1978

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Harvard Square Subway
Kiosk
Cambridge, Massachusetts
UTM Coordinates:
19/325 480/4693 200



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photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1955
Field check 1956
Hydrography compiled from USC&GS chart 246 (1956)
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts (Mainland)
coordinate system.
1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Boundaries in tidewater areas from information
supplied by Mass. Dept. of Public Works
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route

BOSTON SOUTH, MASS.
N 4215-W 7100/7.5
1956
AMS 6768 I SE-SERIES V814



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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168
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History of sq on
site

Leb says Norma
sends her love

How relate to other
subway stops Park St
Boston Com Chgs St. station
elevated

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **MASSACHUSETTS**

Date Entered **JAN 30 1978**

Name

Location

Harvard Square Subway Kiosk

**Cambridge
Middlesex County**

Colby Hall

**Newton
Middlesex County**

Also Notified

Hon. Edward W. Brooke

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy

Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.

Hon. Robert F. Drinan

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region

880 Mott/js 2/2/78

**State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108**

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Harvard Square Subway Kiosk		② OTHER NAMES:		③ date of entry: JAN 30 1978	④ county code: 17
⑤ LOCATION street & number Massachusetts Ave. and Boylston St.		city / town Cambridge	vicinity of	state MA	county Middlesex
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㉕ architectural style(s):		㉖ architect:		㉗ master builder:	
㉘ engineer:		㉙ landscape architect / garden designer:		㉚ interior decorator:	
㉛ artist:		㉜ artisan:		㉝ builder/contractor:	
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