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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

In the reams of material that has been written about Atlanta's traffic problems, its expressways, and its "proposed" Rapid Transit System, it is ironic that nothing (so far as I have seen) has been mentioned of the city's original natural resource. By this I mean the EXISTING RAILROADS.

A map of the city shows railroads stretching out like the spokes of a wheel. Why not ask the Railroads to help with our problem and establish commuter service? It is incalculable what service, for example, on the Southern with stops at Lenox Square, Chamblee, and Norcross, could do toward alleviating the Northeast Expressway farce.

If experience is any indication, we are planning now for a rapid transit service for 1977 which will probably be out of date by 1972 and completed by 1987, at a cost three times that currently being considered.

A drive on our expressway system is enough to convince anyone that we need help NOW. Rapid transit will help--when it arrives. But can we wait?

In this time of the city's greatest need, it appears strange that we seemingly are ignoring an available resource which could be not only a blessing to us commuters, but a source of revenue to the railroads as well.

Very truly yours,



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