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Now, therefore be it resolved: that the MBTA Advisory Board urges the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to provide a dedicated commuter rail train trip from Lansdown Station to the South Shore via the Greenbush and/or Kingston/Plymouth Commuter Rail Lines following the completion of Boston Red Sox home baseball games. This service should commence with the start of Boston Red Sox home games in 2022.

Extra Old Colony trains following Red Sox evening home games

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Evening home games start at 7:10 pm, and average close to four hours. Currently, the last Greenbush and Kingston trains leave South Station at 10:45 pm and 10:55 pm respectively, much too early for anyone to use commuter rail. This subject was brought up before Keolis management at a recent Commuter Rail Subcommittee meeting, but they refused to modify the existing schedule. The recently enlarged Lansdowne station is a five-minute walk to Fenway Park, and trains can go directly from there to Kingston or Greenbush in less than one hour. Trains would be advertised to leave Lansdowne thirty minutes after the last pitch.

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I feel that an endorsement by the full Advisory Board would help to bring this proposal to fruition. Fifty-five baseball trains over six months is not a budget buster. If anything, it will more than cover its cost once the service is marketed and running. Northside trains terminate at North Station, site of many sporting and family events. It's time the southside Old Colony lines enjoyed easy access to Lansdowne Station for sporting events. After all, isn't that why the station was built?