

**MEMORANDUM**

**JANUARY 17, 2013**

**TO:** BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND  
PETER MEADE, DIRECTOR

**FROM:** KAIROS SHEN, CHIEF PLANNER  
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**SUBJECT:** AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO LICENSE AGREEMENT(S) WITH  
THE MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY AND THE  
MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR  
ACCESS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EAST BOSTON  
GREENWAY NARROW GAUGE LINK

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**SUMMARY:** This Memorandum requests authorization for the Director to enter into one or more License Agreement(s) with the Massachusetts Port Authority (“MPA”) and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (“MBTA”) for permission to access MPA and MBTA owned land for survey work, reconnaissance and eventually construction of the East Boston Greenway Narrow Gauge Link.

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**BACKGROUND**

The Narrow Gauge Link comprises a missing portion of the East Boston Greenway, a linear park constructed along an abandoned railroad right-of-way, connecting several significant open space areas, including Piers Park, Bremen Street Park, Wood Island Bay and Belle Isle Marsh. The Narrow Gauge is a remnant of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad and was utilized in the early 1950’s to construct the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority’s (“MBTA”) Blue Line rapid transit line. The completion of a pathway along the Narrow Gauge Link will establish a continuous pedestrian and bike pathway through East Boston, from Piers Park along East Boston’s waterfront to Constitution Beach. The project area is approximately 1/3 of a mile and extends from the terminus of the Greenway’s Wood Isle Link, to be constructed by the Massachusetts Port Authority (“MPA”) in 2013, to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation’s Constitution Beach recreation area.

**LICENSE AGREEMENTS**

Boston Redevelopment Authority (“BRA”) consultants will be conducting survey, planning and, eventually, construction on land that is owned by the MBTA and MPA for the Narrow Gauge Link project. In order for the BRA consultants to complete the

necessary work, license agreements will need to be entered into with the MBTA and MPA which will grant the permission necessary for completion of the required work. BRA consultants will provide insurance and indemnification to the MBTA and MPA.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The BRA staff recommends that the Director be authorized to enter into license agreement (s) with the MBTA and MPA for permission to access land for survey work, reconnaissance and eventually construction of the East Boston Greenway Narrow Gauge Link.

Appropriate votes follow:

**VOTED:** That the Director be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into a License Agreement with the Massachusetts Port Authority for permission to access Massachusetts Port Authority land for survey work, reconnaissance and construction of the East Boston Greenway Narrow Gauge Link, upon such terms and conditions that the Director deems to be in the best interest of the Authority; and

### **FURTHER**

**VOTED:** That the Director be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into a License Agreement with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for permission to access Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority land for survey work, reconnaissance and construction of the East Boston Greenway Narrow Gauge Link, upon such terms and conditions that the Director deems to be in the best interest of the Authority.