

MEMORANDUM

JANUARY 17, 2013

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND
PETER MEADE, DIRECTOR

FROM: LINDA KOWALCKY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL SECTOR
MANAGEMENT
GERALD AUTLER, SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER/PLANNER

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE HARVARD UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTIONAL MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT

SUMMARY: This Memorandum requests authorization for the Secretary to schedule and advertise a Public Hearing on February 14, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the Harvard University Institutional Master Plan Amendment.

INTRODUCTION

Harvard University (the “Proponent” or the “Harvard”) is seeking an Adequacy Determination approving its Institutional Master Plan Amendment (“IMP Amendment”).

The IMP Amendment contains two Proposed Institutional Projects. The first Proposed Institutional Project is the renovation of three existing single-story warehouse buildings (located at 28 Travis Street, 90 Seattle Street, and 38 Travis Street) and the addition of a third single-story building between them (collectively the “28 Travis Project”). This Proposed Institutional Project will result in relocated and new uses on this site by allowing the relocation of a number of existing institutional uses at 219 Western Avenue so that site work and demolition as part of a proposed new residential/mixed use project can begin. In addition, the IMP Amendment proposes to add the approximately 231,465 square foot (5.3 acre) site to Harvard’s IMP Area. The second Proposed Institutional Project involves the interior renovation of approximately 11,300 square feet of space within the Bright Hockey Center and Gordon Indoor Track facilities (the “Bright Hockey Project”).

A scoping session was held on November 9, 2012 with public agencies and the proposed IMP Amendment was presented at a public meeting on November 7, 2012, in addition to being discussed at other meetings of the Harvard-Allston Task Force.

PROJECT/IMP REVIEW

The IMP Amendment is subject to Institutional Master Plan review pursuant to Section 80D of the Boston Zoning Code.

The IMP Amendment has been reviewed and discussed at community meetings.

An appropriate vote follows:

VOTED: That the Secretary be, and hereby is, authorized to advertise a Public Hearing before the Boston Redevelopment Authority on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the Harvard University Institutional Master Plan Amendment, pursuant to Section 80D-5 of the Boston Zoning Code.