

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND
PETER MEADE, DIRECTOR

FROM: KAIROS SHEN, CHIEF PLANNER
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SUBJECT: CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION FOR CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1
FOR DESIGN SERVICES FROM FAY, SPOFFORD & THORNDIKE FOR
DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE EAST BOSTON GREENWAY NARROW
GAUGE LINK PATHWAY

SUMMARY: This Memorandum requests that the Director be authorized to execute Contract Amendment No. 1 with Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, LLC, of Boston, MA, to assist the Boston Redevelopment Authority (“BRA”) in developing a final design plan for the East Boston Greenway Narrow Gauge Link Pathway. Total cost for Contract Amendment No. 1 shall be for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$156,440.00).

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 Link”). The Narrow Gauge Link 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.

The BRA Board previously authorized a contract with Fay, Spofford and Thorndike on November 15, 2012, who was selected through an RFP process in October 2012, for the development of a conceptual design for the pathway. The BRA would now like to have Fay, Spofford and Thorndike develop final construction documents for the multi-use

pathway, including drainage and landscape improvements. The contract amendment will also include contract administration and resident engineering for the project.

FUNDING

Funding for this project has been provided through the City of Boston capital fund.

RECOMMENDATION

The BRA staff recommends that the Director be authorized to enter into a Contract Amendment No. 1 with Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, LLC, of Boston, MA, for engineering services and contract administration associated with the East Boston Greenway Narrow Gauge Link Pathway for a total cost not to exceed One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$156,440.00).

An appropriate vote follows:

VOTED: That the Director be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into Contract Amendment No. 1 with Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, LLC, of Boston, MA, for engineering services and contract administration associated with the East Boston Greenway Narrow Gauge Link Pathway for a total cost not to exceed One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$156,440.00).