# Downtown Waterfront Municipal Harbor Planning Advisory Committee CITY OF BOSTON

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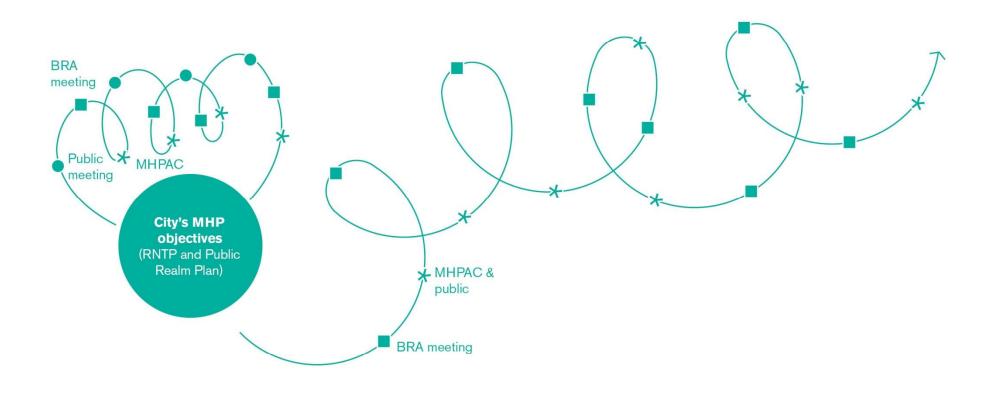


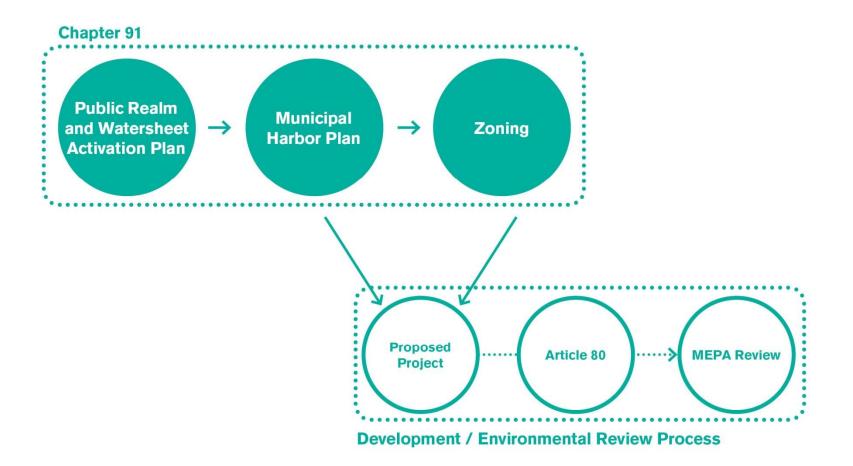


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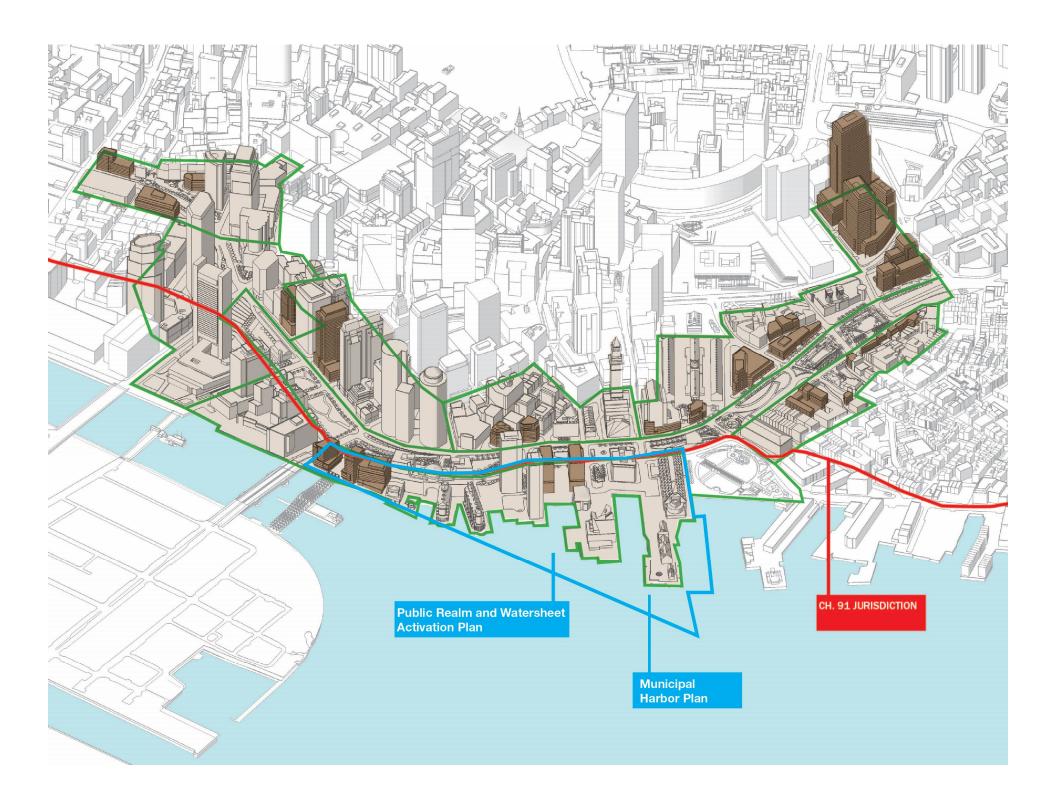
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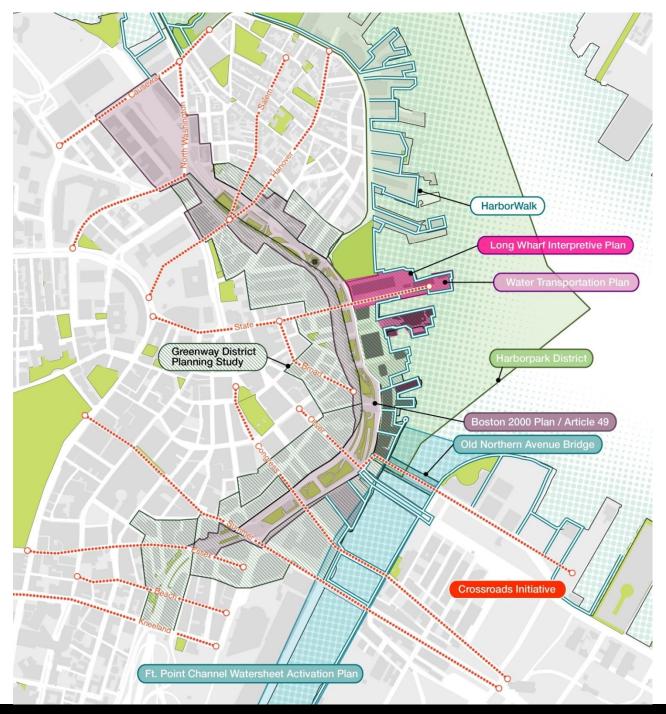
- I. Analysis of the Proposed Hook development
  - a) Planning Context
  - b) Building Footprint
  - c) Shadow Impacts
- II. MHP Framework for Hook Wharf
  - a. MHP-related site characteristics
  - b. Chapter 91 Standards for Potential Substitute Provisions
- III. MHPAC and Public Comments



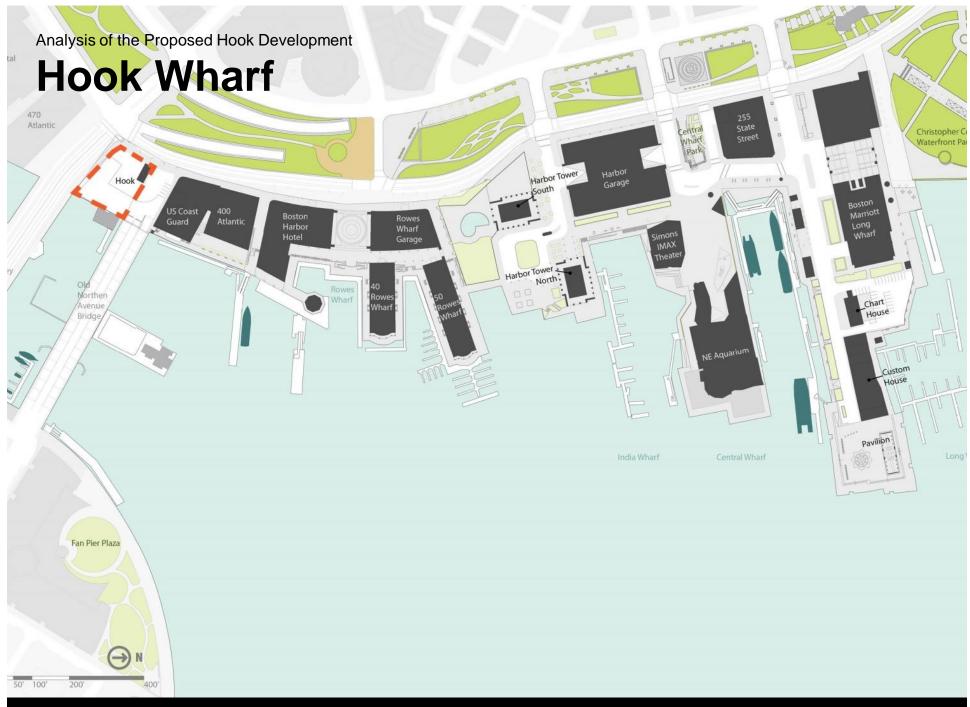








# Analysis of Proposed Hook Development: Planning Context



**Proposed Hook Development** 

Fort Point Channel Watersheet Activation Plan

Artery Edges Study: Wharf

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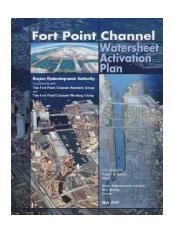
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**Greenway District Planning** Guidelines (2010)

- **Downtown Waterfront** Public Realm and Watersheet Activation Plan (2014)
- Northern Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation (ongoing)

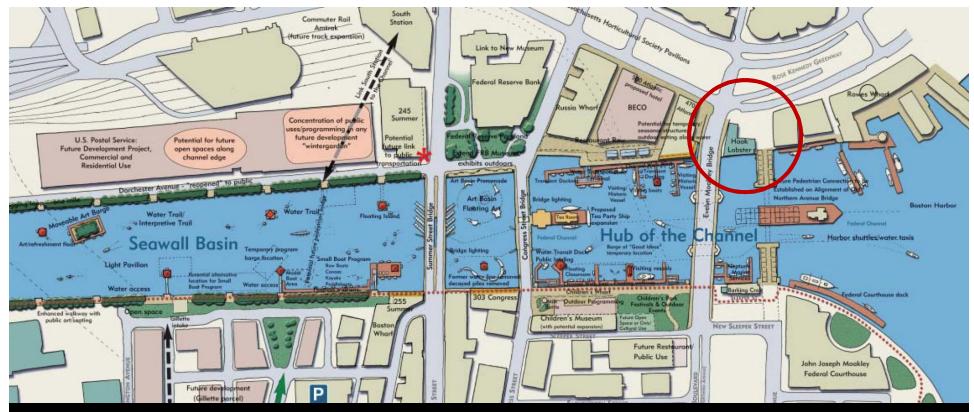


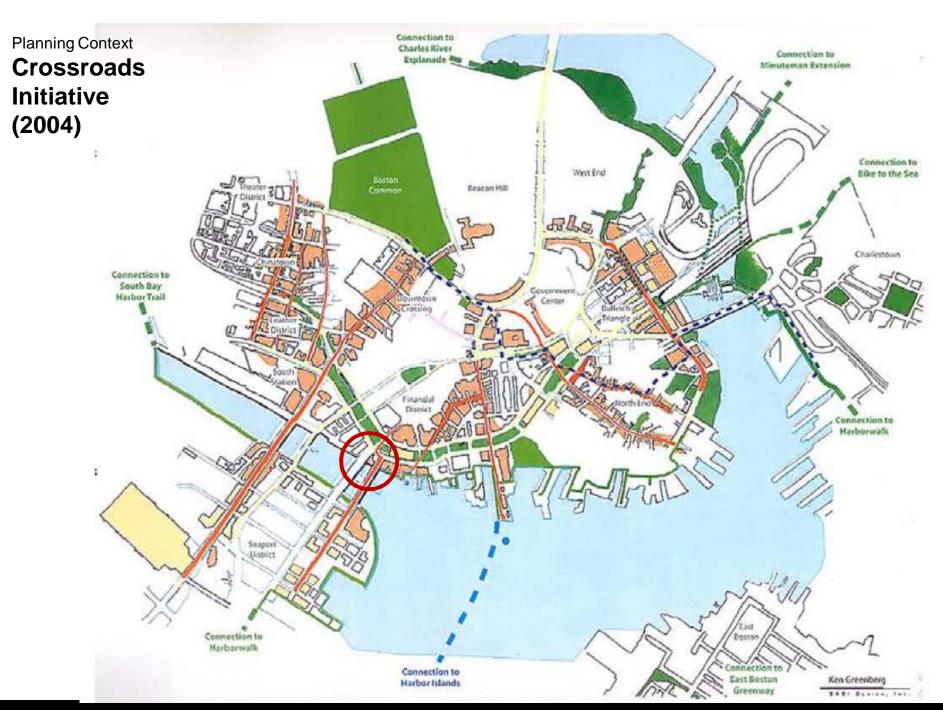
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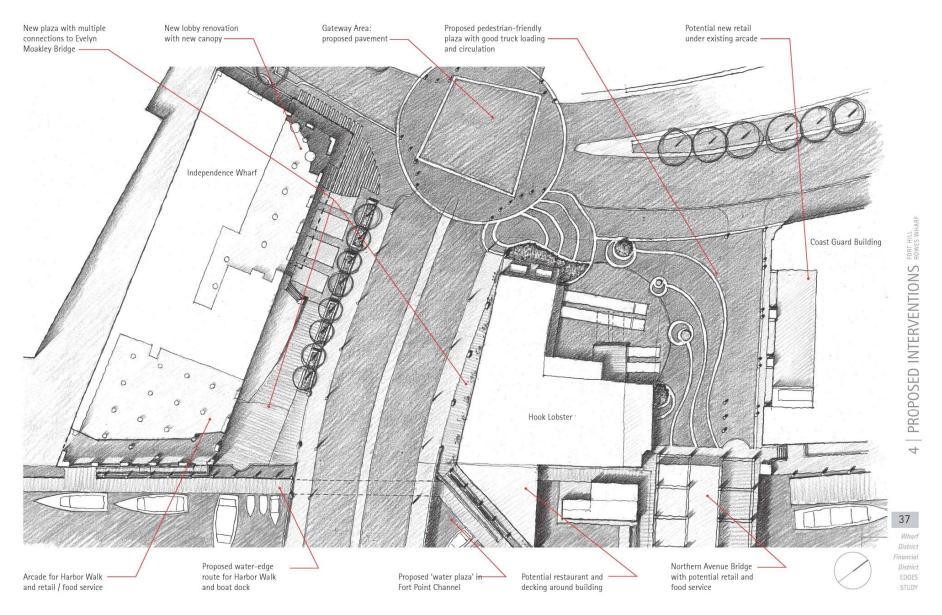
"If redevelopment of this parcel were proposed in the future, consideration should be given to the extension of the proposed floating walkway system from 470 Atlantic Avenue below the Evelyn Moakley Bridge northwards across the frontage of this property with a possible link to the street level at the location of the Old Northern Avenue Bridge. This link would provide an enhanced connection to the Rowes Wharf water transportation terminal."

- Fort Point Channel Watersheet Activation Plan, page 42





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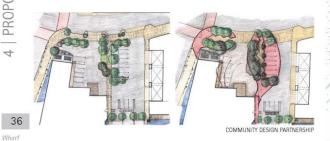
#### A2 NORTHERN AVENUE BRIDGE EVELYN MOAKLEY BRIDGE

The confluence of the two bridges occupies a unique and strategic location along the Artery corridor. It is at the most prominent bend of the Greenway, marking both the southern boundary of the Wharf District and the open gateway leading to the new South Boston waterfront. The site around Hook Lobster offers significant views of Fort Point Channel, and is a funky and charming remnant of Boston's indigenous water-edge, contributing to the unique Wharf District character.

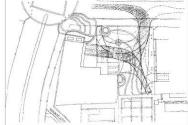
This proposal aims to bring together many potential short-term and long-term interventions toward the creation of a pedestrian-friendly gateway in this special location.

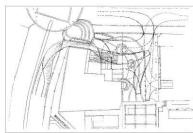
This proposal creates a plaza between the Moakley and Northern Avenue bridges to connect the pedestrian flows, while, at the same time, maintaining good loading service to Hook Lobster and the Coast Guard Building. By decking over the two long and narrow wedges of water between Evelyn Moakley Bridge and the two flanking buildings of Independence Wharf and Hook Lobster, another new plaza at the bridge's end is created. This would shorten the perceived length of the bridge and make it more pedestrian-friendly. At the pedestrian crossings where Evelyn Moakley Bridge leads into Oliver Street, a giant "welcome pad" with a pavement pattern is proposed – a symbolic gesture to signify the east-west reconnection of the city.

This proposal creates a future water-edge route for the Harbor Walk, linking Independence Wharf, Hook Lobster and Northern Avenue Bridge, crossing under Evelyn Moakley Bridge. This route will be accessible by boats as well as by foot, bringing people to the future "Water Plaza" at Fort Point Channel.



The Hook Lobster Company is currently developing plans for improving both the circulation and the appearance of the parking lot and loading bays. The illustrations below show two examples of their design thinking.





Diagrams - Alternative Loading Schemes

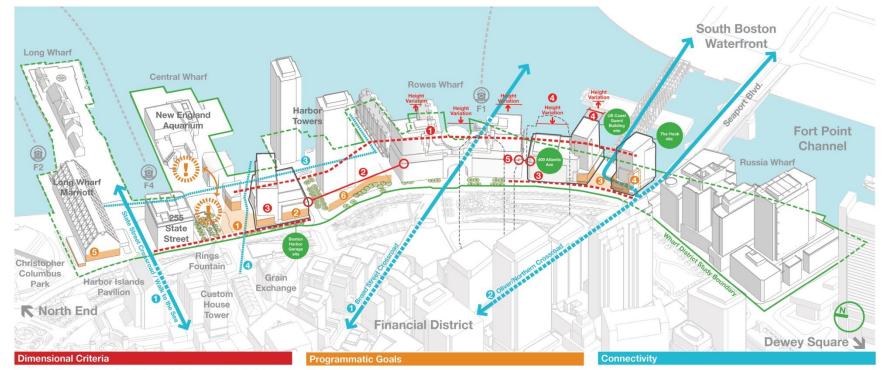


Section through "Water Plaza"

1" = 40' - 0"

# Planning Context Harborwalk HARBORWALK Status Existing Harborwalk - Under Design ---- Future Extension





- All new buildings will have a maximum height of 200' (with the exception of the Hook site, at 175), equivalent to the taller portions of Rowes Wharf. Buildings should combine both low-rise and mid-rise elements in a way that takes cues from the existing context. Individual massing alternatives will be evaluated for how the shadows they create will impact the actively used portions of the park.
- New buildings should establish a datum at the property's edge facing the Greenway. Ideally, the datum corresponds to and reinforces the heights in the immediate context, including the lower portions of Rowes Wharf, the parapet of 255 State Street, or the tallest portion of Long Wharf, at about 125°. Taller portions of any new building should be set back by 10'-15' at this datum on the Greenway-facing sides of the building.
- New development at the Boston Harbor Carage, 400 Atlantic Avenue, and the U.S. Coast Guard Building should reinforce the Atlantic Avenue street edge by building to it along a majority of its frontage. Significant breaks in that alignment should be in the service of opening connections to the waterfront.
- All sites in the Wharf District, including 400 Atlantic Avenue, should vary in height like Rowes Wharf, where taller masses alternate with lower masses of approximately 125' to allow for intermittent exposure to the sky plane, and to maintain visual access to the water. The lengths of any upper portion of a building over 125' should be limited to 125' on the Greenway-facing portions of the building.
- The lower portions of 400 Atlantic Avenue should align with those of Rowes Wharf.

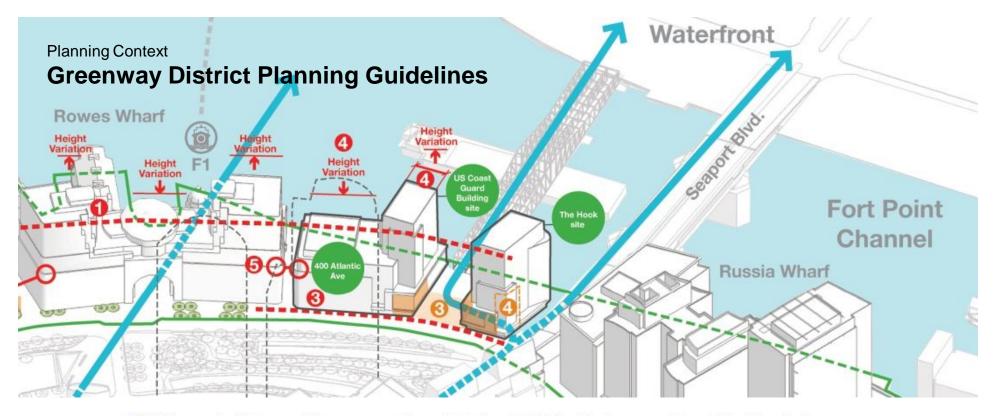
- The lively occupation of the forecourt to the New England Aquarium should be extended as close the Greenway as possible. An additional ticket kiosk or similar related programming venue might facilitate this goal. New development on the Boston Harbor Garage site should feature active uses at the northwest corner that help anchor this node of activity and enhance enjoyment of the harbor.
- 100 New or replaced uses for the Atlantic Avenue edge of the Boston Harbor Garage should offer as
- many uses as possible that are complementary to the adjacent parks restaurants, cafes, retail.

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- The southwest corner of the Hook site should acknowledge in its architectural form the importance of the Moakley Bridge "gateway" to the South Boston waterfront. The form and orientation of the building should reflect the important urban morphologies that have created the site and that announce the grid of the adjacent emerging neighborhood.
- The edges of the Long Wharf Marriott site have the opportunity to offer expanded ground level uses complementary to the adjacent Greenway and Christopher Columbus Park.
- The base edge of Harbor Towers is currently defined by a perimeter fence. This location would benefit from an increased residential presence and openness at the ground level.

- State and Broad Streets are two important Crossroads, the only two that terminate at the water's edge. Future development along these axes should enhance these rare direct views to the water from the Financial District, such as those through the arch at Rowes Wharf.
- Development at the Hook site and 400 Atlantic Avenue should enhance the ground plane in such a way as render this most fragile Crossroad connection more legible. Ground floor uses and special attention to landscape design will help in this regard.
- All developments in the Wharf District should enhance the continuity and accessibility of the Harborwalk by providing additional points of connection from the Greenway and by "repaining" breaks in the community caused by grade changes and buildings or other obstructions.
- All developments in the Wharf District, and the Boston Harbor Garage site in particular, should increase visual access to the waterfront, either at the building edges or through-building connections.



# **Wharf District**



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#### **Downtown Waterfront Public Realm Plan: Vision**

The Downtown Waterfront is Boston's front door to the world. It should host a rich mix of uses that complement and support two of Boston's greatest resources, the Greenway and the Harbor, and build on the decades of planning and design work in the area.



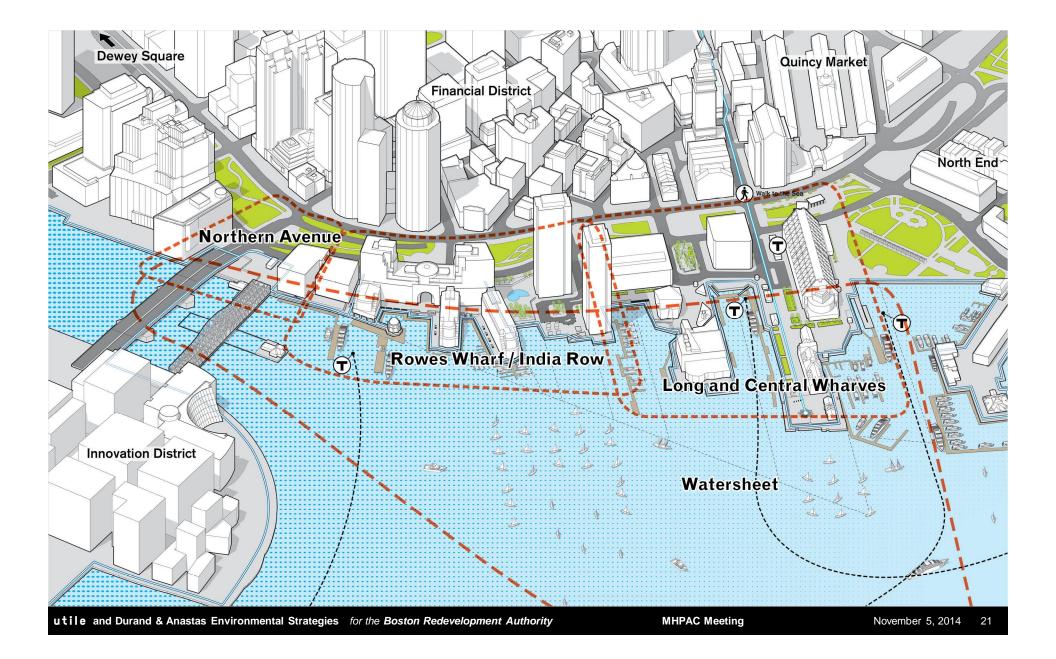
#### **Downtown Waterfront Public Realm Plan: Vision**

#### For the Downtown Waterfront, we envision:

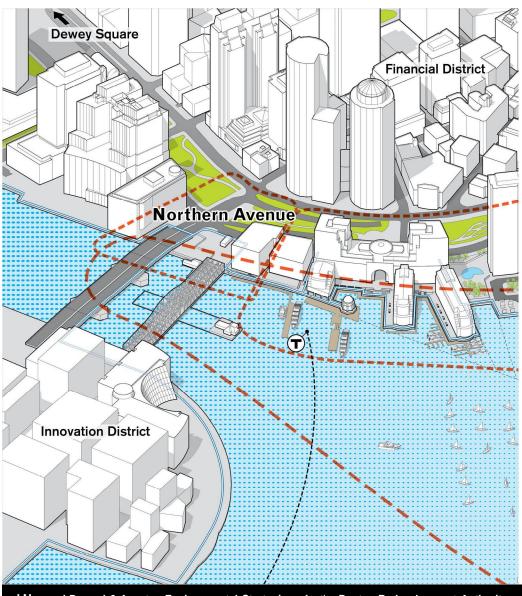
- A waterfront district accessible to all by bike, transit, foot, and boat.
- Clearly defined connections to the Greenway, the harbor, Quincy Market, the North End, the Financial District, and the Innovation District.
- A district and watersheet that are resilient to climate change, designed and built to withstand inundation and storm surges.
- Four-season destinations and programming that are welcoming to Bostonians and visitors of all ages.
- A district and watersheet that is flexible enough to accommodate innovative uses in the future.
- A strong identity for this section of the waterfront, so it is a destination in



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#### Northern Avenue

Gateway to The Northern Avenue the Innovation section is a key **District** gateway between the historic center of the city and the city's newest destination neighborhood, the burgeoning Innovation District. This area, bounded by the Northern Avenue Bridge and the Moakley Bridge, is the gateway between these destinations.

The challenges—and opportunities—here lie with how to facilitate passage between these neighborhoods, and create a sense of entrance or arrival. The planned renovation of the Old Northern Avenue Bridge offers the chance to strengthen pedestrian and bike links to the Innovation District and South Boston and create a model Complete Street. Creating an accessible HARBORWALK path along the waterfront at both the Moakley Bridge and the Northern Avenue Bridge will allow more people to enjoy the waterfront. In addition, these accessible connections might present an opportunity to expand the public space along the waterfront, which is very narrow in this area.

#### Planning Context: Downtown Waterfront Public Realm and Watersheet Activation Plan

#### **Hook Wharf** – Northern Avenue Subdistrict

## Northern Avenue

#### **Gateway to the Innovation District**

The Northern Avenue area of the Downtown Waterfront is geographically small but has immense potential for change with development and investment in the area It includes the Hook development site, the Coast Guard Building, and the terminus of Northern Avenue and the Northern Avenue Bridge. Recent nearby developments such as Independence Wharf, Atlantic Wharf, the Intercontinental, and the Fan Pier developments have increased pedestrian connectivity to the area, improved the HARBORWALK, and brought new residents and workers to the area. Because of the aforementioned developments, as well as the completion of the Greenway, the area is full of new activity and street life. And because of these recent developments, this part of the Downtown Waterfront is a **key hinge** between the burgeoning Innovation District and the Downtown and Financial

Priorities for this area include improving Northern Avenue between the Coast Guard Building and Hook, as a multimodal street with appropriate greenscape; creating a fully accessible HARBORWALK on both sides of the Northern Avenue Bridge (whether this means going below the renovated bridge or on it); and creating an accessible HARBORWALK path across the Moakley Bridge (again, this may mean going below the bridge). Combined these mprovements will increase pedestrian use of the HARBORWALK and pedestrian and bicyclist connections from Downtown to the Innovation District, With the Barking Crab across the Channel and water taxi stands nearby, this site—if it continues to house a water-dependent use-can add to Boston's long and rich history as a city connected to

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The plan for this area has the following

Strengthen the connection to the Innovation District across both the Northern Avenue Bridge, which will soon he renovated, and the Moakley Bridge

- Create a gateway to the City and to the Innovation District at Northern Avenue. This may be through the design of the Hook site, as well as the streetscape design of Northern Avenue. Redesign the Northern Avenue
- terminus as a gateway and as Complete Street, This may include robust public horticulture on the street
- Create accessible HARBORWALK connections at both the Northern Avenue Bridge and across the Moakley
- Expand the public zone along the waterfront (this can be coordinated with the accessible HARBORWALK connections, the Hook redevelopment, and the Northern Avenue Bridge
- Activate the edges around the Hook development parcel and the Coast Guard Building. The Northern Avenue edges of these buildings faces special challenges because of its narrow width and the location of loading docks.

#### **Key Development Site**

#### Hook Site

The Hook site, coupled with the planned renovation of Northern Avenue Bridge will serve as a critical link between the nnovation District and Downtown, The design of the Hook redevelopment will frame views to and from downtown along both the Moakley Bridge and the Northern Avenue Bridge. In addition, the facades along the waterfront and the Rose Kennedy Greenway face two of the city's most important open spa-resources. These facades should be designed with consideration to these factors. Principal building entrances should be considered along both Seaport Boulevard and the Greenway to strengthen connections along Seaport Boulevard to Oliver Street and along the Greenway. Careful placement and design of loading docks and service entrances is critical on such a tight site, and should be designed with consideration to both the future Northern Avenue and the



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Area of Proposed Active Edge

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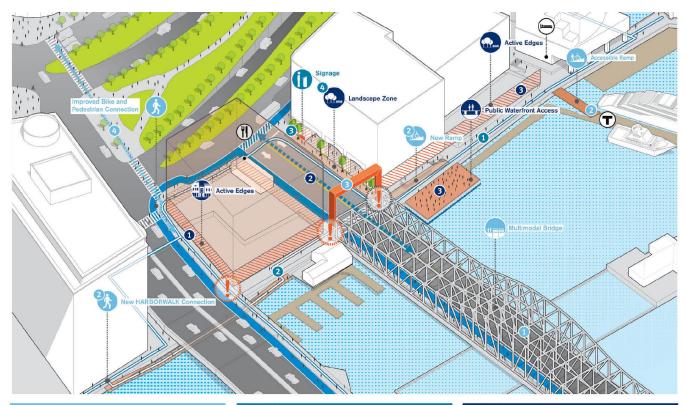
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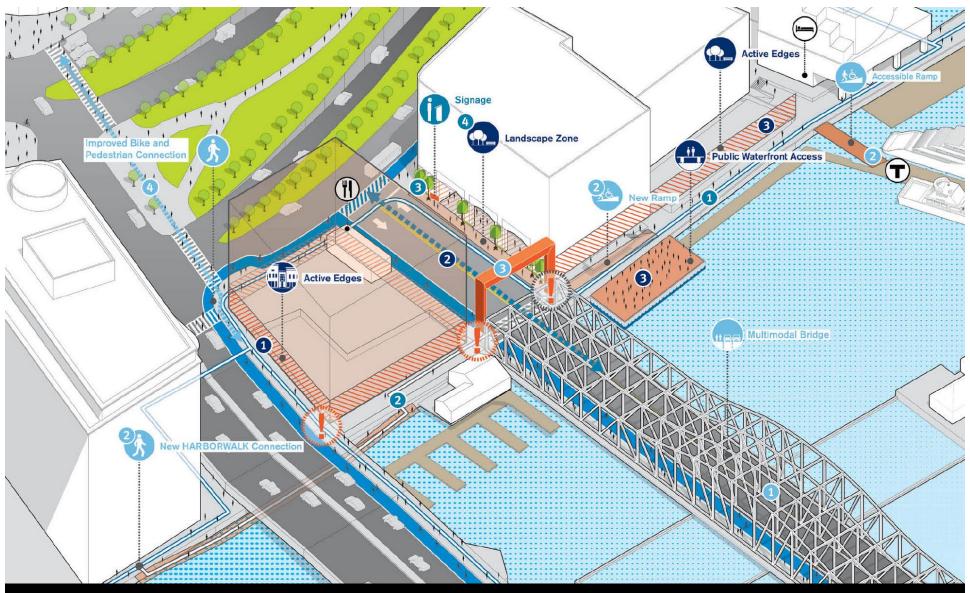
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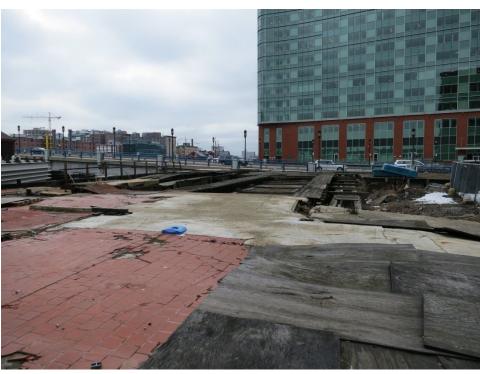
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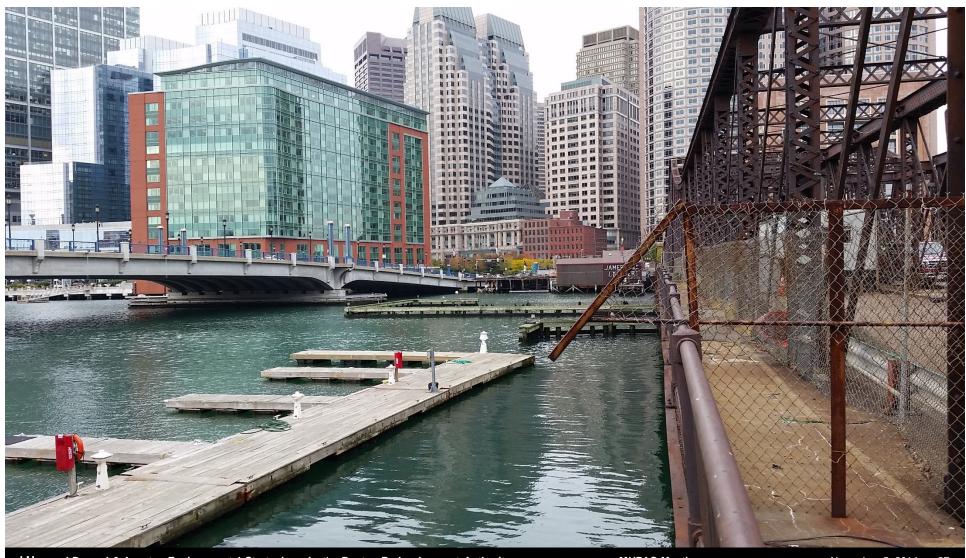
### **Northern Avenue Subdistrict – Hook Wharf**





Northern Avenue Hook site

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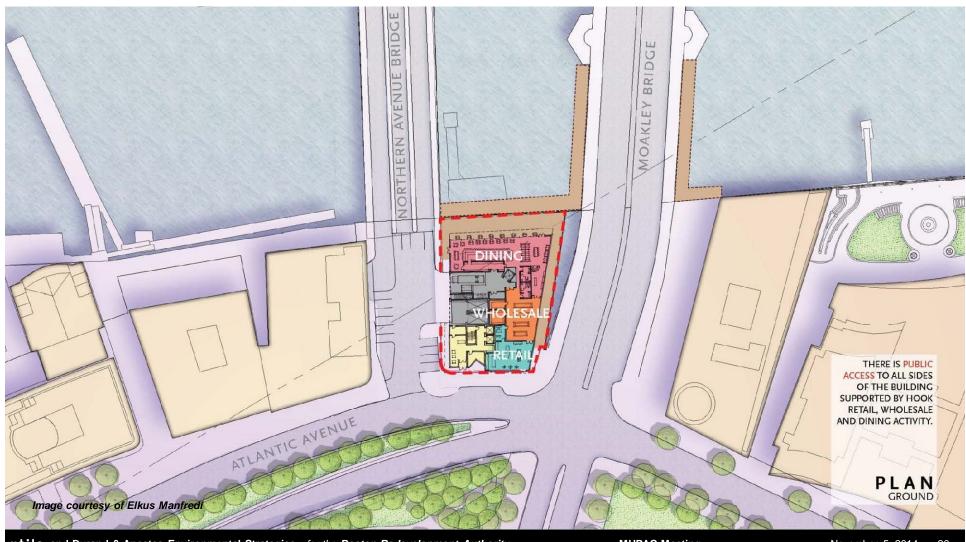


# Northern Avenue Subdistrict – Coast Guard Building



# Analysis of Proposed Hook Development: Hook proposal

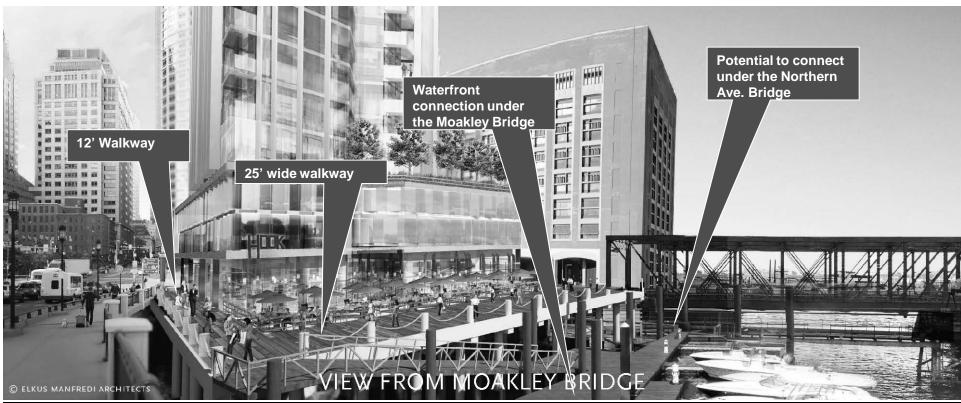
# **Hook Proposal: Urban Design and Connectivity**

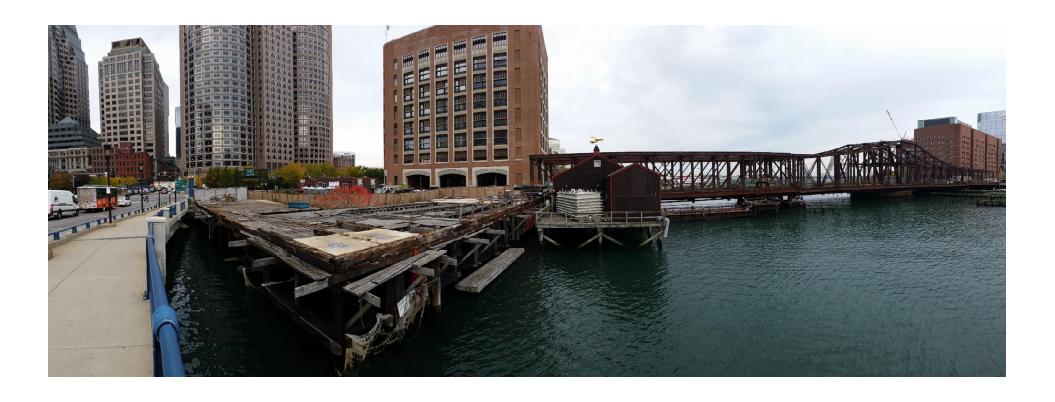


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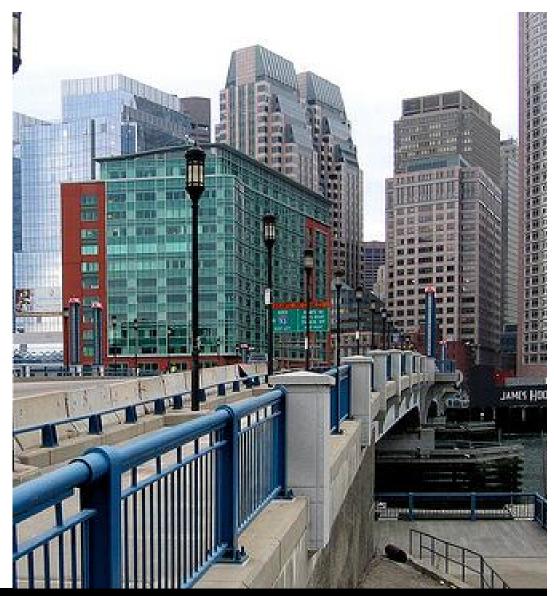




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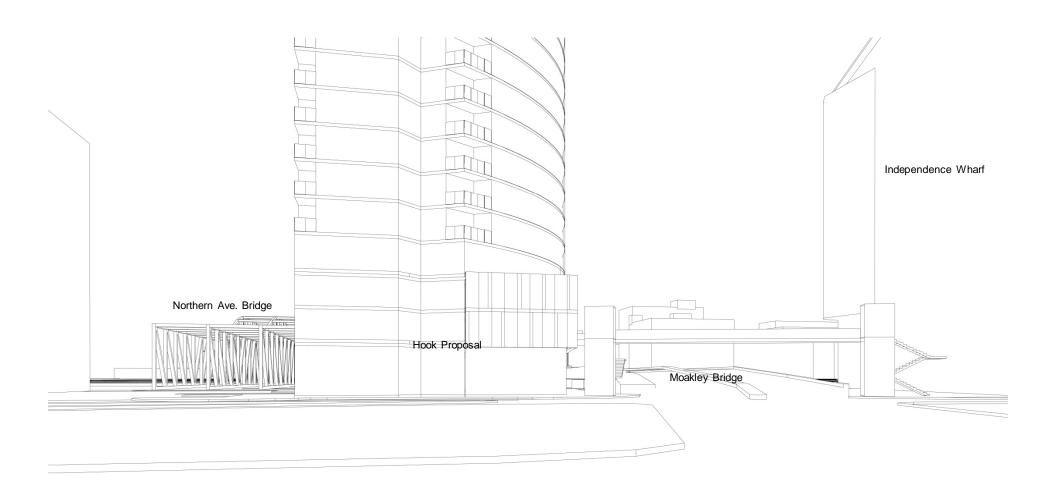
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- Staircase and elevator: minimum footprint of about 15'x15'



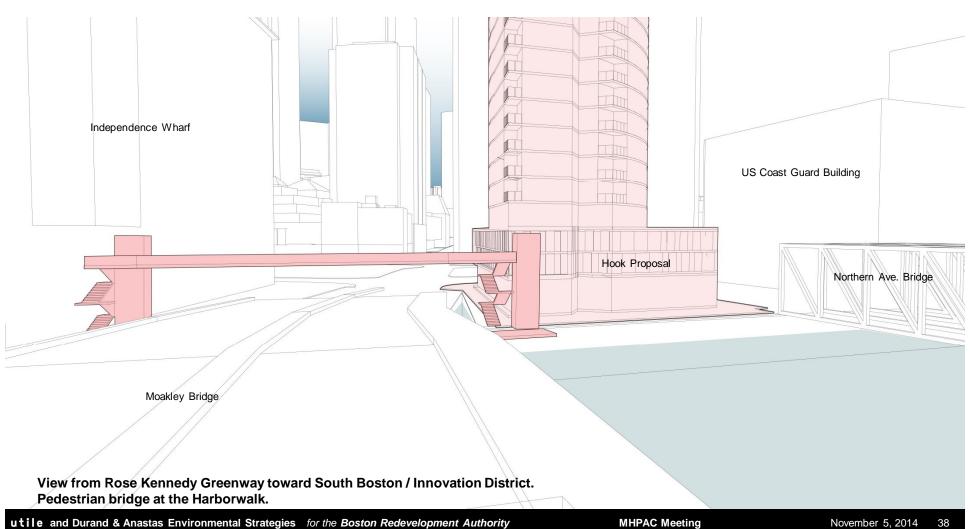
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## **Hook Proposal: Harborwalk Alternatives**



View from Rose Kennedy Greenway toward the Moakley Bridge. Pedestrian bridge at Atlantic Avenue.

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## **Hook Proposal: Evaluating Harborwalk Alternatives**

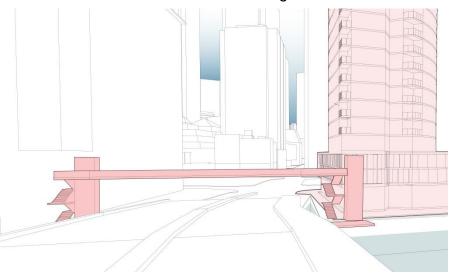
### Walkway over road

#### **Advantages**

Above ground path

#### **Disadvantages**

- Safety challenges of raised walkways
- Occupies significant footprint in a currently congested area (both ramps and elevator options)
- Obstructs view corridor, detracts from perceptual continuity
- High cost of elevators



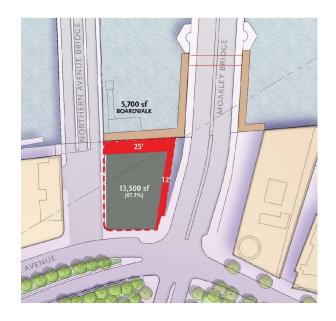
### Walkway under bridge

#### **Advantages**

- Continuous path along waterfront
- Additional public realm through new walkway

#### **Disadvantages**

- Potential safety concerns
- Periodic flooding



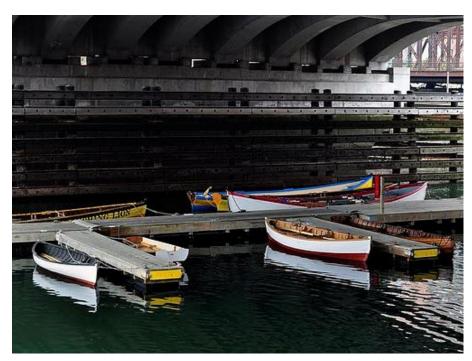
## Harborwalk under bridge precedents: Boston





**North Washington Street Bridge** 

# Harborwalk under bridge precedents: Boston





**Moakley Bridge** 

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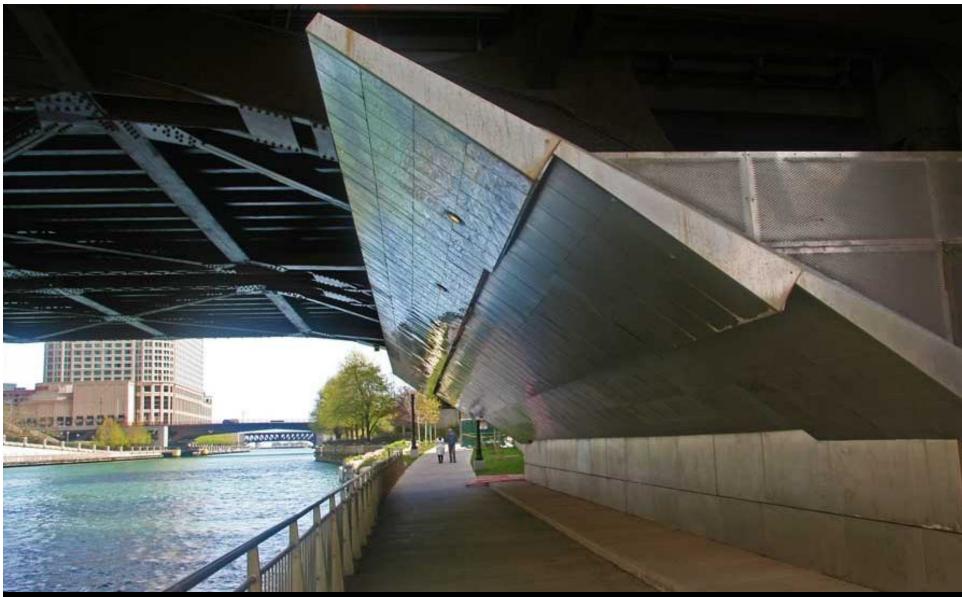




Millers River walkway, Charlestown, MA

## Harborwalk under bridge precedents: Chicago

Michigan Avenue underbridge is about 17 feet wide. The reflective canopy protects the pedestrians and also brings light into the space.



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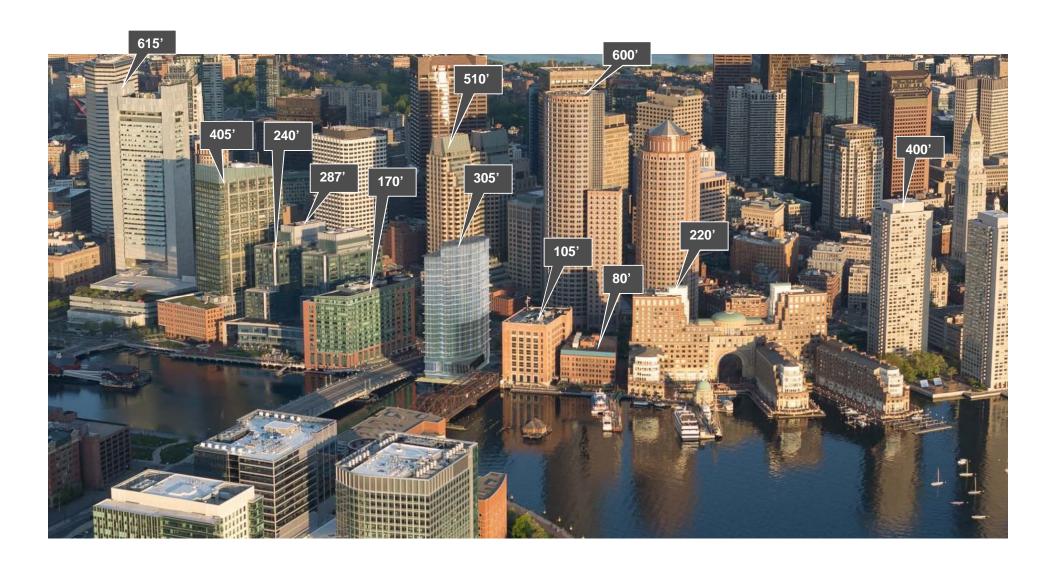
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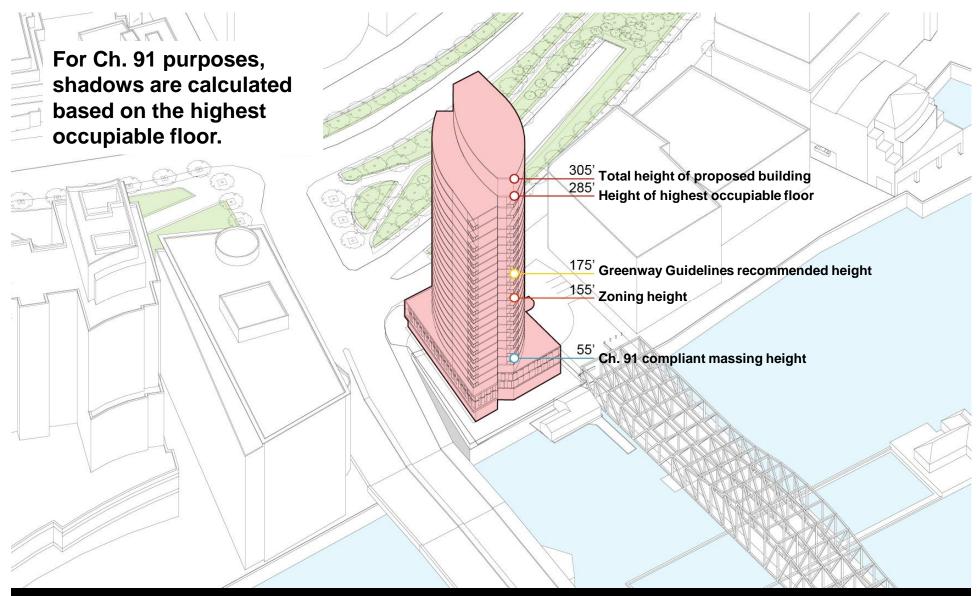
Plans for the Chicago Riverwalk along the main branch of the Chicago River, which will build a continuous walkway and recreational amenity connecting the lakefront with the heart of downtown.

Source: http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cdot/supp\_info/chicago\_riverwalk.html

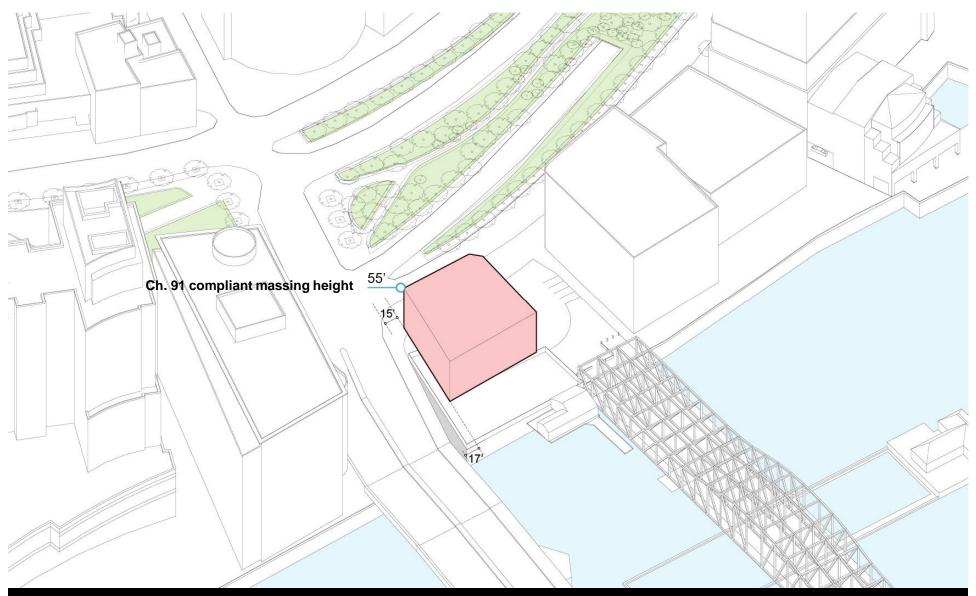
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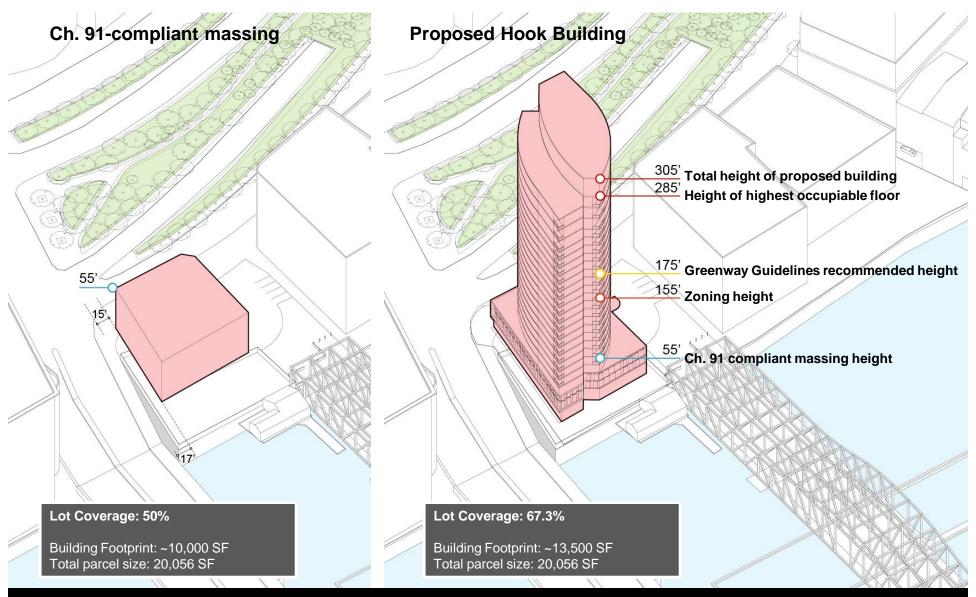
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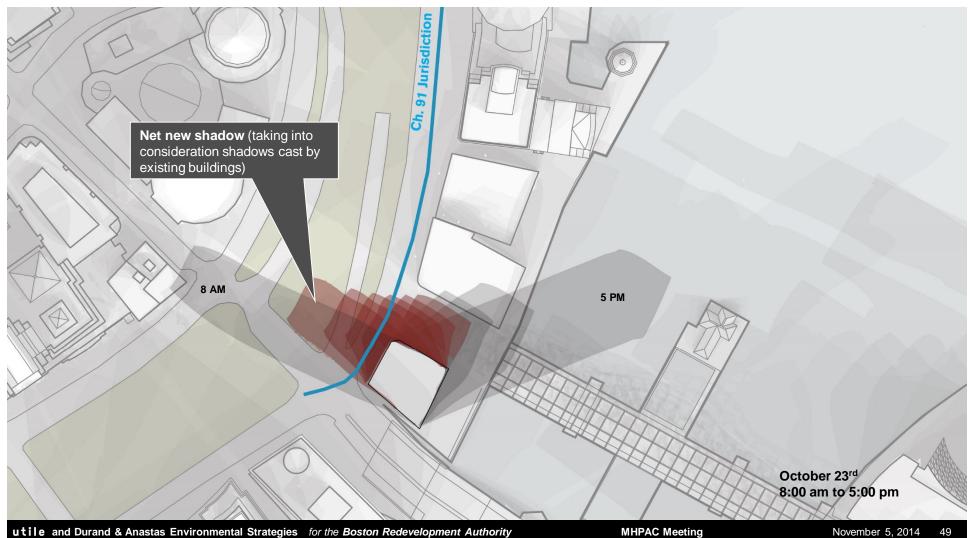
# **Chapter 91 Baseline Scenario**



# **Hook Proposal: Building Footprint**

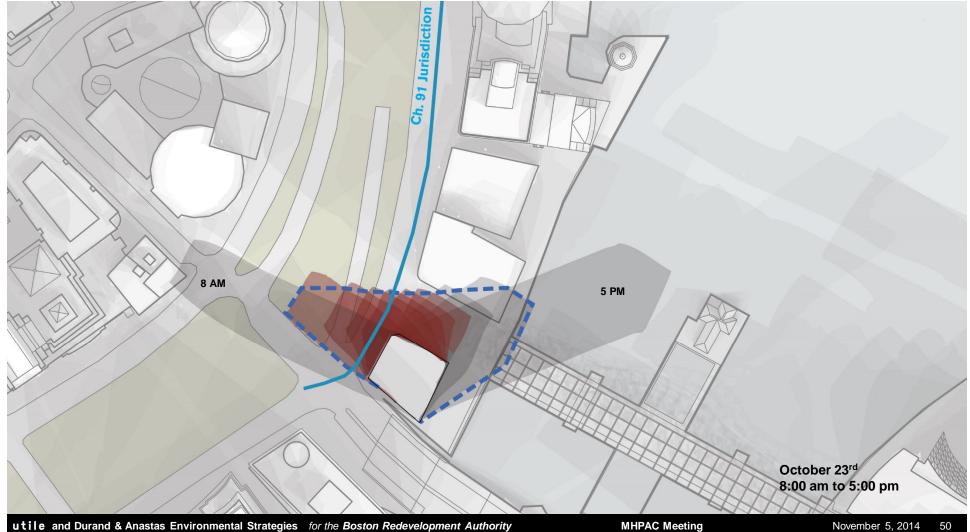


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Minimum 1 hour or more continuous shadow extent for Chapter 91 Compliant scenario



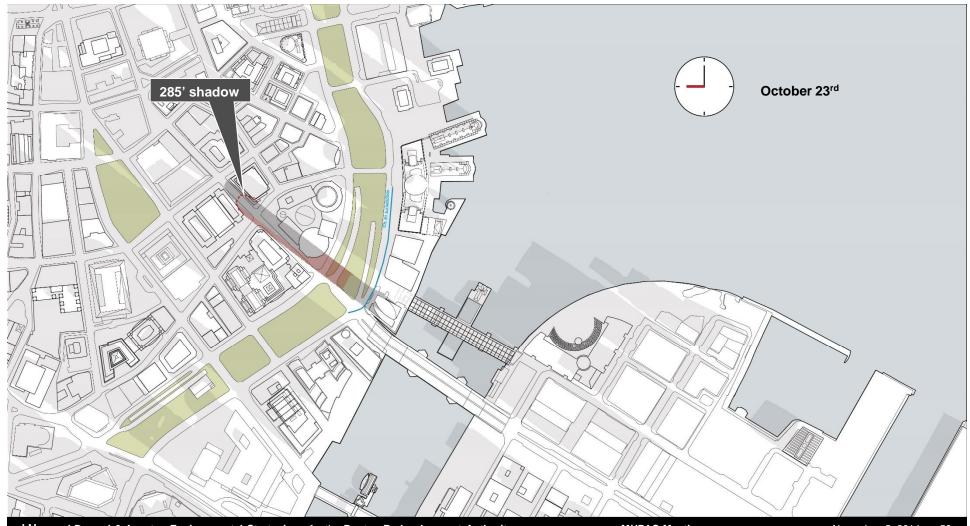
# Ch. 91 Baseline and the Proposed Redevelopment Scenario **Hook development proposal – October 23rd**

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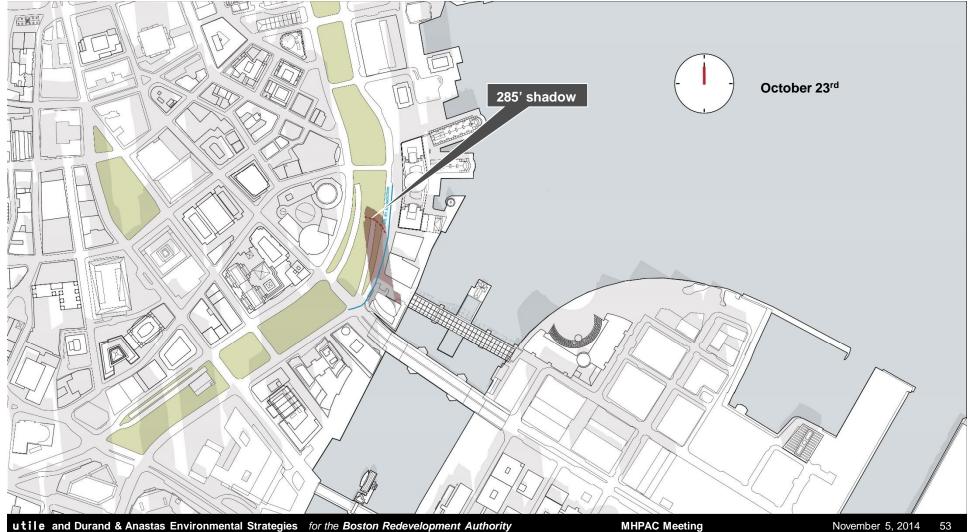
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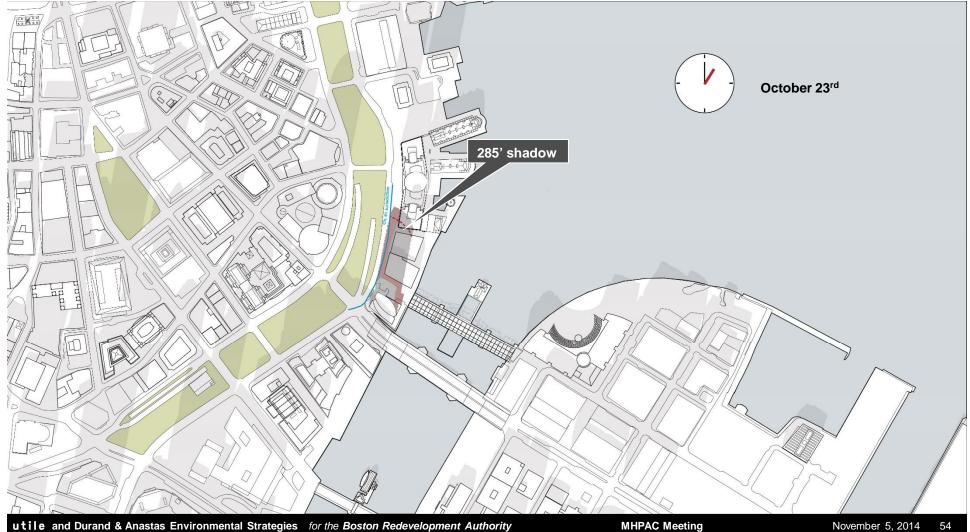
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### Afternoon / lunch rush hour



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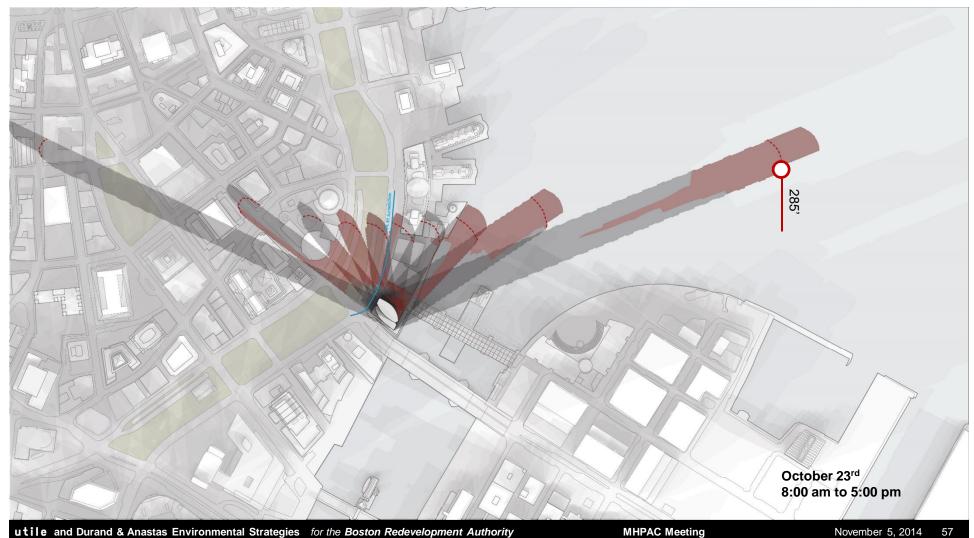
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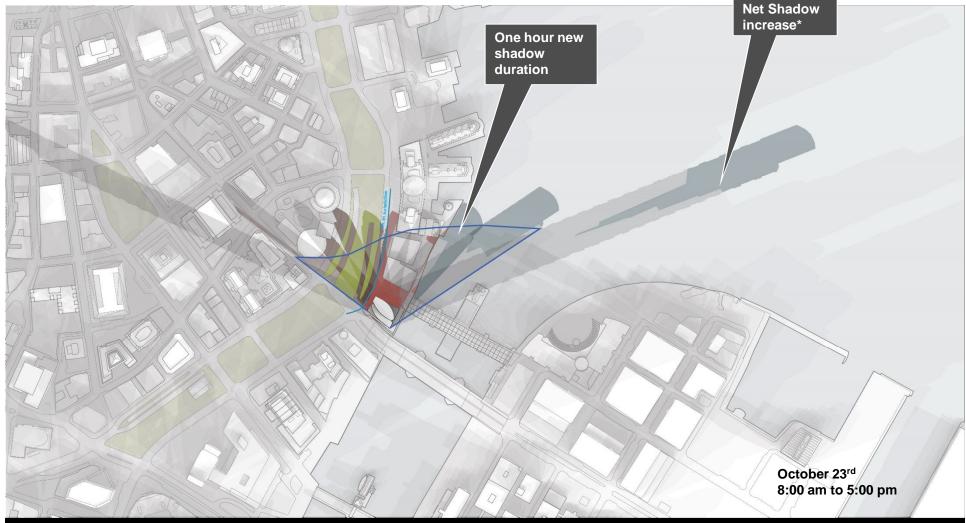
### Hook development proposal

Net New Shadow over Greenway

Net New Shadow over public realm sidewalks / plazas

Net New Shadow over watersheet

Streets and Sidewalks



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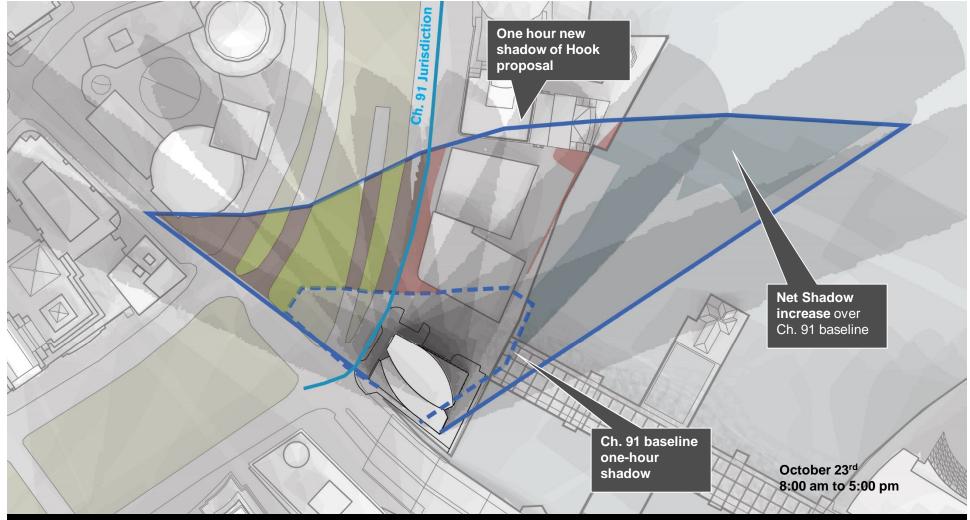
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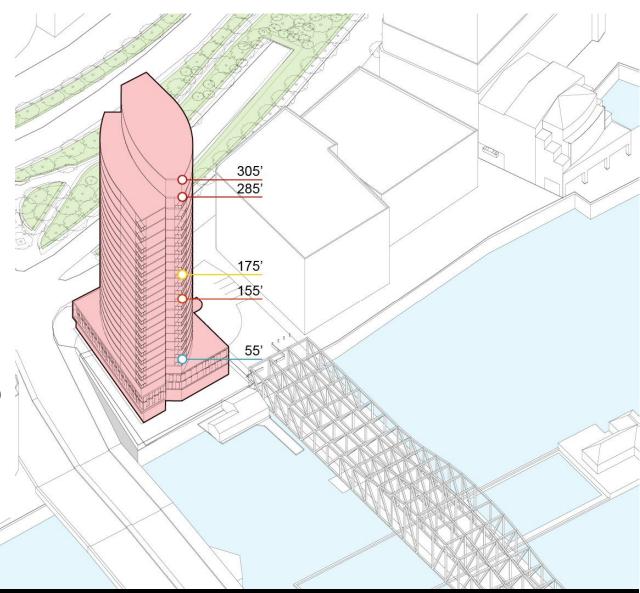
Following with BRA
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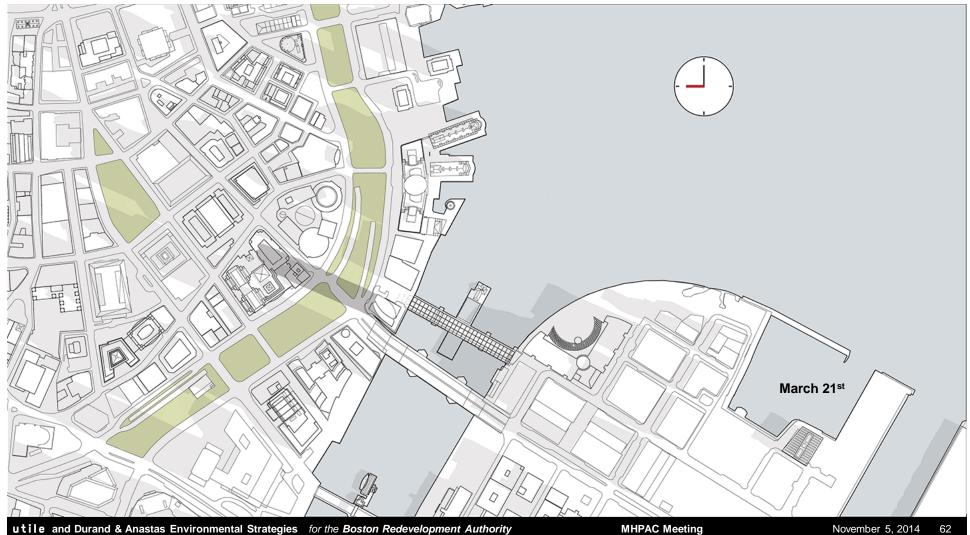
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- 9:00 a.m.
- 12:00 noon
- 3:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m.

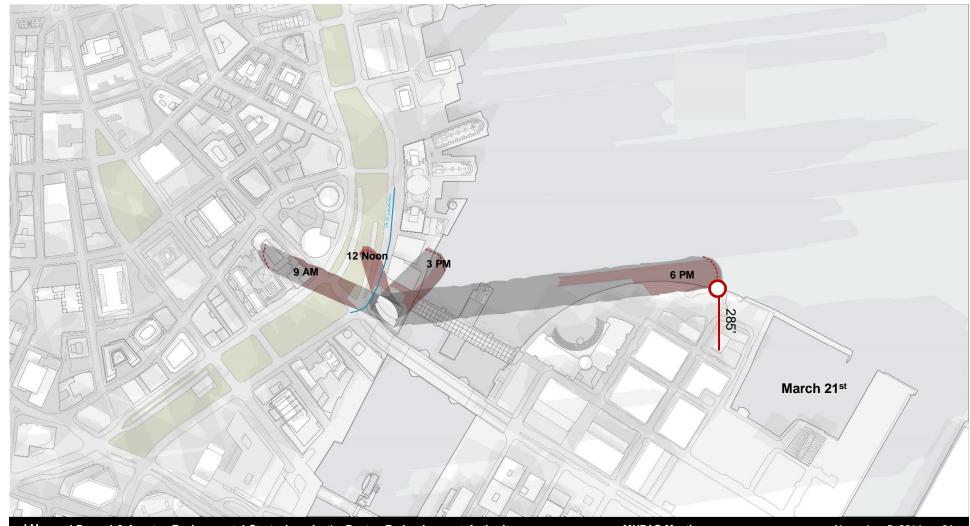
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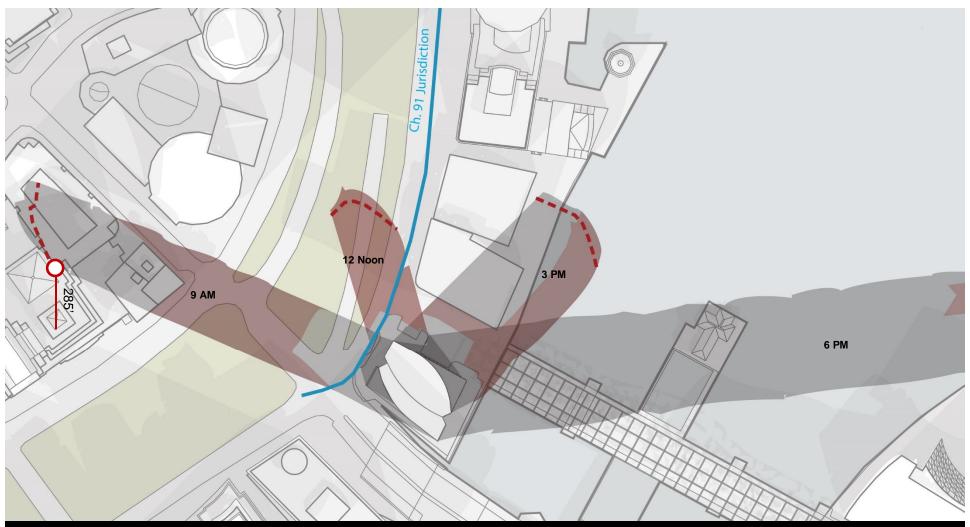
- March 21 (vernal equinox)
- June 21 (summer solstice)
- September 21 (autumnal equinox)
- December 21 (winter solstice)

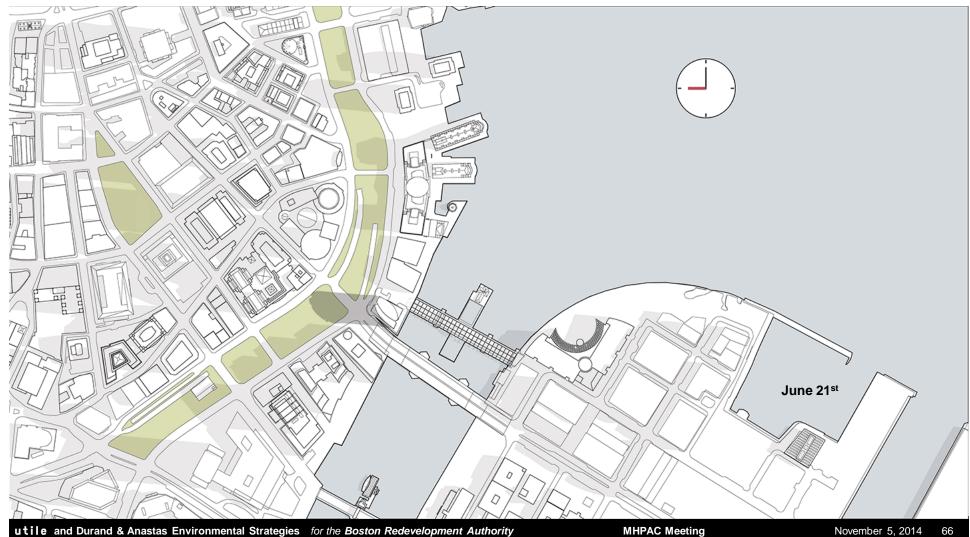






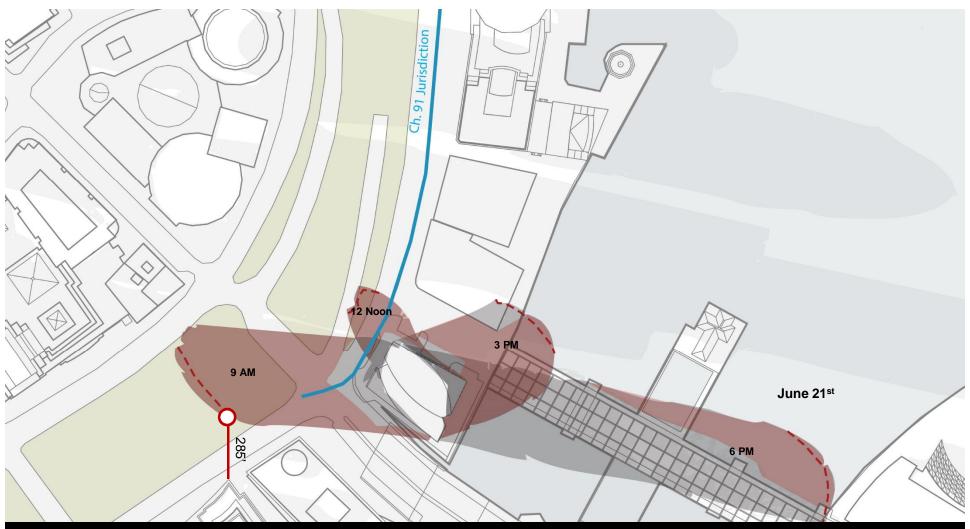




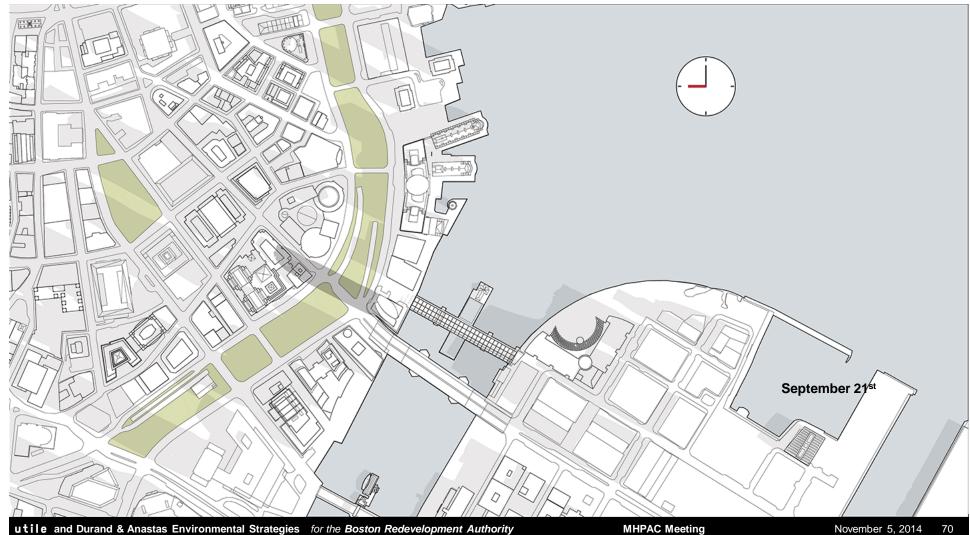








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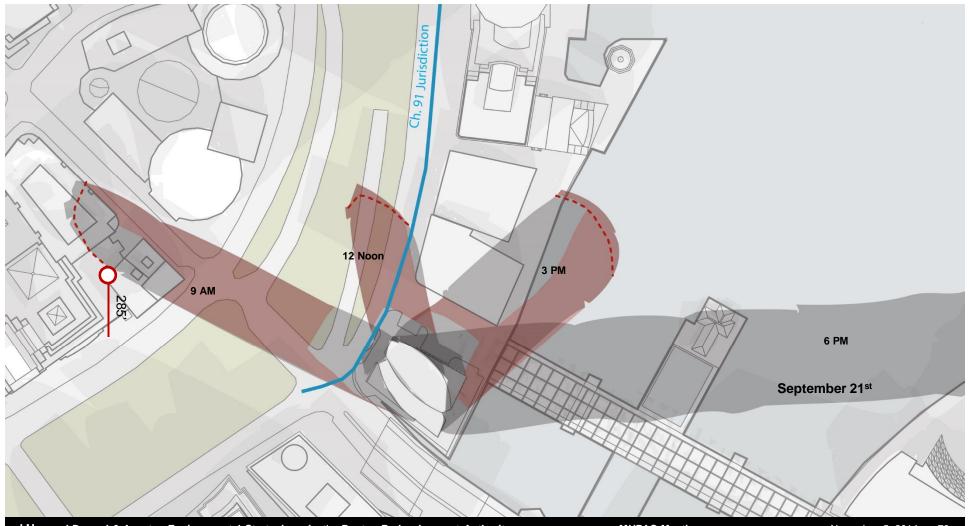
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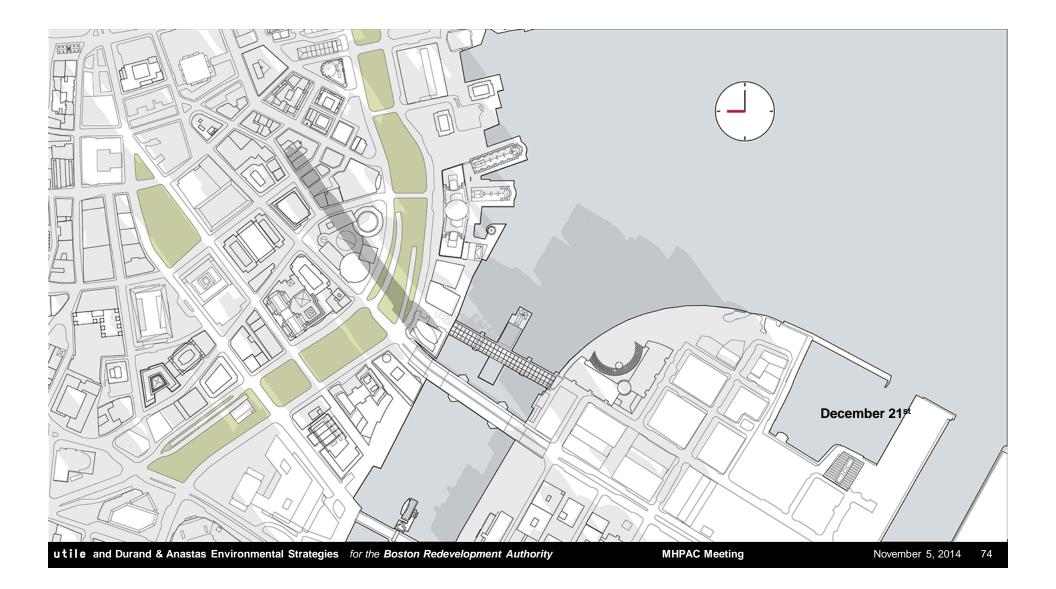


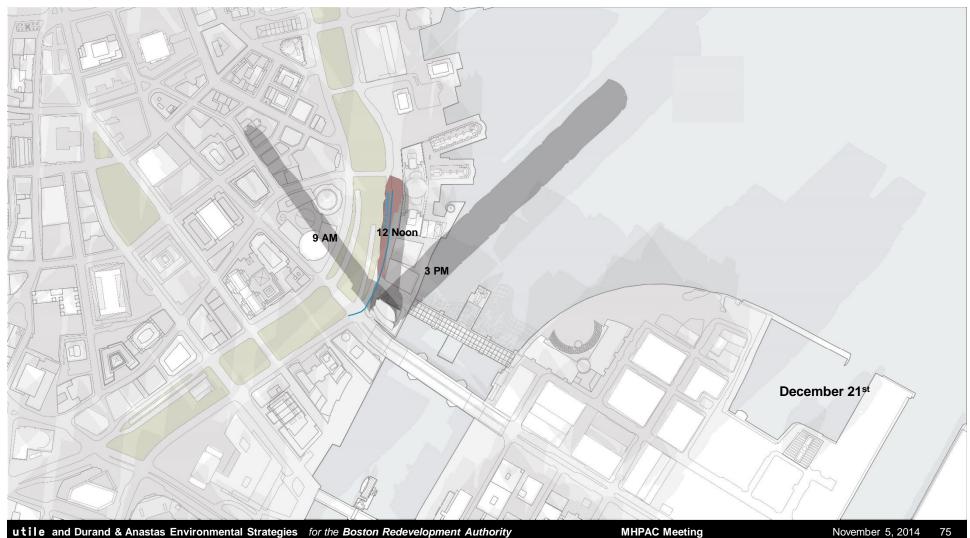
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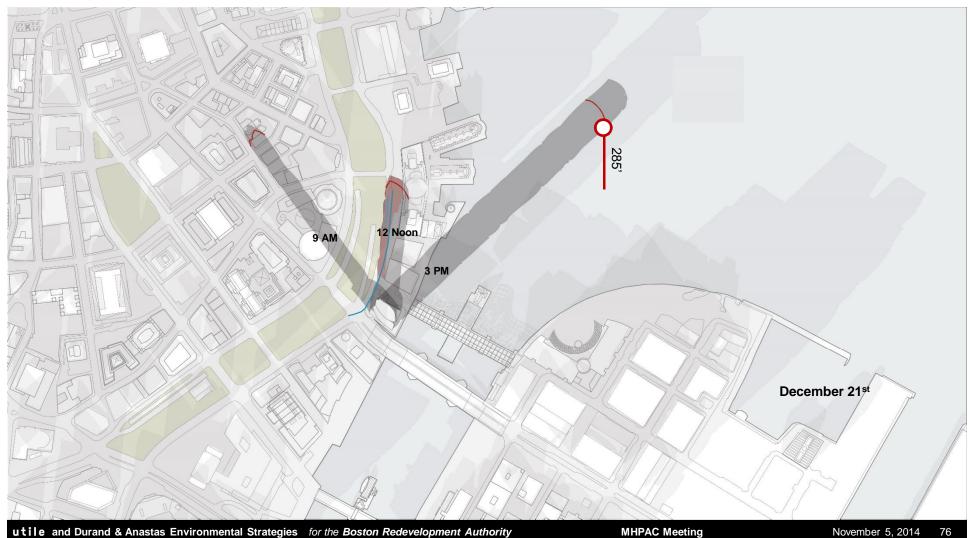


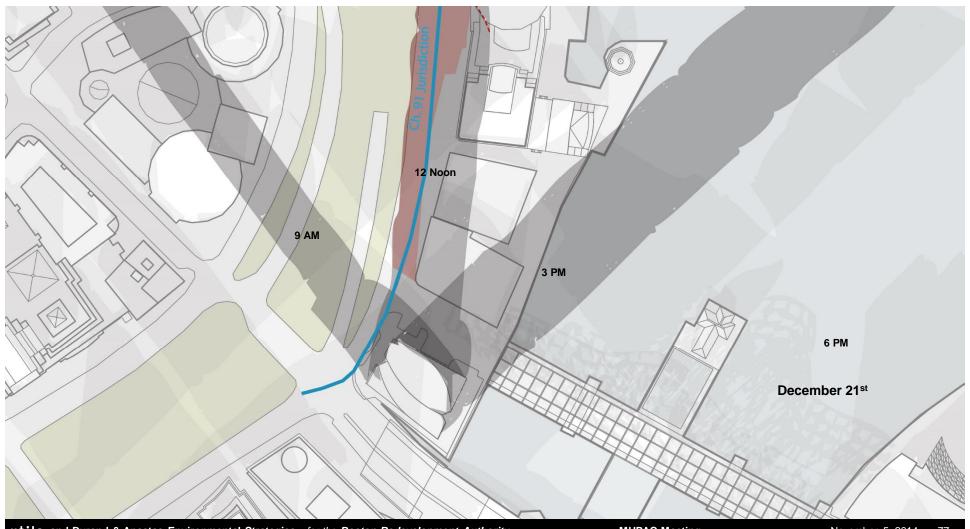
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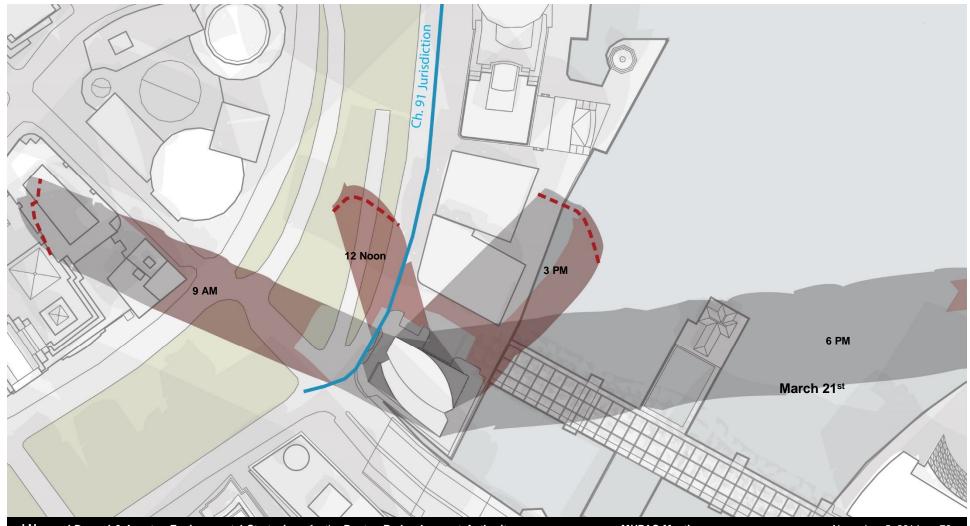




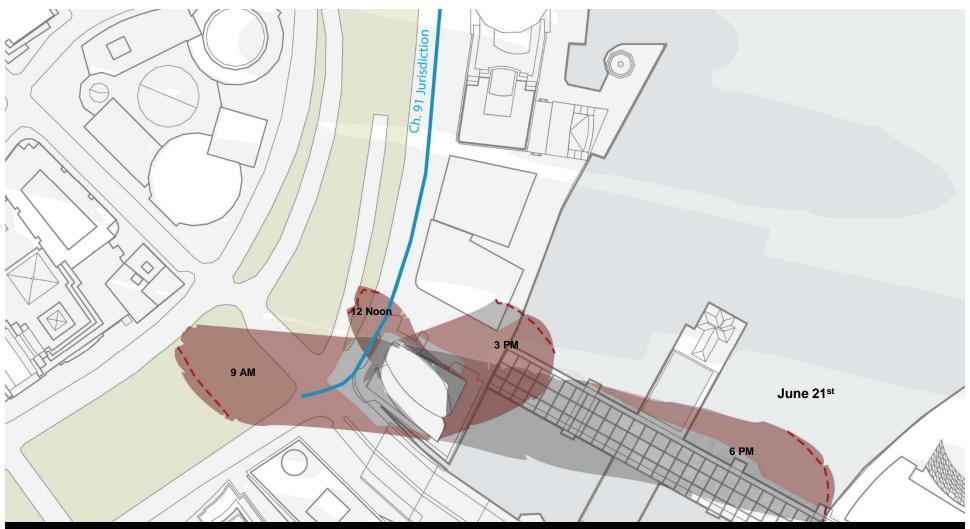
### **Hook Development Proposal**

## Review of Seasonal Differences in Shadow

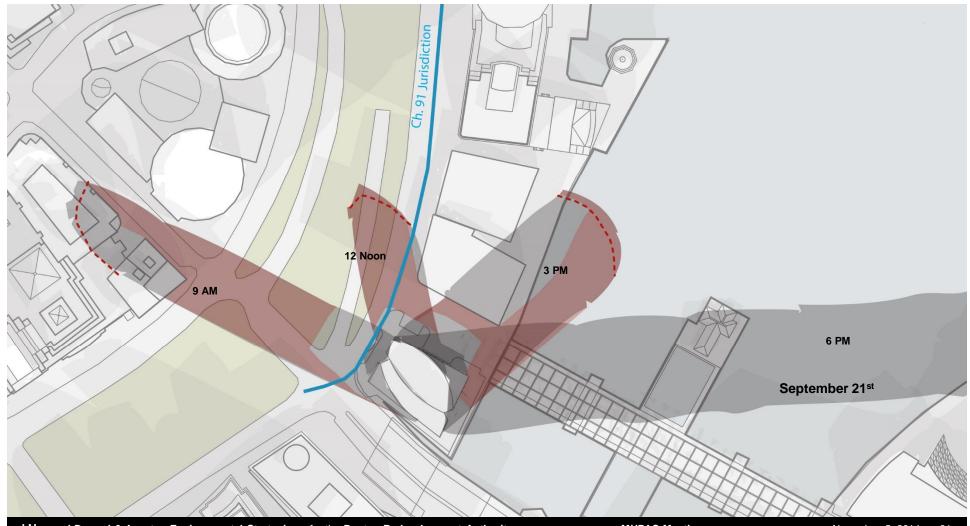
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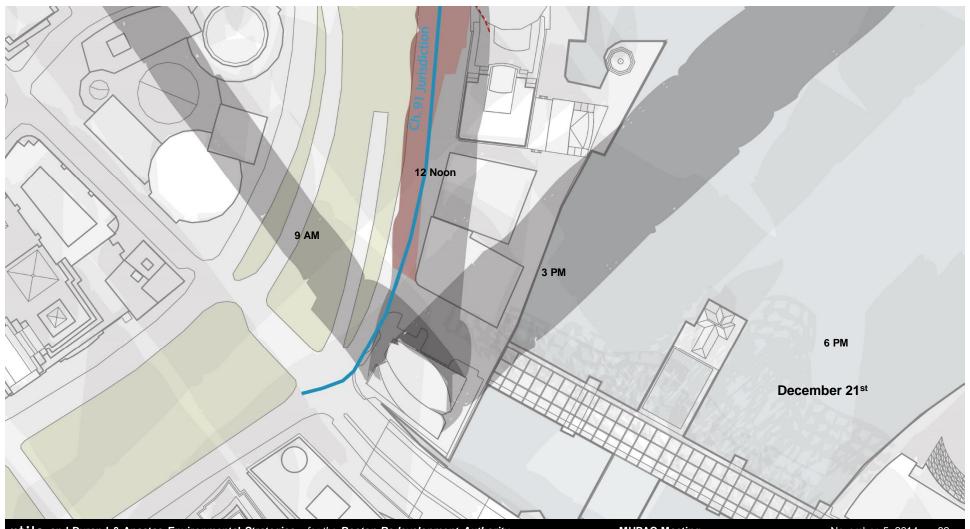


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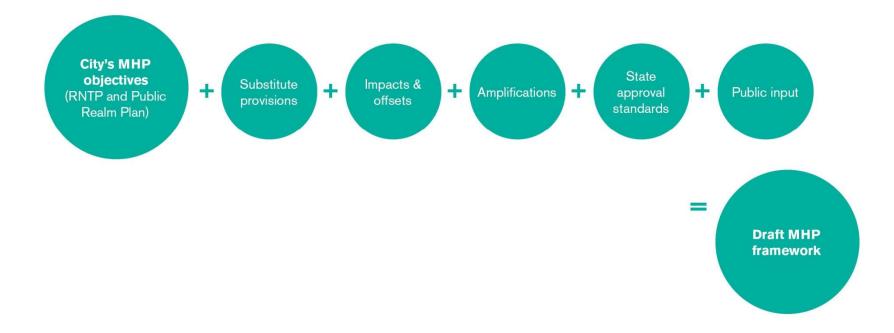
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## **Chapter 91 and the MHP Process**

#### Downtown Waterfront MHP



## **Hook Wharf – MHP Framework**

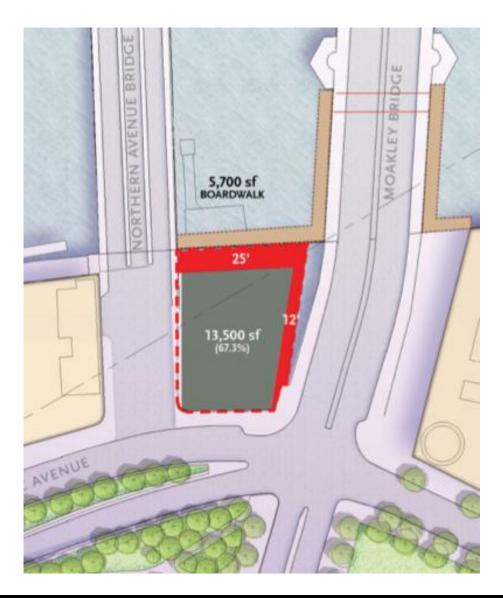
#### **MHP Substitute Provisions**

- Water Dependent Use Zone: proposed building exceeds standard WDUZ dimensions by approx. 500 SF
- Building Height: net new shadow impacts from 285' proposed highest occupied floor
- <u>Building Footprint</u>: building footprint is approx. 2/3 of the site, or approx.
   3500 SF more than the Chapter 91 standard
- Facilities of Private Tenancy (FPTs)
   over Flowed Tidelands: FPTs on
   several levels over flowed
   Commonwealth tidelands





## **Hook Wharf – MHP: WDUZ**



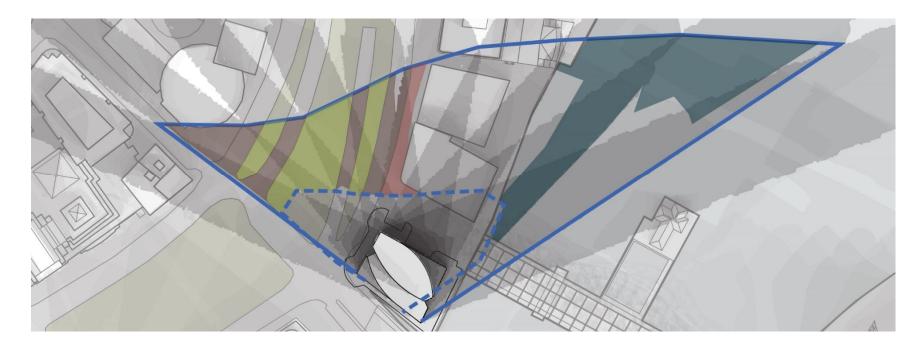
Currently proposed WDUZ along Moakley Bridge side is 12 feet wide instead of approx. 15 – 17 feet wide as required under Chapter 91

- WDUZ along the Moakley Bridge side is unlikely to have multiple Water Dependent Uses
- A reconfigured WDUZ would likely require approx. 500 SF of additional WDUZ along the Fort Point Channel edge and could include all or some of the proposed Harborwalk Connector
- Other aspects of the project may also address the WDUZ standard

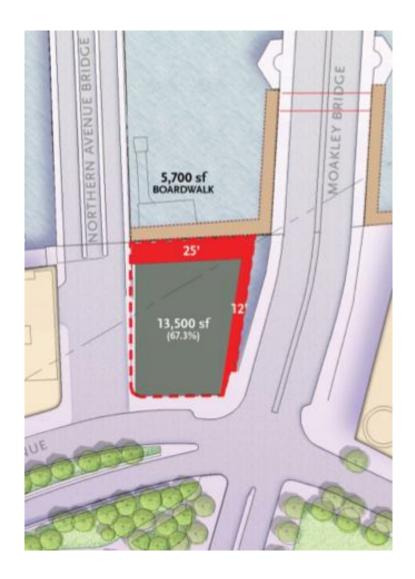
## **Hook Wharf – MHP: Building Height**

Net new shadow impacts occur on the Rose Kennedy Greenway (out of Chapter 91 jurisdiction) and on sidewalks, Rowes Wharf docks, and the watersheet

- Focus of Offsets is on ground level Chapter 91 public benefits on or adjacent to the site
- Also, there is more geographic flexibility with Building Height Offsets, allowing for MHP-wide offsets



## **Hook Wharf – MHP: Building Footprint**



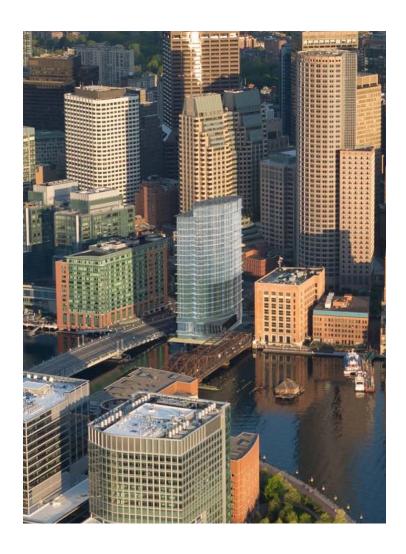
The proposed Building Footprint covers approx. 2/3 of the site, approx. 3500 SF in excess of the Chapter 91 requirement

- Initial strategy is to explore the proposed Harborwalk Connector as a potential Offset
- If the Building Footprint Offset for Hook cannot be addressed on site, it will be factored into a Building Footprint Offset (open space) strategy for the entire MHP, including Harbor Garage and Marriott

## **Hook Wharf – MHP: FPTs**

Portions of upper level floors have Facilities of Private Tenancy (FPTs) over flowed Commonwealth tidelands

- Offsets must prevent significant privatization of areas adjacent to the WDUZ
- Initial Offset approach includes
  - A high-quality Harborwalk Connector
  - Active FPA ground floor with existing water dependent uses
  - Potential on or offsite Special Public Destination Facilities (SPDFs)
  - Other amenities based on feedback



## **Hook Wharf – MHP: Proposed Offsets**

Initial overall approach for Offsets includes

- A high-quality Harborwalk Connector
- Active FPA ground floor with existing water dependent uses
- Potential on or offsite SPDFs
- Other Public Realm Plan recommendations

Does this approach activate the site with comparable or greater effectiveness than C. 91?

Does it establish the site as a year round locus of public activity in a comparable and highly effective manner?

Are there other offsets that should be included?



#### Downtown Waterfront MHP

## **MHP Study Area**



# Comments and Questions