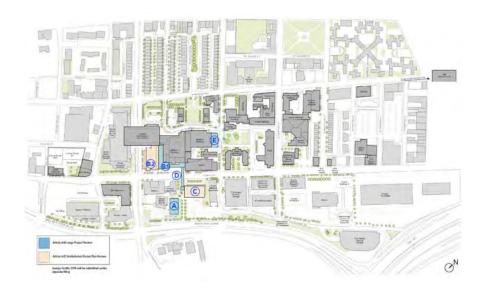
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# **Section 1**

#### 1.1 Introduction

Boston University Medical Center is comprised of Boston Medical Center Corporation ("BMC") and Boston University Medical Campus ("BU Medical Campus") which includes three of Boston University's health science schools – the School of Medicine, the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, and the School of Public Health. On June 7, 2013 Boston Medical Center Corporation and the Trustees of Boston University (collectively known as the "Proponents") submitted an Institutional Master Plan Amendment Notification Form / Project Notification Form to initiate the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") Article 80 Institutional Master Plan Review and Large Project Review Process for the BMC IMP project modifications. The proposed IMP Amendment includes modifications to projects previously approved in the 2010 Institutional Master Plan ("IMP") and the addition of approximately 21,336 square feet for Boston Medical Center. These modifications will allow for critical campus alignment and growth, the reduction of ambulance traffic and materials deliveries along Albany Street, and the replacement of the existing yellow utility tube spanning Albany Street with a simple bridge to handle patient transfer and materials handling.

On June 22, 2010, the BRA approved the Boston University Medical Center Institutional Master Plan Renewal. As outlined in the approved 2010 IMP, BMC recognizes an immediate need to address space and physical constraints of its existing campus and respond to clinical trends through new construction, demolition and renovation. BMC seeks to amend the approved 2010 Institutional Master Plan to incorporate minor modifications consisting of:

- An addition to the existing Moakley Cancer Center (to facilitate the relocation and expansion of outpatient services);
- Minor footprint, massing, and phasing revisions to the 2010 IMP New Inpatient Building (to include the expansion of the Emergency Department and Trauma Center);
- Replacement of the existing yellow utility tube across Albany Street with a new Bridge (to service patient transport and materials handling);
- Relocation of the 2010 IMP Energy Facility; and
- Inclusion of the acquisition of the Perkin Elmer site.

The proposed IMP project modifications are consistent with BMC's previously stated planning assumptions in the approved 2010 IMP. These modifications are necessary to consolidate and right-size clinical services to support new trends in health care delivery and patient volume, upgrade and expand the Emergency Department and Trauma Center, and move the core of the clinical campus to the west. The benefits of these modifications include:

- Elevated quality of care as a result of new and upgraded facilities and technology;
- Increased organizational efficiencies due to centralized services and improved operational adjacencies;
- Refined pedestrian experience along Albany Street through site improvements, reduction of curb cuts, and the replacement of the yellow utility tube with a new bridge;

- Improved delivery of patient care and reduced operational costs through significantly decreasing patient transfers by ambulance and construction of a new patient transport bridge; and
- ♦ Improved energy infrastructure that increases energy efficiency and reliability, reduces environmental impact, and lowers operating costs.

The modifications as presented in the IMP/PNF have been carefully studied to incorporate design elements that minimize and mitigate potential impacts. Over the past several months, the project team met with the BUMC Task Force as well as Public Agencies of the City and members of the public to discuss the proposed IMP modifications.

Figures 1-1 and 1-2 illustrate the general location of the Boston University Medical Center Campus ("BUMC Campus").

Figure 1-3 illustrates the Boston University Medical Center Campus ("BUMC Campus") approved 2010 IMP.

# 1.2 Summary of Proposed IMP Modifications

#### 1.2.1 Moakley Cancer Center Addition

The Moakley Cancer Center Addition is the enabling project for all proposed IMP projects. This project will house departments displaced from the expanded Emergency Department and Trauma Center, and the Centralized Surgical Department, and will accommodate increased volume in outpatient care. The addition will contain approximately 27,800 square feet.

#### 1.2.2 New Inpatient Building

The New Inpatient Building, as discussed in the 2010 IMP, will address the need to meet current clinical care standards, improve the patient care environment by modernizing critical care areas, and allow for the consolidation of multiple departments, including the Emergency Department and Trauma Center, Main Radiology Department, Surgical Department and Interventional Procedures, and additional Intensive Care Unit beds, and provide vital connections to adjacent campus buildings and the helipad. BMC is currently proposing to move forward with Phase 1 of the project. The New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will contain approximately 82,300 square feet. Phase 1 will necessitate demolition of a portion of the Dowling Building. Improvements to the existing Menino Pavilion entry facing Harrison Avenue will be undertaken as part of this project of approximately 2,900 square feet included above.

The second phase of the New Inpatient Building containing approximately 323,000 square feet is proposed on the site of the Dowling Tower, directly adjacent to the Phase 1 of the New Inpatient Building. This will necessitate the demolition of the Dowling Tower (the remaining portion of the Dowling Building located at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Albany Street).

Phase 2 of the New Inpatient Building will provide appropriately sized modern inpatient spaces that meet modern clinical standards and expansion space to accommodate future critical care and imaging functions. Together with Phase 1 and the Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center, this new building will enhance medical functions to meet programmatic needs and reinforce the Albany Street campus image.

#### 1.2.3 New Patient Transport Bridge

BMC proposes to replace the existing yellow utility tube spanning Albany Street with a new Bridge to provide patient transport from the existing helipad to the emergency room and accommodate the transfer of clean materials. Patient transfer by ambulance between the helipad and the Emergency Department will be eliminated, thereby diminishing vehicular traffic along Albany Street. This, in turn, enables more efficient and direct patient transport to the Emergency Department thus improving the delivery of patient care. Currently, Med Flight patients arrive by helicopter at the south side of the existing Power Plant. Patients are transferred from the helipad via ambulance to the Emergency Department in the Menino Pavilion located on the north side of Albany Street. Upon completion of the Administration / Clinical building the bridge will provide a connection for patients, staff and visitors from the south side to the north side of Albany Street.

BMC explored other options to improve patient transport while also decreasing ambulance traffic on Albany Street. Options explored involved the re-use of existing below grade tunnels. Two existing tunnels are located beneath Albany Street. The first tunnel located between the existing Power Plant and the Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center is used solely as a utility tunnel and houses the high pressure steam lines serving the north side of Albany Street. The tunnel is too narrow to support the transfer of patients and further, transferring patients alongside utilities presents unsafe conditions. The second tunnel located at the basement of the Menino Pavilion below the Emergency Department entrance is constrained by low ceiling heights and has a steep slope which makes for hazardous conditions in transferring patients. Additionally, the tunnel is circuitous from the helipad necessitating additional time to travel to the Emergency Department. Finally, the tunnel would require traveling through non-patient transport corridors flanked by the Morgue and the Central Processing Department, and support departments.

#### 1.2.4 Centralized Loading and Materials Handling

The current loading dock for the West Campus will be relocated away from hospital entrances to an interim central location utilizing existing loading docks within the Power Plant. The relocated loading docks will separate service areas from patient care areas and provide for a reduction in curb cuts along Albany Street which will contribute to an improved pedestrian experience, one of the Proponents' long term planning objectives. During the interim condition, BMC will continue to use one of the existing below grade tunnels for transporting soiled materials, including medical waste and trash, while clean materials will be transported through the new Bridge providing for improved safety in material handling operations.

When the Administration / Clinical building is developed, the loading dock will move to its final location at the rear of the building and a new below grade tunnel will be constructed beneath Albany Street to transport materials between the Menino Pavilion and the south side of Albany Street. Options for the Administration / Clinical building site access and drop-off will be analyzed when the building moves forward.

#### 1.2.5 Boston Medical Center Energy Facility

A 48,000 square foot state-of-the-art combined heat and power facility was approved by the BRA on June 22, 2010. The new Energy Facility was proposed to be located to the east of the existing Power Plant. Since that time, BMC has reevaluated the location and other project data of the approved Energy Facility and now proposes to relocate it to the west side of the existing Power Plant to take advantage of existing utility connections. The Energy Facility is proposed to be slightly smaller at approximately 38,500 square feet.

### 1.2.6 Albany Fellows

On January 12, 2010 the BRA approved an IMP Amendment to incorporate the Albany Fellows site which is approximately 1.7 acres consisting of 3 parcels: Parcel 1 contains approximately 15,324 square feet; Parcel 2A contains approximately 38,920 square feet, and Parcel 2B contains approximately 20,766 square feet. The total development includes 442,800 square feet of gross floor area.

Boston University completed the nine story 84,033 square foot building providing 104 housing units for 208 graduate students of the Boston University Medical Campus with approximately 12,000 square feet of landscaped open space and approximately 5,000 square feet of ground floor retail space, now occupied by a child-care (daycare) provider. The building opened in June 2012.

The future development of Parcels 1 and 2B (including the remainder of Parcel 2A not used for the open space or the graduate student housing) will be limited to approximately 358,500 square feet of above grade building space and up to 322 parking spaces. Potential uses for the future facilities may include: housing (either student housing or housing for faculty and staff of Boston University or Boston Medical Center), ground level retail, office, backstreets, research & development, and academic space.

For purposes of ensuring that the remaining parcels of the approved Albany Fellow Site continue to be included in the IMP the projects have been included in the IMP Amendment but do not require zoning approval under this amendment.

#### 1.2.7 Clarification of Ownership

In addition to the IMP project modifications, the Proponents request to incorporate the acquisition of the Perkin Elmer site located at 100 East Canton Street, 123 East Dedham Street, and 575 Albany Street for a total of 129,461 square feet. 100 East Canton Street is a 3 story brick building of approximately 64,203 square feet of which the second floor is vacant. 123 East Dedham Street is a 1 story masonry building of approximately 9,258

square feet and is currently vacant. 575 Albany Street is made up of the North and South buildings. The North building is a 6 story brick building of approximately 12,000 square feet. The South building is a 5 story brick building of approximately 44,000 square feet. Both are currently vacant. Included with the site is a surface parking lot. Please see Section 1.6.5 for discussion on future planning for this site.

#### 1.2.8 Update in Use

#### **Newton Pavilion**

The Newton Pavilion is classified as "Inpatient" in the 2010 IMP. With the consolidation of clinical services to the West Campus, the potential future use of the Newton Pavilion may also include Administration/Research/Instruction.

#### 1.2.9 Removal of Leased Space

Since the filing of the 2010 IMP, the Proponents are no longer leasing space that has been approved for institutional use.

BMC wishes to remove the following buildings from the Boston University Medical Center IMP as institutional use:

♦ Removal of the Northampton Street lease of 10,000 square feet.

BU Medical Campus wishes to remove the following buildings from the Boston University Medical Center IMP as institutional use:

♦ Removal of 761 Harrison Avenue, Harrison Court Apartments/Offices lease (effective September 30, 2013) of 122,922 square feet.

Table 1-1 Summary of IMP Project Modifications

Project	2010 Approved IMP (in square feet)	2013 IMP Amendment (in square feet)	Change (in square feet)
Moakley Cancer Center Addition	0	27,800	27,800
New Inpatient Building Phase 1	0	82,300	82,300
New Inpatient Building Phase 2	405,000	323,000	-82,000
Energy Facility	48,000	38,500	-9,500
New Patient Transport Bridge	0	7,800	7,800
Administration / Clinical Building	160,000	219,000	59,000
Demolition of Power Plant	0	-64,064	-64,064
Totals	613,000	634,336	21,336

Figure 1-4 illustrates the Boston University Medical Center Campus ("BUMC Campus") proposed IMP Amendment projects (both Article 80D for IMP Review and Article 80B for Large Project Review).

Ultimately these projects will enhance BMC's mission "to consistently provide excellent and accessible health services to all in need of care, regardless of status or ability to pay."

The improvements are consistent with BMC's guiding principles and planning assumptions outlined in the 2010 IMP:

- Accommodate changes in patient volume;
- ♦ Consolidate clinical services;
- Upgrade and expand the Emergency Department and Trauma Center; and
- ♦ Move the core of the clinical campus to the west.

BMC has initiated Large Project Review for the following projects:

- Moakley Cancer Center Addition
- New Inpatient Building Phase 1
- New Patient Transport Bridge

and

Energy Facility

The Moakley Cancer Center Addition, New Inpatient Building Phase 1, and the New Patient Transport Bridge are interdependent. Therefore, a combined Draft Project Impact Report will be filed. Together these projects will help BMC achieve multiple master planning goals (outlined in the approved 2010 IMP) within the next five years.

Due to new regulatory requirements associated with the Energy Facility there is the need for additional design and analysis, therefore the Energy Facility will file a separate Draft Project Impact Report at a later date.

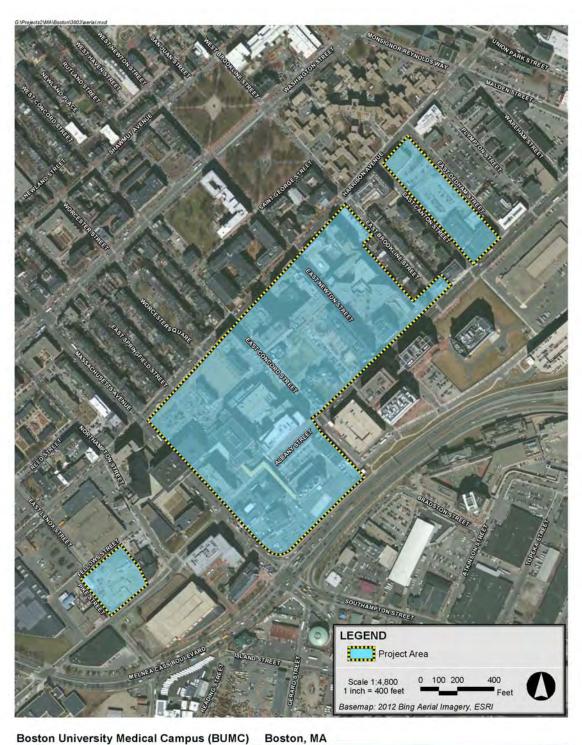
The sequence of the proposed projects begins with the construction of the Moakley Cancer Center Addition. Once this project is complete, departments to be displaced by the planned expansion and consolidation of multiple departments, which include the Emergency Department and Trauma Center, Main Radiology Department, Surgical Department and Interventional Procedures, and Intensive Care Unit, will be moved to this facility enabling the construction of the New Inpatient Building Phase 1. The existing yellow utility tube can be replaced with the new Bridge. Materials handling will move to an interim location in the existing Power Plant. The new Energy Facility will be constructed upon completion of the aforementioned projects.

Once this five year plan is complete, BMC may then construct Phase 2 of the New Inpatient Building and the new Administration / Clinical Building. See Section 2 for more information on the Large Project Review Projects.

This IMP Amendment and Large Project Review will allow BMC to begin the construction of campus upgrades necessary to address immediate needs for improved and expanded

volume trends.			

Figure 1-1 **Boston University Medical Center Locus Plan** 



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Figure 1 Aerial Locus Map

Figure 1-2 BUMC Campus Plan

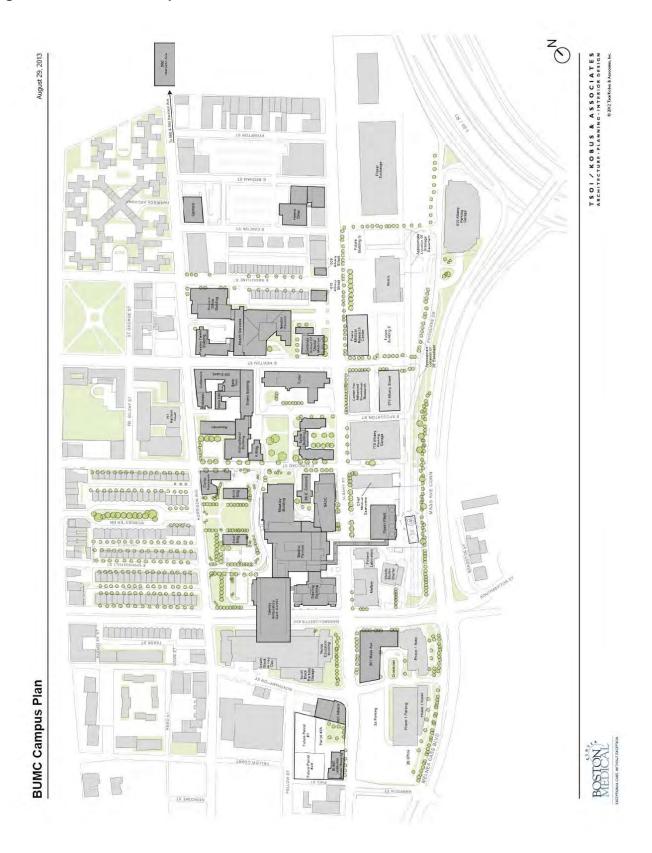


Figure 1-3 BUMC Campus Approved 2010 IMP Projects

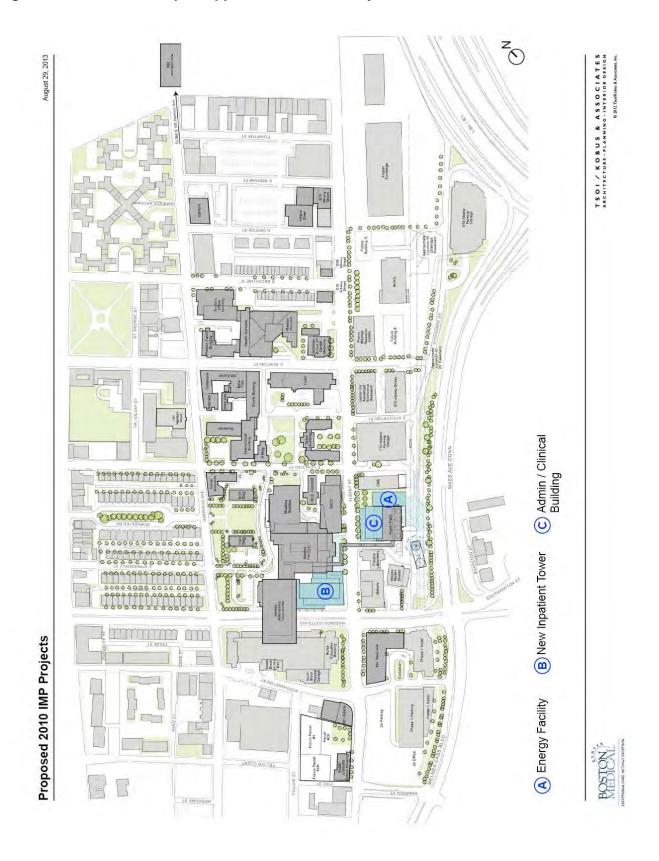
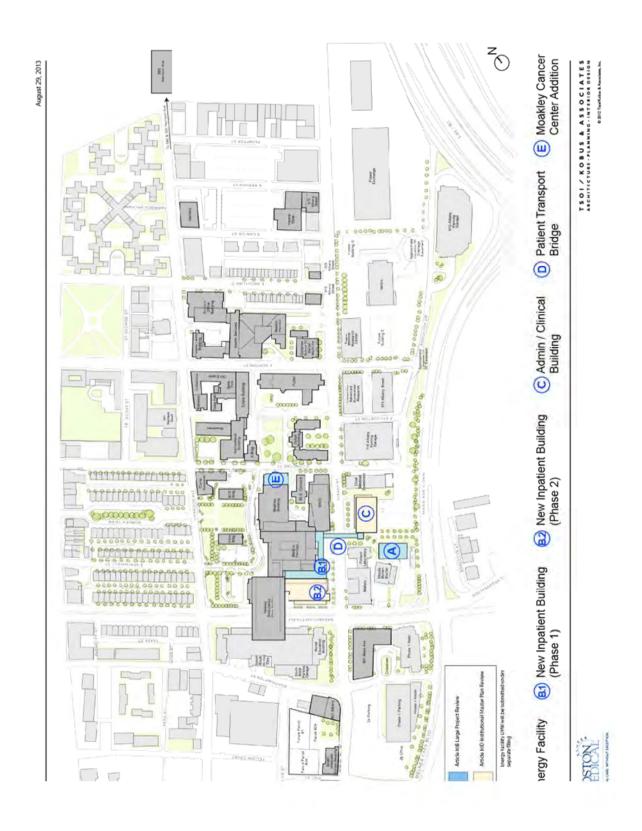


Figure 1-4 BUMC Campus Proposed 2013 IMP Amendment Projects



# 1.3 Project Identification

Project Name: Boston University Medical Center IMPNF Amendment/PNF

Address / Location: The BUMC Campus is located in Boston's South End. The campus is

comprised of approximately 20 acres including 33 BUMC Campusowned or controlled buildings, a helipad, and development parcels. BMC and BU Medical Campus also lease space in 8 buildings located

on and/or proximate to campus.

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#### 1.4 Boston Medical Center Mission and Objectives

Boston University Medical Center is dedicated to serving the needs of the community. Comprised of BMC and BU Medical Campus, the synergy among these institutions and the incorporation of teaching and research with the clinical programs is essential to improving health for the general public.

#### 1.4.1 Boston Medical Center

BMC was incorporated as a Massachusetts charitable corporation July 1, 1996 with the merger of Boston City Hospital, Boston Specialty and Rehabilitation Hospital, and the Boston University Medical Center Hospital, referred to as University Hospital. BMC is a private, not-for-profit, 496-licensed bed, academic medical center located in Boston's historic South End. The hospital is the primary teaching affiliate for Boston University School of Medicine. Boston Medical Center emphasizes community based care, with its mission to provide consistently accessible health services to all. The largest safety net hospital in New England, Boston Medical Center provides a full spectrum of pediatric and adult care services, from primary

care and family medicine to advanced specialty care. BMC is the largest and busiest provider of trauma and emergency services in New England. The Emergency Department had 129,714 visits in 2012.

With more than 26,132 discharges and 1,025,202 total outpatient visits in 2012, BMC provides a comprehensive range of inpatient, clinical and diagnostic services in more than 70 areas of medical specialties and subspecialties, including cardiac care and surgery, hypertension, neurological care, orthopedics, geriatrics, and women's health.

Unwavering in its commitment to serve the community, BMC is dedicated to providing accessible health care. Approximately 73% of BMC patients come from underserved populations, the low-income and the elderly, and 30% do not speak English as a primary language.

With its strong focus on urban health, in 1995 BMC was a founding partner in Boston HealthNet, an integrated service delivery network that includes BMC, Boston University School of Medicine, and 14 community health centers throughout the greater Boston area. In FY 2012, Boston HealthNet patients comprised 32% of all inpatient admissions to BMC.

Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan, Inc. (BMCHP) is a not-for-profit health maintenance organization founded by Boston Medical Center in 1997. BMCHP's Massachusetts business, BMC HealthNet Plan, serves nearly 260,000 members across the state through three product lines: MassHealth (Medicaid), Commonwealth Care and a commercial product for small businesses and individuals. It is the largest MassHealth health plan in Massachusetts. BMC HealthNet Plan was recognized for its ongoing commitment to quality when it was named one of the top ten Medicaid health plans in the country according to the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Medicaid Health Insurance Plan Rankings 2012-2013. In addition, it has maintained Excellent Accreditation from NCQA for its Massachusetts Medicaid plan since its initial accreditation in 2009.

BMC is a recognized leader in groundbreaking medical research. BMC received more than \$132 million in sponsored research funding in 2012, and oversees 540 research and service projects separate from research activities at Boston University School of Medicine.

BMC is a major employer in the City of Boston and is committed to promoting employment opportunities for Boston residents. See Section 1.9.1.2 - Employment, Workforce Development, and Educational Opportunities for more information.

The mission of BMC is "to consistently provide excellent and accessible health services to all in need of care, regardless of status or ability to pay." The objective of BMC is to meet the health needs of the people of Boston and its surrounding communities by providing high quality, comprehensive care to all, particularly mindful of the needs of the vulnerable populations through an integrated delivery system in an ethically and financially responsible manner. The goals of the integrated system of care are to promote health and well-being, meet the medical and public health needs of all served, and educate future physicians and caregivers.

In compliance with the mission statement above and in an effort to create a community-based system of services in collaboration with Boston HealthNet BMC has committed itself to seven equally important values. BMC will:

- Serve patients and their families, physicians, staff and communities with dignity;
- Integrate public health, preventative, emergency and rehabilitative programs with a full range of primary to tertiary medical service;
- Serve the ever-changing need of urban and suburban populations, while honoring their ethnic, religious and cultural differences;
- Apply a high degree of medical, nursing and technical management in a professional and accountable manner;
- Collaborate with Boston University, its schools and other institutions to support a premier learning environment for all members of the community;
- ♦ Conduct research that will lead to major improvements in health care and health status for all people, and further scientific advances in medicine; and
- ♦ Develop and participate in community-based and managed care programs that promote affordable, responsible and high-quality health care.

## 1.4.2 Boston University Medical Campus

BU Medical Campus has a rich history dating back to 1848 when its School of Medicine began as the New England Female Medical College, the first institution in the world to offer medical education to women and graduated the first black woman physician. In 1873, the medical college merged with Boston University, becoming the first coeducational medical school in the nation. In addition to the School of Medicine ("BUSM", with its Division of Graduate Medical Sciences), the BU Medical Campus is also comprised of the Goldman School of Dental Medicine ("SDM") and the School of Public Health ("SPH").

Renowned for the quality of teaching and research and for service to the community, these schools provide education and training in the most current thinking and techniques in their fields, with a particular focus on serving the disadvantaged, underserved and indigent populations. Together the schools employ a total of 3,100 faculty members (including full-time, part-time and adjunct), many who are leading experts in their fields, and train a diverse group of approximately 3,500 students.

# 1.4.3 Boston University School of Medicine

The mission of the Boston University School of Medicine is to educate physicians who will have the knowledge, skills, and dedication needed to provide the best care to every patient from all communities in a diverse society, within an ever-changing health care environment. Other specific objectives are:

 The Vision – Patients, peers, and mentors will recognize the BUSM graduate as an exemplary clinician who maintains the highest standards of medical care and professional conduct and who is fully prepared for postgraduate training;

- Clinical Arts The graduate will: possess excellent diagnostic skills, a broad foundation of medical knowledge, and the clinical experience needed to deliver effective and efficient medical care; demonstrate excellence in communicating with and educating patients from diverse cultures, races, and ethnicities; work effectively and collaboratively within interdisciplinary teams; use information technology effectively to find and evaluate the best clinical evidence to guide patient care; be dedicated to preventing illness and improving the health of the community in which he or she practices while responsive to the family, psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual/religious determinants of health and illness; and
- ◆ Professionalism The graduate will treat all patients in a caring, compassionate, and altruistic manner; adhere to the highest ethical standards of medical practice; possess the attitudes, abilities, and self-knowledge necessary for leading a life-long pattern of learning; support improvements in access to health care for all populations, a reduction in racial and ethnic disparities in health status, and improvements in the social conditions of disadvantaged populations; and contribute to the advancement of scientific knowledge.

BUSM promotes these qualities via: establishment of a supportive, respectful, and nurturing educational environment; maintenance of the highest standards of student performance; commitment to achieving and supporting a diverse student body; engagement of students in curricular evaluation; maintenance of a curriculum inclusive of evidence-based educational methods and through leadership in developing, applying, and evaluating innovative methods of medical education.

To achieve a dynamic curriculum responsive to rapid social and biomedical changes, and to insure that student and curricular goals are met and the highest educational standards of excellence are maintained, BUSM continuously evaluates its learners, faculty, programs, and its mission and goals.

#### 1.4.4 Goldman School of Dental Medicine

The mission of the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine is to provide excellent education to dental medicine professionals throughout their careers; to shape the future of dental medicine and dental education through research; to offer excellent health care services to the community; to participate in community activities; and to foster a respectful and supportive environment. Other specific objectives include:

- ◆ Educate DMD and postdoctoral candidates to pursue basic science and clinical science research on the academic level; and
- Support faculty development, thereby improving the quality of dental education, research and clinical care; and
- Contribute to advances in oral biology and dental medicine by pursuing basic, applied and clinical research and disseminating important findings to the dental community; and

♦ Provide high quality cost-effective, accessible dental care for children and adults, with an emphasis on prevention.

#### 1.4.5 School of Public Health

The mission of the School of Public Health is to improve the health of local, national and international populations, particularly the disadvantaged, underserved and vulnerable, through excellence and innovation in education, research and service. In keeping with the SPH's service-oriented philosophy, each department combines research and academics with a practicum requirement, resulting in a rigorous, well-rounded curriculum enhanced by work experience in the public health environment. Strategic themes of the SPH include:

- Involved: Emphasize real-world involvement and meaningful partnerships
- ♦ Interconnected: Emphasize interdisciplinary efforts and integrated programs
- Global: Emphasize global health issues and perspectives.

Through longstanding collaborations with such institutions as the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Boston Public Health Commission, and the Veterans Affairs Administration; and international alliances with the Red Cross, the Peace Corps, and foreign governments, the students, faculty, and alumni draw on their own diverse backgrounds to carry out the SPH's mission in a variety of settings.

# 1.5 Existing Campus and Facilities

The BUMC Campus is located in Boston's historic South End. The main campus includes 33 Boston University Medical Center owned or controlled buildings, a helipad and development parcels that are individually-owned or controlled and shared facilities associated with each or both of the institutions. In addition to the property owned or controlled by the Proponents, each institution also leases office, instructional, and/or clinical space in 8 buildings located on and/or proximate to the campus. Total Boston University Medical Center owned or controlled and leased space is approximately 3,316,500 square feet of usable space. Buildings range from 2 to 14 stories in height above ground. The buildings were built between 1864 (BCD/FGH), 2011 (Carl J. and Ruth Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center), and 2012 (Albany Fellows Phase 1 BU Medical Campus Graduate Student Housing). The Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center, a state mental health facility, is also located on the BUMC Campus.

There are currently 2,940 structured parking spaces in garages and 482 surface parking spaces (3,422 total on-campus and offsite parking spaces).

See Table 1-2 and Figure 1-5 for Ownership and Leases.

Table 1-2 Boston University Medical Center Building and Land Ownership / Leases

Facility	Year Built	Principal Uses	Floors Above / Below Grade	Building SF*	Own/ Lease**
Boston Medical Center					
Newton Pavilion	1986	Inpatient/Administration/Research/Instruction	B+8	257,019	Owned
Yawkey Ambulatory Care	1972	Outpatient	B+5	218,477	Owned
BCD	1864	Administration	B+5	28,174	Owned
Betatron	NA	Administration	NA	5,912	Owned
Dowling	1937	Administration/Outpatient	B+9	157,376	Owned
Doctors Office Building	1969	Administration/Outpatient	B+12	91,783	Owned
Preston	1967	Outpatient	5	65,967	Owned
FGH	1864	Administration	B+5	29,435	Owned
Health Services	1973	Inpatient Support/Outpatient	B+6	73,651	Owned
Carl J. & Ruth Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center	2011	Outpatient	B+9	245,000	Owned
Menino Pavilion	1994	Inpatient	B+8	337,340	Owned
Power Plant	1972	Mechanical	B+4	64,064	Owned
85 East Concord Street	1928	Administration	B+8	66,952	Owned
125 East Concord Street, Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health	1975	Administration	B+9	11,000	Leased
Center					
Vose Hall	1898	Administration	5	22,695	Owned
Old Evans	1942	Administration	9	60,070	Owned
Collamore	1936	Administration	7	41,970	Owned
Gambro (660 Harrison)	1990	Administration/Outpatient	3	35,000	Owned
Helipad	NA	Helipad	NA	NA	Owned
560 Harrison Avenue	NA	Administration	G	19,000	Leased
Perkin Elmer (North - 575 Albany)	NA	Administration	6	12,000	Owned
Perkin Elmer (South - 575 Albany)	NA	Administration	5	44,000	Owned
Perkin Elmer (123 E. Dedham St.)	NA	Administration	NA	9,258	Owned

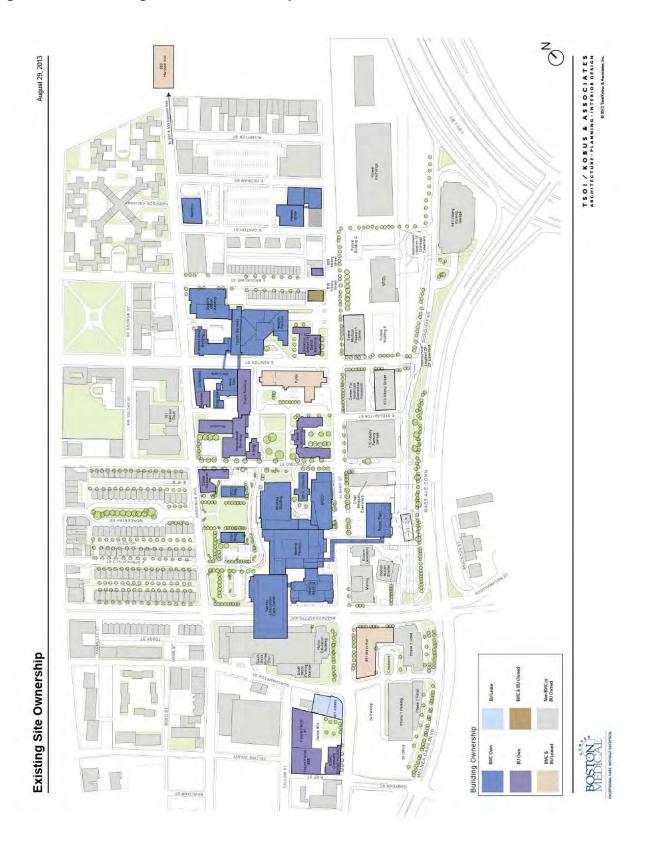
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Perkin Elmer (100 E. Canton St.)	NA	Administration	B, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	64,203	Owned			
801 Massachusetts Avenue, Crosstown Center	2006	Administration	1 <sup>st</sup>	12,197	Leased			
Moakley Building	2006	Outpatient	B+3	133,217	Owned			
Boston University Medical Campus								
Albany Fellows, Parcel 1	2012	Administration/Research/Instruction/Residential/Reta il	15,234 s.f. (Land)	***	Owned			
Albany Fellows, Parcel 2B	2012	Administration/Research/Instruction/Residential/Reta il	20,766 s.f. (Land)	***	Owned			
609 Albany Street, Dermatology ("J") Building	1990	Administration/Research/Instruction	B+6	34,692	Owned			
615 Albany Street, Naval Blood ("N") Building (jointly owned w/BMC)	ca. 1865	Administration/Research/Instruction	B+5	19,710	Owned			
801 Albany Street, Gilmore/Nine Building	1989	Administration/Research/Instruction	B+4	41,198	Leased			
815 Albany Street, Medical Student Residence	2012	Residential/Retail	B+10	102,283	Owned			
70 East Concord Street, Medical School Instructional ("L") Building	1968	Administration/Research/Instruction	B+14	215,002	Owned			
80 East Concord Street, Medical School ("A") Building	1912	Administration/Research/Instruction	B+5	25,931	Owned			
82 East Concord Street, Talbot ("T") Building	1876/1884/189 1	Administration/Research/Instruction	B+4	87,080	Owned			
125 East Concord Street, Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center	1975	Administration/Research/Instruction	B, 4, 8, 9, 10	43,589	Leased			
75 East Newton Street, Evans ("E") Building	1972	Administration/Research/Instruction	B+9	180,099	Owned			
100 East Newton Street, Goldman Dental School ("G") Building	1969	Administration/Research/Instruction	B+7	89,406	Owned			
76 Harrison Avenue, Collamore Building	1936	Administration	7 <sup>th</sup>	1,500	Leased			
560 Harrison Avenue	1894	Administration/Research/Instruction	3 <sup>rd</sup>	14,786	Leased			
680 Harrison Avenue, Robinson ("B") Building	1915	Administration/Research/Instruction	B+6	56,487	Owned			
778 Harrison Avenue, Housman ("R") Building	1959	Administration/Research/Instruction	B+10	119,987	Owned			
790 Harrison Avenue, Conte ("K") Building	1905 / ca.1922-1928	Administration/Research/Instruction	B+7	77,886	Owned			
801 Massachusetts Avenue, Crosstown Center	2006	Administration/Research/Instruction	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup>	101,114	Leased			

<sup>\*</sup> Owned buildings are expressed as approximate Gross Square Feet (without exclusions). Leased buildings (where the Proponents are the Lessee) are expressed as Rentable Square Feet (without exclusions).

<sup>\*\*</sup> The designation "Own/Lease" is included to differentiate between BUMC Campus buildings which are controlled or owned by the Proponents and buildings which are leased for a term of years by the Proponents.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Albany Fellows Site was the subject of an IMP Amendment approved by the BRA on January 12, 2010 and the Zoning Commission on February 10, 2010.

Figure 1-5 Building and Land Ownership and Leases



# 1.6 Guiding Principles and Planning Assumptions

The approved 2010 Institutional Master Plan allows the Proponents to create a campus supportive not only of the institutions' common goals, but also of their unique needs and individual missions now and in the future. BMC endeavors to sustain the highest expected standard of patient care while BU Medical Campus strives to maintain an exceptional environment for students interested in basic science, clinical investigation, or public health and health services oriented research, and medical educational programs. Aging buildings, deficient infrastructure components, and inefficient operational adjacencies create challenges for each institution to keep up with current advancements in health care and academic trends. As a result, campus modifications will be necessary over the next 10 years, including but not limited to, constructing new facilities, demolishing obsolete buildings, renovating existing structures, and improving infrastructure.

## 1.6.1 Shared Planning Assumptions and Objectives

The following challenges play a role in addressing the Proponents' program needs:

- Building age (and obsolescence);
- ♦ Traffic demands;
- Parking needs;
- Open space preservation; and
- ♦ Utilities, power plant, and other energy infrastructure upgrades.

The Proponents acknowledge the following planning design drivers as elements critical to the successful realization of their objectives:

- Planning for long-term future growth and transformation;
- Transformation of the Albany Street campus image;
- Sensitivity to context through massing, scale and materials;
- Creation of a clear and welcoming sense of arrival;
- Implementation of unified site signage and enhanced wayfinding;
- Development of pedestrian-friendly street edges; and
- Enhance accessibility to parking and existing buildings.

#### 1.6.2 BMC Planning Assumptions and Objectives

Like all academic medical centers and health system providers, BMC is responding to dramatic changes in health care delivery. BMC recently completed an in-depth strategic plan that articulated a vision to transform the care delivery model to thrive in the new environment. There are many factors that will contribute to the successful implementation of the model but chief among them is aligning resources in the most efficient and effective manner to deliver quality care. While relocation of all clinical services to the west end of the BUMC Campus is the ultimate goal, consolidation of all inpatient services, emergency/trauma care, radiology, and interventional procedures (surgery and other invasive procedures) on one site is critical to the delivery of care model. BMC has also continued to experience changing trends in patient

volume. This necessitates the need to upgrade its facilities to right-size patient care spaces and to meet modern day clinical care standards.

Table 1-3 Inpatient Admissions and Outpatient Visits at BMC

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Inpatient	29,411	30,250	30,215	29,070	26,132
Outpatient	953,510	882,911	976,532	981,574	1,025,202

To address these clinical trends and achieve the primary goal of providing quality health care to the needlest individuals, BMC objectives include:

- Accommodate changing trends in patient volume;
- ♦ Consolidate clinical services:
- ♦ Upgrade and expand the Emergency Department and Trauma Center;
- Right size space for current clinical standards;
- ♦ Accommodate new technology;
- Upgrade materials handling/receiving/distribution and waste removal facilities;
- Implement an efficient and sustainable energy infrastructure program to ensure reliability and redundancy of services and support future growth;
- Integrate sustainable design principles and operations;
- ◆ Facilitate access to the campus and improve campus image;
- Consolidate Medical Administrative functions in proximity to clinical services;
- ◆ Locate General Administrative functions on the campus perimeter; and
- Move the core of the clinical campus to the west.

## 1.6.3 BU Medical Campus Planning Assumptions and Objectives

The BU Medical Campus outlines three areas of concern regarding their current instructional facilities:

- Quantity BU Medical Campus currently struggles to meet space needs within their
  existing buildings as academic programs in medical and research studies and
  enrollment grow. In addition to the current demand limitations, the American
  Association of Medical Colleges is calling on medical schools to increase their class
  size by 30% over the next decade. Additionally, the current method of scheduling
  instructional space places limitations on the utilization of space and affects the overall
  quantity and type of space required.
- 2. Quality Certain types of academic spaces need to be planned specifically to meet the requirements of the curriculum. These spaces can be more traditional classroom settings or creative solutions driven by instructional technology and strategy. Rooms retrofitted into existing structures are often limited by size, layout, technical infrastructure, and available resources and subsequently do not adequately meet the

- needs of the university. Of particular importance is the need to enable increasing levels of student interaction in all instructional spaces.
- 3. Proximity It is imperative that new instructional spaces designed to meet growth needs are located in an area considered core to current instructional facilities. Developing instructional space in BU Medical Campus-owned or rented buildings that are not proximate to the current core has a detrimental effect on the operational and didactic aspects of the academic effort. Moving students around for breakout classes for large lectures (as is required for the medical school curriculum) or between classes (as is typical for other curricula) contributes to a loss of instructional time. The issue of proximity also creates issues for ancillary services in supporting rooms for the delivery of instruction. Offering and maintaining support services over a wider geographic area deteriorates the quality of that service. Distance creates limitations in availability of the staff to clean, set up and maintain rooms, provide initial and ongoing audiovisual support, respond to technology/systems troubleshooting requests or other needs and services sought by the instructor in support of their class.

These areas of concern are also relevant for current research facilities needed to support the long term needs of the medical and educational institutions.

In order to support the primary goal of educating future health care professionals, BU Medical Campus objectives include:

- Planning for long-term future growth and transformation;
- Provide student housing consistent with City's desire to reduce demand on offcampus rental housing stock;
- ♦ Expand academic programs;
- Foster opportunities for Interprofessional Education;
- Upgrade student services, including increased student gathering, group study and student wellness facilities;
- Consolidate and upgrade research facilities;
- Increase inter-disciplinary opportunities and synergies between research programs;
   and
- ♦ Consolidate administrative support functions.

## 1.6.4 Campus Adjacencies

The existing BUMC Campus uses are generally zoned with educational functions centrally located, flanked by clinical uses to the east and west. This relationship is primarily a function of the remnants of the pre-merger of the original two campuses. Other major zones include a Support Zone (Power Plant and Parking) and Research (BioSquare) south of Albany Street, and Administration (Crosstown) west of Massachusetts Avenue. See Figure 1-6.

Campus design goals and objectives are specifically associated with enhancing institutional functions, primarily through the establishment of ideal adjacencies between complementary uses. This is particularly important for a campus that delivers medical services, where efficiency is not simply desirable, but may be critical to delivery of patient care in a timely

manner. At the same time, it is also advantageous to create synergies between the delivery of medical services and academic instruction in health sciences.

Boston University Medical Center's master planning objectives of shifting administrative functions away from the inner clinical core location is ideal for inpatient clinical expansion to be situated proximate to other key clinical programs as well as situating academic spaces proximate to the instructional core.

The proposed modifications and IMP projects support and enhance these concepts. The Moakley Cancer Center Addition, New Inpatient Building, Energy Facility, patient transport Bridge, and new Administrative / Clinical Building together will shift the clinical campus core to the west, consolidate clinical services, accommodate changing trends in patient volume, enable more efficient and cost-effective transfer of patients and materials, and upgrade and expand the Emergency Department and Trauma Center.

### 1.6.5 Future Planning for the East Campus Clinical Zone

As discussed above, the current east and west clinical zones are the result of the merger of Boston City Hospital, Boston Specialty and Rehabilitation Hospital, and the Boston University Medical Center Hospital, referred to as University Hospital. Having two clinical zones creates many challenges including keeping up with current advances in health care trends as well as creating inefficient operational adjacencies. The campus consolidation will relocate general administrative space such as accounting functions and IT away from the inner clinical core to allow for clinical consolidation, complementary use adjacencies and supporting clinical administrative space in the west clinical zone.

The initial step in the clinical consolidation was the construction of the Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center completed in 2011. This project allowed for the first round of clinical service relocations by moving the majority of clinical services from the Doctor's Office Building to the new Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center. In 2010, Boston Medical Center consolidated its two Emergency Departments merging emergency services of the Newton Pavilion Emergency Department into the Menino Pavilion Emergency Department.

The proposed Moakley Cancer Center Addition, New Inpatient Building Phase 1 and the New Patient Transport Bridge Projects are the next step in addressing campus consolidation. The proposed projects include expanding the Emergency Department and Trauma Center and additional consolidation of clinical services including operating rooms and inpatient beds from the Newton Pavilion to the west clinical campus. Additionally, general administration space currently located in the west clinical zone will be relocated away from the clinical core freeing up existing space to accommodate clinical services and clinical administration space currently located in the Doctor's Office Building and Newton Pavilion. Potential locations for the general administrative and back of house space may include the Doctor's Office Building or Perkin Elmer site. Upon completion of the proposed projects, the consolidation of the east clinical zone and the west clinical zone will be substantially complete.

Boston Medical Center is currently conducting detailed planning studies for the programming and use of the buildings located in the east zone. The planning effort will help identify campus

administrative, academic and clinical needs to aide in the programming of the buildings. As part of the planning, Boston Medical Center is currently seeking proposals from interested third parties for the future use of the Newton Pavilion. An update on the planning effort and future use of the Doctor's Office Building, Newton Pavilion and Perkin Elmer site will be provided upon completion of the studies and included in the next IMP 2 year update.

Figure 1-6 Campus Adjacencies



## 1.7 Summary of Program Needs

Since the filing and approval of the 2010 IMP, there have been recent changes in health care delivery trends as well as advances in patient care, technology, and health sciences which necessitate specific revisions to program needs. The proposed modifications to the IMP still align with the previous guiding principles and planning assumptions of the Proponents.

#### 1.7.1 Clinical Services

Consolidation of all inpatient, emergency/trauma care, radiology and interventional procedures to the west side of the campus necessitate that new space be obtained. Due to very specific requirements for hospital and clinical functions driven by today's code and clinical space standards, it is impractical to rehabilitate certain buildings. BMC strives to consolidate its clinical programs in proximity to core medical services and operational support functions. This is a particularly important consideration in locating medical facilities to allow for time and continuity of care as well as efficiency for staff and convenience for visitors. The proposed Moakley Cancer Center Addition, New Inpatient Building, and Administration / Clinical Building directly address these needs.

#### 1.7.2 Administrative

A major objective of Boston University Medical Center is to consolidate campus functions while shifting administrative uses away from the clinical and instructional cores. Administrative uses are scattered through the campus creating inefficiencies and occupying space that is ideal for clinical expansion and academic programming. Clinical administrative space such as doctor's offices, medical administration, nursing, residence spaces and workrooms need to be located in direct proximity to clinical services. General administrative space such as accounting and IT and general support do not need to be located near clinical services. The future Administration / Clinical Building will help consolidate these functions and improve campus adjacencies.

## 1.7.3 Support Operations and Infrastructure

Boston University Medical Center includes many older structures and has expanded over the years. As BMC's clinical programs have expanded, the infrastructure that supports day-to-day operations for loading and receiving and materials handling and trash removal has remained unchanged. Servicing these buildings and projected future programming requires new and upgraded facilities to support BMC's operations. The proposed new Bridge and future proposed new below grade tunnel connecting to the final loading dock and materials handling area (in the proposed Administration / Clinical Building) will support these goals by facilitating the transfer of patients and materials, centralizing truck traffic, and reducing vehicular congestion and curb cuts along Albany Street.

### 1.7.4 Energy Service

The BUMC Campus relies on many utilities that are approaching operating capacity. In order to support the growth of the campus, keep up with advancements in technology, and deliver

clinical services 24/7, Boston University Medical Center is faced with the challenge of managing the availability and reliability of energy service which is critical to a major medical center. The goal is to reduce Boston University Medical Center's demand on existing taxed infrastructure, create redundancy, and to install more energy-efficient equipment that will set the foundation for supporting greener campus growth. The new BMC Energy Facility will address infrastructure and energy service needs for the BUMC Campus as well as the adjacent BioSquare. Upon further review of the selected site and program described in the 2010 IMP, BMC now proposes a smaller Energy Facility and to move the location to the west side of the existing Power Plant to be closer to utility connections thusly increasing overall efficiencies.

## 1.8 Urban Design Objectives

Section 1.7 provides details regarding the shared planning assumptions, the consolidation of campus functions, and the optimization of operational adjacencies. This section outlines the broader urban design goals that benefit neighbors and visitors, as well as students, patients, faculty, and staff, and describes how all users engage and experience the campus.

The primary urban design objective of Boston University Medical Center is to create a cohesive medical campus thoughtfully integrated into the surrounding urban fabric and neighborhoods. Since the merger of Boston City Hospital and University Hospital in 1996, sensitive design, careful open space planning, and conscientious site and streetscape enhancements along the campus periphery have supported this objective.

Various improvement projects, implemented under the previous Institutional Master Plan, refined the presence and aesthetic of the BUMC Campus, specifically along Harrison Avenue and Albany Street. (See Figure 1-7 Campus Improvement Projects.)

Additional master planning design goals to support future development on the BUMC Campus include:

- Transform the Albany Street campus image.
- Complement the existing context massing, scale, and materials.
- Create a clear and welcoming sense of arrival.
- Enhance open spaces on the campus, both short and long-term.
- Develop pedestrian friendly street edges.
- Enable connectivity between parking and existing buildings.
- Integrate sustainable design principles and operations.
- Plan proactively for future growth and transformation.

These new master plan goals, combined with the previously applied design principles, will enrich the physical image of the BUMC Campus, improve the integration with the surrounding neighborhood, and elevate the perceptions of the Boston University Medical Center by its users, particularly on Albany Street.

Ultimately, the institution strives for consistency, compatibility, and connectivity in the design and location of its buildings, open spaces, streetscapes, pedestrian access, and overall campus circulation.

Figure 1-7 Campus Plan Improvements

Moakley Building design modifications in response Elimination of parking lot and development of the paving, planters, trees, and landscaping New green space on Albany Street behind Talbot Historic restoration and National Trust renovation of FGH Building Landscaped open space between BCD and FGH Preservation of 85 East Concord Street Building Historic restoration and National Trust renovation SACC streetscape improvements including new Campus access redesign, shifting traffic away from Harrison Avenue and South End May 09, 2013 Landscaping improvements and parking lot Enhanced east/west pedestrian connection between Newton Campus and Reconstruction of historic brick wall along on axis with Worcester Square screening at Harrison Ave to Worcester Square axis Preservation of Talbot Building East Concord Street Talbot green park of BCD Building Historic District 12 13 10. က် 5. 7 6 2 4 6 ωi 9000 E NEMTON ST Center For Advanced Biomedical Research 00000000 761 Harrison Court IS NO иешелон 0 0 00000 , Q та ояоэм 000 1000000 000 000 RRISON AVE 00 00000 0000 Campus Plan Improvments 00000000 00000000 0 8 00000000 0 0,000,0000 0 Yawkey Ambulatory Care Center 00000000 0 000





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### 1.8.1 Consistency with the Harrison Albany Corridor Strategic Plan

The Institutional Master Plan aligns with the vision and goals established in the Harrison Albany Corridor Strategic Plan (HASCP) and the IMP has been developed to enhance Boston University Medical Center's public service and economic development role in the community. Under earlier master plans, Boston University Medical Center has accomplished preserving and enhancing open space. The proposed projects under the current master plan will continue this. The design of the proposed buildings will blend with the historic and modern BUMC Campus as well as the adjacent neighborhood. The proposed buildings along Albany Street will be designed to align with the HACSP vision for pedestrian realm improvements including paving, lighting and wayfinding. Proposed building setbacks and architectural features such as glass facades at the ground level and canopies are intended amenities for the general public. The proposed buildings will be designed as an integral component of a streetscape that will form and enhance the character of the street. To that end, HACSP streetscape guide lines will be explored along with other criteria. Curb cuts on both sides of Albany Street will be reduced to reinforce the pedestrian circulation and improve the experience. Additionally, the existing loading dock and associated traffic will be relocated from the north side of Albany Street to an interim location at the existing Power Plant on the south side thereby diminishing the congestion and conflicting traffic patterns. the New Inpatient Building at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Albany Street will capitalize on the opportunity to improve the pedestrian experience at this pivotal intersection as so appropriately cited by the HACSP.

## 1.8.2 Existing Urban Fabric

The BUMC Campus is bound by a residential neighborhood to the north along Harrison Avenue, support and research and development uses to the south along Albany Street, and light industrial and commercial uses to the east and west. The existing campus is also bordered by major roadways, most notably Massachusetts Avenue. This prominent artery forms an important gateway to the BUMC Campus and links the institution to the City of Boston. Significant pedestrian routes, such as the East Concord Street corridor, weave through the campus.

The existing architectural context is comprised of a variety of scales, styles, and periods. Building heights range from two to 14 stories. Traditional historic buildings, such as the Talbot, BCD, and FGH Buildings, were constructed in the late 1800's. The recently completed Moakley Building and the Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center portray the current, modern campus aesthetic. These diverse buildings represent Boston University Medical Center's sensitivity to historic context through preservation and its commitment to delivering state-of-the-art health care.

See Figure 1-2 BUMC Campus Plan for more information.

#### 1.8.3 Public Realm

## 1.8.3.1 Campus Development, Past and Present: A Balanced Approach

As clinical care trends have evolved over the years, so have the physical parameters necessary to support them. Buildings with larger footprints and uninterrupted floor plates are often required. These large-scale designs sometimes result in unfortunate impacts on the urban fabric, such as the elimination of roadways and open spaces. While addressing the ever-changing aspects of clinical care, the BUMC Campus utilizes a balanced master planning approach with minimal collateral loss to existing infrastructure through its commitment to historical precedents and open space strategies.

Recent planning initiatives sensitively maintain the integrity of the urban fabric and the surrounding neighborhoods while continuing to define a sense of campus and meet the institution's primary mission of healing and education. As a result, many of the original streets of the historic urban fabric have been retained and enhanced to better integrate the campus with the neighborhood.

The Moakley Building is a recent example of careful campus planning. This structure was strategically located and oriented to reinforce the significant pedestrian connection between the east and west campuses and the centrally positioned medical school. Moakley Green, located north of the Moakley Building, strengthens the urban axis of Worcester Square and provides a landscaped transition between the campus edge and the residential neighborhood. Moakley Green is accessible to the public and provides pedestrian access to the campus from the north.

### 1.8.3.2 Campus Access and Connectivity

An individual's experience with the BUMC Campus begins with their approach. The arrival sequence must be clear and the architecture and open spaces should impart an immediate and welcoming sense of arrival and place. The arrival experience should also convey the image and identity of the institution as a leader in healthcare, education, and research.

The BUMC Campus is well connected to regional and district roadways while several MBTA bus and rapid transit routes service the area. The intersections of Massachusetts and Harrison Avenues and Massachusetts Avenue and Albany Street form key entry points to Boston University Medical Center. About half of the visitors arriving at the BUMC Campus by car will go directly to the parking garage located on Albany Street.

Currently the arrival experience along Albany Street consists of a ragged edge of buildings of varying styles, ages, and conditions. This is also the primary Trauma Center access route for both East and West campuses. As previously stated, transforming and refining the Albany Street edge is essential to the future development of the BUMC Campus.

Once on the campus, users encounter a range of choices for navigating to their destinations. wayfinding must be clarified through the careful design and manipulation of building massing and materials, tree planting, sidewalk improvements, and a unified signage system

Massachusetts Avenue, East Concord Street, East Newton Street, and East Brookline Street are the major north/south vehicular and pedestrian throughways that connect the campus to the neighborhood. East Concord Street is the most important north/south pedestrian connection due to its axial relationship with the public parking garage at 710 Albany Street and its central location to the east and west medical campuses and the medical school.

Harrison Avenue and Albany Street are the major east/west vehicular and pedestrian throughways that connect the campus to Massachusetts Avenue (and I-93) and the neighborhood. Albany Street will provide connectivity to the BU Albany Fellows Graduate Student Housing and link future developments and medical and bio-tech clusters to the east and west as envisioned in the Harrison/Albany Study.

See Figure 1-8 Major Vehicular Access and Major Entry Points.

On the southern perimeter of the BUMC Campus, pedestrian pathways facilitate staff movement between the 610 Albany Street parking garage, BioSquare, and the main medical center. The South Bay Harbor Trail also joins the network of BUMC connections where it intersects with Massachusetts Avenue.

See Figure 1-9 Neighborhood Connectivity and Open Space Network.

There are several pedestrian pass-through connections on the BUMC Campus. These include access corridors at the Menino Pavilion, Moakley Building, and Talbot Building. The public corridor through the Menino Pavilion links the walk-in Emergency Department entry with the Menino Lobby. This pass-through connection will occur through the Moakley Cancer Center via Shapiro Drive when the location for the walk-in Emergency Department entry is relocated as part of the New Inpatient Building Phase 1.

There is a limited-access corridor for wheelchair/stretcher patients through the Moakley Building that unites the Moakley/Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center south entry court with the Moakley Lobby. All users (public and institutional) access Talbot Green from Albany Street through the Talbot Building's two underpasses. Security has played an increasing role at institutions in recent years, and the BUMC Campus is no exception. As such, some public access through buildings that would connect Harrison Avenue to Albany Street is limited.

Consolidation of clinical services from the East Campus to the West Campus as part of the master plan will improve the experience for patients, staff and visitors by simplifying movement and connectivity because users will now navigate one campus instead of two.

See Figure 1-10 Pedestrian Connectivity.

Additionally, Boston University Medical Center has a very active bicycle program that further promotes movement and connectivity throughout the medical center.

See Transportation Section 4.2.8 for more information. See also Figure 4-11 for BUMC Campus Bicycle Facilities.

### 1.8.3.3 Campus Open Space

Open spaces play a pivotal role in clarifying wayfinding and enhancing the user's experience. They furnish visual cues for circulation and effective linkages between city streets and campus pathways. One of the unique characteristics of Boston University Medical Center is the amount and quality of its open spaces, virtually unprecedented on urban hospital campuses.

While examining equivalent medical institutions within the City of Boston, it is evident that the amount of green space on the BUMC Campus is comparable and in some cases much greater than what is being provided elsewhere. Over recent years the completion of Master Plan improvements have significantly expanded the green space throughout the campus further defining and enhancing the pedestrian experience

The existing network of open spaces features various nodes where the campus and community come together. Examples include the Moakley Green and landscaped public street edges along the Talbot Building, BioSquare, and Harrison Avenue. The open spaces also provide gathering areas for students, faculty, and staff. In particular, the lawn between the Talbot Building and the BU School of Medicine enables multi-purpose programming for campus events and accommodates pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles.

With the completion of the Moakley Building and renovations to the BCD and FGH buildings in 2006 and 2007, an enhanced arrival sequence and landscaped open spaces improved the north edge of the West Campus. These modifications benefit both the campus and surrounding neighborhoods through better design, welcoming aesthetics, and greater connectivity. The location of the new Moakley Building, with its three-story atrium facing the green to the north, also reinforces an existing east/west pedestrian link. This further unifies the campus both physically and symbolically. (See Figure 1-9 Neighborhood Connectivity and Open Space Network).

As per the institutional design goals and objectives, the Boston University Medical Center will continue to complement and animate its open space network through additional streetscape refinements and landscaped areas along the Albany Street corridor.

## 1.8.3.4 BUMC Campus Streets and Campus Edges

As the BUMC Campus has evolved, shifting inpatient and clinical functions to the west campus, it is important to define the role each major street will play in connecting to adjacent sub-areas and districts.

### Harrison Avenue

Harrison Avenue has historically been, and will remain the hospital's primary public face. As such, it has an obligation to create visual as well as physical links between the campus and neighboring South End. Over the past decade BUMC has worked to revitalize this campus

edge through extensive landscape, material and architectural improvements. The Moakley building, green space and repurposed historical buildings adjacent to Worcester Square provide a formal gesture back to the residential neighborhood, while maintaining an appropriate buffer to the larger scale buildings on the BUMC campus. Future planning will include exploring landscaping buffers that form pedestrian-friendly street edges, place-making opportunities at key intersections and ground-level public amenities to establish destination points along this key corridor in order to sponsor district interconnectivity.

#### Massachusetts Avenue

As a major campus arrival point, Massachusetts Avenue is the functional artery tying the BUMC campus into the broader city and regional context. It is a connecting street traversing many neighborhoods, maintaining continuous walking, cycling and vehicular connections to the BUMC Campus. Buildings along this street tend to vary in scale, growing larger as they reach the Massachusetts Avenue Connector. Future development along this corridor should relate to this larger scale and be conscious of the smaller pedestrian scale along the street edge. Future planning will explore pedestrian realm improvements which promote connection to the surrounding context and wayfinding opportunities at major street intersections to improve the user quality at this key juncture.

### Albany Street

Street clarity and pedestrian safety are critical in achieving a heightened urban experience. Traditionally Albany Street has lacked a clear unifying identity and has been the functional "back door" to the campus. A myriad of curb cuts, varying building scales and segmented facades create a condition of confusion and an overall unsafe pedestrian experience along the street corridor. As the west campus advances, this street becomes a major access point and entry into the campus. Boston Medical Center has highlighted the need to elevate the image of Albany Street in order to further unite the campus and provide a better patient environment. Establishing a more unified institutional identity along Albany Street will enhance the overall cohesiveness and organization of the corridor, simplifying wayfinding and site orientation.

Future planning along this corridor will promote a simplified urban understanding through visual and material clarity. Continuous façade alignments will provide spaces that are critical to the creation of public realm improvements. Future projects will continue to support the development of this "secondary green path" (established in HACSP) through appropriately placed "pocket" green spaces, street planters and existing tree improvements. Strategically placed campus signage and pedestrian-friendly walking links will maintain relationships to buildings that are outside of the immediate campus core.

Future planning goals will be to invite and bolster pedestrian connectivity throughout the Albany Street, Harrison Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue corridors. The proposed and future IMP projects will be designed to align with the HACSP vision for the enhancement of pedestrian circulation, creation of place-making and continual green space expansion to further strengthen the campus' connection to its surrounding context.

#### 1.8.3.5 BUMC Campus Public Realm Guidelines

**Reinvigorate Campus Connectivity and Streetscapes -** Provide visual cues and design features that physically and symbolically connect the different streetscapes of the campus.

- Public sidewalks should provide a direct and continuous pedestrian network connecting blocks and buildings to each other with a clear, unobstructed pedestrian pathway that is designed to accommodate the needs of a broad range of users, including the elderly, those with disabilities, and young children.
- Areas encouraging rest, respite and campus/community collaboration should be planned for and provided where possible, through the use of appropriate green space, xeriscaping and other opportunities to optimize open space.

**Respect Campus Context -** Buildings should continue to complement existing context mass, scale and materiality, while reinforcing the public realm.

- New buildings should be clearly defined and engage the streetscape to provide a consistent urban street edge.
- ◆ Appropriate setbacks where possible should be provided to allow for proper public realm enhancements.

**Maximize Definition of Campus Gateways** - Create well-defined gateways that announce arrival and improve wayfinding at key points.

- ♦ Aesthetically pleasing and informative signage shall be provided throughout the campus to help in wayfinding and encourage safe and efficient travel.
- ♦ Public signage should be used to announce entry into the campus at key intersections.
- Employ public signage for vehicular, pedestrian and cyclist wayfinding that is consistent in color, shape and graphic image.

**Encourage Community Engagement** - Enliven the streetscape, invite connectivity, and provide green respite to the public

- Wherever possible promote positive street activity, both day and night, through afterhour program functions.
- In addition to accommodating pedestrian circulation, public sidewalks should provide spaces for more passive activities, where people can remain to observe or participate in public outdoor activities. Seating can be either formal (e.g., chairs and benches, such as that found at a café or a transit stop) or informal.
- ♦ Integrate the pedestrian experiences of students, faculty, staff, visitors, residents, and patients.

Promote Safety and Comfort - Provide a safe and pleasant environment for all users

- Limit conflicts between pedestrian and motor vehicles through reduction of curb cuts (where possible) and by creating clearly marked service zones to limit unsafe pedestrian conditions.
- Universal accessibility principles should be applied to all proposed and future projects in accordance with ADA guidelines.
- ♦ Adequate street lighting to maintain safe environment at night.
- ♦ Sidewalk upgrades, planting, and other improvements that make the streetscape comfortable for pedestrians.
- ♦ Landscape areas along the street edge for tree and planter improvements to add visual interest, soften urban edges and provide pedestrians with buffer from traffic.

#### 1.8.3.6 Public Realm Improvements with the IMP Projects

#### **Moakley Cancer Center Addition**

Architecturally, the Moakley Cancer Center Addition is of the same scale and is materially consistent with the adjacent structures along East Concord Street. By engaging the streetscape the proposed east façade helps to further define the prominent north/south pedestrian corridor, connecting the campus with the surrounding residential neighborhood to the north. The proposed integrated bus stop and canopy provides a clear arrival point for students, faculty, staff and visitors accessing the campus via public transportation. Maintaining an appropriate setback, similar to the adjacent Talbot building, has allowed for the introduction of a planting zone along the edge of the building, providing a landscaped buffer for passing pedestrians. At the northeast corner of the building, where two main pedestrian movement corridors intersect, benches have been designed to generate places of interaction.

The pedestrian experience at East Concord Street will be enhanced by widening the accessible sidewalk from +/- 6' to 8, and adding a wider 5' furnishing zone along the curb edge. Because the building will be appropriately set back, the new 8' sidewalk dimension will exceed the 5' pedestrian zone requirement as stated in the Harrison Albany Corridor Strategic Plan. The existing staggered jointing pattern within the concrete sidewalk will be replaced with straight saw cut joints perpendicular to the path of travel to create the smoothest surface possible for maximum accessibility and longevity. The 5' furnishing zone will extend the brick paver accent band from the south and contain new street trees in tree grates, fire hydrants, and City of Boston acorn style street lights. The existing raised crossing at the Shapiro Drive exit drive will be maintained but will be repaved and widened with the 8' concrete sidewalk.

See Section 3.1.2 and Figure 3-13 for Moakley Addition Streetscape Improvements.

### **New Inpatient Building Phase 1**

As part of the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 and New Patient Transport Bridge projects, immediate improvements will be made to the north side of Albany Street creating a simplified pedestrian experience that will promote activity and connectivity.

The repositioning of two major vehicular functions will facilitate a simplified streetscape condition by eliminating two existing curb cuts. The existing West Campus loading dock will be relocated to an interim central location within the existing Power Plant, separating operational service zones from public circulation areas. The relocation will also allow for the removal of the existing West Campus loading dock curb cut. Concurrently, the Emergency Department patient drive and drop-off will be moved to the south side of the Moakley Building to be accessed via Shapiro Drive. These actions will instantly contribute to an improved pedestrian experience through the reduction of pedestrian/vehicular conflicts along the north side of Albany Street.

The New Inpatient Phase 1 building will infill current gaps in the Albany Street face and better define circulation paths by engaging the public street zone. The scale and materiality of the proposed architecture both relate directly to existing campus and neighborhood context. By maintaining a sensible setback along Albany Street, space along the building façade will be allocated to a new planter area and a modest path lined with trees to provide a moment of relief from busy street activity.

Shade trees will be placed in raised planter curbs and be flanked by a field of special paving that compliments the adjacent pedestrian paving to the east along the Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center. An 8'-10" wide concrete sidewalk with saw cut joints will provide the accessible route, and will exceed the 8' requirement set forth by the Harrison Albany Corridor Strategic Plan. The 7'-6" furnishing zone at the curb edge will contain street trees in raised planters that align with the angular planters at the Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center to the east. The furnishing zone will also contain City of Boston double acorn style street lights, hydrants, and other surface utilities.

These improvements will create a visual link promoting a unified campus image, establishing a much-needed visual order to the street edge. This order will contribute to a heightened experience through easier patient wayfinding and an enhanced entry image as viewed from Massachusetts Avenue.

See Figure 1-14 for Albany Street Streetscape Improvements and Section 3.1.3 for more information.

### New Patient Transport Bridge

Replacing the existing utility tube with the new patient transport Bridge along the Albany Street corridor will provide further visual comprehension to a congested and confusing street corridor. The proposed glass expression and strait form are a departure from the opaque, zig zag appearance of the existing "yellow tube." The new Bridge along with the New Inpatient

Building Phase 1 will include improvements along Albany Street that will create a pedestrian friendly environment that cultivates campus circulation.

See Figure 1-14 for Albany Street Streetscape Improvements and Section 3.1.4 for more information.

#### Harrison Avenue Streetscape Improvements

Streetscape improvements between East Newton Street and East Brookline Street will include the selective thinning and removal of existing plant material along the southern edge of the Preston Family Building and Doctors Office Buildings to improve the planting conditions. These planted buffers will be revitalized with new native and adapted trees, shrubs, and groundcover and will be positioned to shield the existing mechanical equipment from the adjacent neighborhood and act as a buffer for pedestrians.

Opportunities are being investigated to potentially create public amenity space at the ground level of the existing Preston Family Building along Harrison Avenue. In the future, this space could provide a prime location for off-hour functions aimed at drawing in residents and providing further connection to the surrounding context.

See Figure 1-15 for Harrison Avenue Streetscape Improvements.

## 1.8.3.7 Campus Circulation Improvements with IMP Projects

The relocation of the Emergency Department entrance for pedestrians and passenger vehicles will change local circulation patterns. Passenger vehicles headed for the Emergency Department are proposed to use the Shapiro Drive. At the new entrance, drivers will be met by a valet who will transfer their vehicle via East Concord Street and across Albany Street to a valet-only parking lot proposed to the east side adjacent to the existing Power Plant, or will drop-off the patient and via East Concord Street will head to the 710 Albany Street garage to park.

The relocation of the passenger vehicle pick-up and drop-off along with relocation of the existing loading dock on the north side of Albany Street to an interim location in front of the existing Power Plant to the south side will enable closure of three curb cuts in front of the existing Emergency Department entrance. On the south side of Albany Street, the existing curb cut located between the existing Power Plant and Finland Building will be reduced to one lane. The curb cut in front of the Power Plant for truck access will be relocated to better align with existing loading docks. The curb cut consolidation in conjunction with proposed sidewalk improvements similar to those associated with the Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center will foster a more unified, continuous, and pedestrian friendly streetscape.

With the construction of the new Bridge and Energy Facility, the shuttle bus access to the Woods-Mullen Shelter from the driveway between the Power Plant and Finland Building will be eliminated. The shuttle buses will instead use the proposed new one-way entrance and exit driveways on Massachusetts Avenue with right-in/right-out only curb cuts. The proposed new shuttle bus drop-off will be more efficient than the existing condition and will reduce traffic

on Albany Street. Currently, the shuttle bus arrives at Woods-Mullen Shelter by traveling north on Massachusetts Avenue and turning east on Albany Street and then south on the driveway in between the existing Finland Building and Power Plant Building.

See Figures 1-11, 1-12, and 1-13 for Improvements to Albany Street, Circulation and Entries.

### 1.8.3.8 Campus Accessibility Improvements

Concurrently with the development of the IMP, BMC has been coordinating with the Boston Center for Independent Living (BCIL) and Ms. Kristen McCosh, Commissioner of the Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities, to address existing areas within and around the perimeter of the campus to remove barriers and create universal accessibility. BMC will integrate accessibility planning early in the design process for proposed IMP projects. BMC has consulted with the Institute for Human Centered Design to review streetscape improvements proposed as part of the IMP.

BMC's vision is to implement and manage initiatives that promote and maintain accessibility. The following are the strategic objectives of that vision:

- Continuously evaluate and improve existing conditions.
- ♦ Enhance organizational understanding of physical and visual barriers.
- Partner with key stakeholders to drive enhanced experience and promote functionality or renovated and new projects.
- ♦ Ensure structured and methodical approach is in place to incorporate human centered design.
- Streamline process from identification of barriers to resolution.
- When feasible, address new regulatory requirements.

In coordination with BCIL, BMC has identified a list of barrier removal priorities. To date, over 200 barriers have been resolved which include:

- Removal of chairs in waiting rooms to allow for adequate space for wheelchairs.
- Improving accessibility of fixtures in bathrooms.
- Removal of clutter from exam rooms, changing rooms, hallways, and paths of travel.
- Providing clear access to medical equipment.
- Fixing door closers, doorknobs, and automatic openers.
- ♦ Implementing new standards for mounting signage, i.e. larger print, height that is viewable for persons in wheelchairs.
- Implementing wayfinding initiatives to improve locations of signage outside and within facilities for travel.
- Working with the city on sidewalk surrounding the medical center to make repairs and improve the accessible route.
- Commitment for improved snow removal program this winter.

The proposed Albany Street improvements will provide for improved access and pedestrian experience. A clear concrete path of travel will be provided and the selection of other planting and materials will comply with accessibility requirements. See Figure 1-14.

### 1.8.3.9 Campus Wayfinding and Signage Plan

Boston University Medical Center developed a comprehensive signage and wayfinding plan several years ago. The goals of the BUMC Campus signage plan were to strengthen existing signing programs beyond the site in coordination with Federal, State and City authorities, to implement a program of gateway, directional, and street name signing, and coordinate and strengthen private signing to clarify the identity of each member institution. Boston University Medical Center signage efforts were coordinated with its neighbors including representatives of Crosstown, Newmarket Business Association, and the BRA.

The architectural variation and intensive vehicular traffic in the general area of the BUMC Campus can present navigational difficulties for a visitor who is unfamiliar with the medical center. To address this issue, Boston University Medical Center implemented a program focused on four primary elements: off-site signing, on-site signing, area identification, and inner and outer loop campus signing. The program includes:

- ◆ Installation of trailblazer signage, in coordination with regulatory authorities, which displays the "H" hospital symbol reinforced by the BUMC Campus logos;
- Installation of a Gateway Pylon which serves as a directional sign, as well as a landmark, to indicate the point of entry into the BUMC Campus at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Harrison Avenue;
- Installation of channel letters on the main hospital pavilions for area identification; and
- Installation of directional signage for the inner campus loop that links all the individual medical institutions within the inner campus, and outer loop signage that identifies BMC, BU Medical Campus, and BioSquare.

Building identifiers were also placed near entrances to each campus building. BMC buildings are distinguished with blue and silver leaf signage and BU Medical Campus buildings are distinguished with red and gold leaf signage. Parking area identification is standardized since BMC, BU Medical Campus, and BioSquare share the same parking facilities. A "P" parking symbol consistent with the City of Boston standard is located at the entrance of each parking facility. In addition, the name of the institution served by the parking facility is listed below the parking symbol.

For pedestrians, map retainer displays are located at key points on the BUMC Campus. The maps identify each institution and display information regarding roadways, transportation routes, landmarks, public transportation, parking, and other public amenities.

The most recent expansion of the signage program was the inclusion of BioSquare Drive. The signage plan allows for future implementation and independent facility updates for each member institution.

As IMP projects are implemented, the campus wayfinding and signage plan will be updated including changes to pedestrian and vehicular circulation patterns and cyclist wayfinding. See Figure 1-16 BUMC Campus Signage Plan.

Figure 1-8 Major Vehicular Access and Major Entry Points

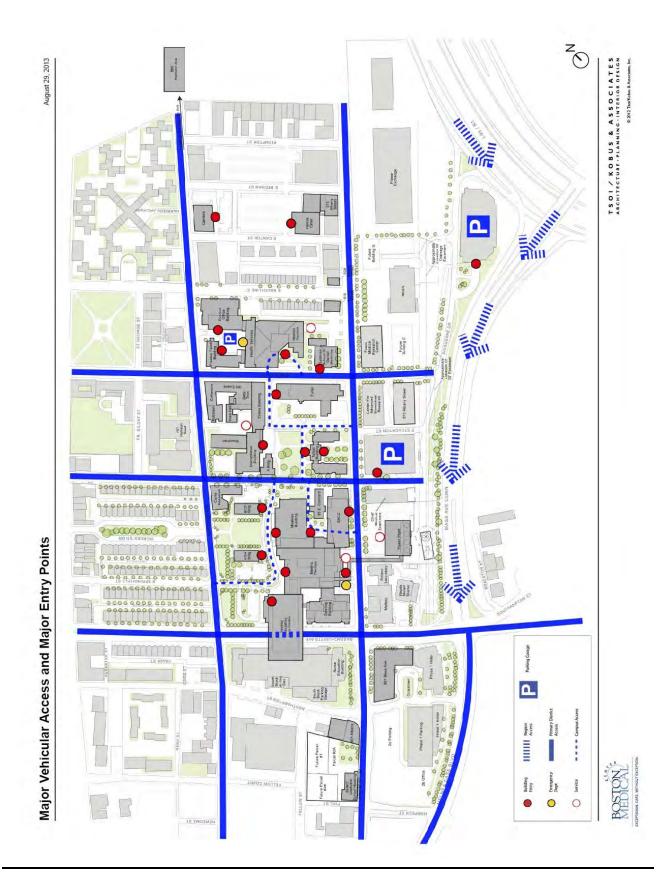


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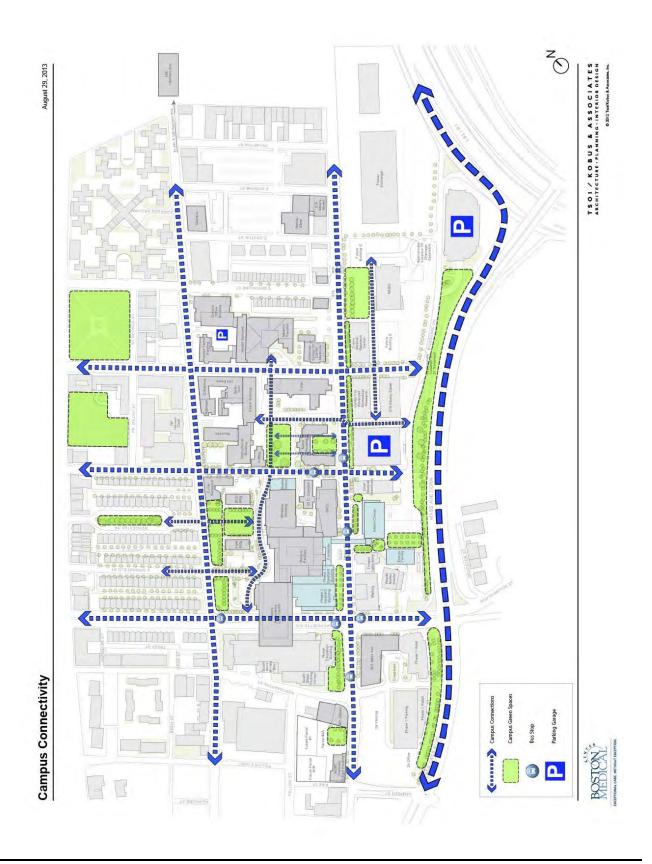


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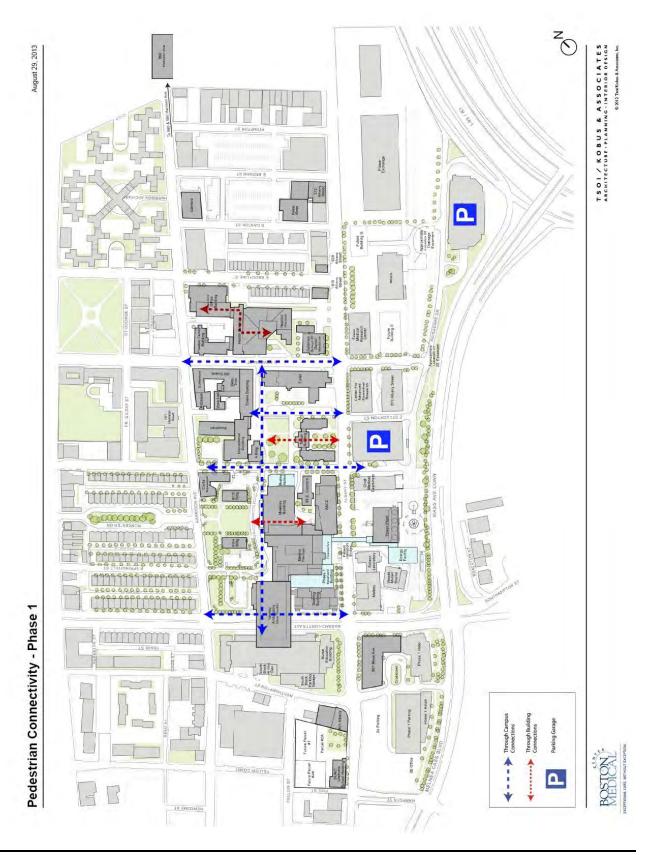


Figure 1-11 Proposed Improvements to Albany Street Corridor

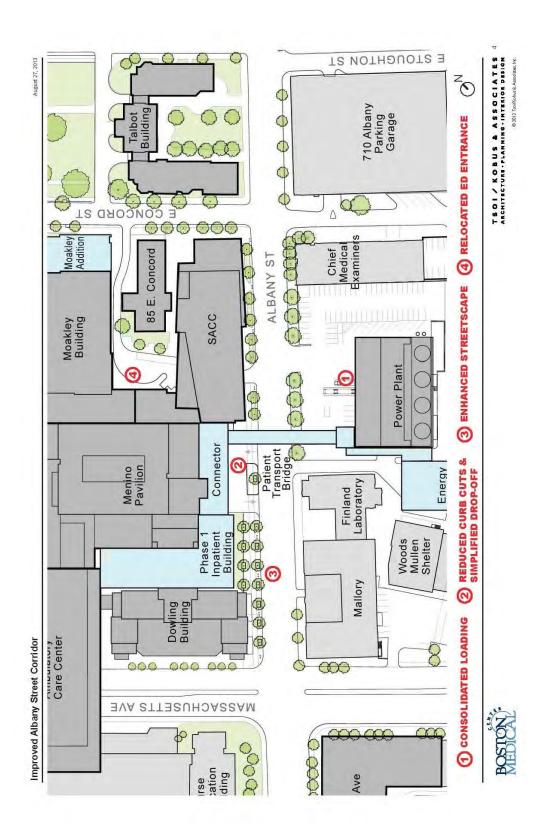


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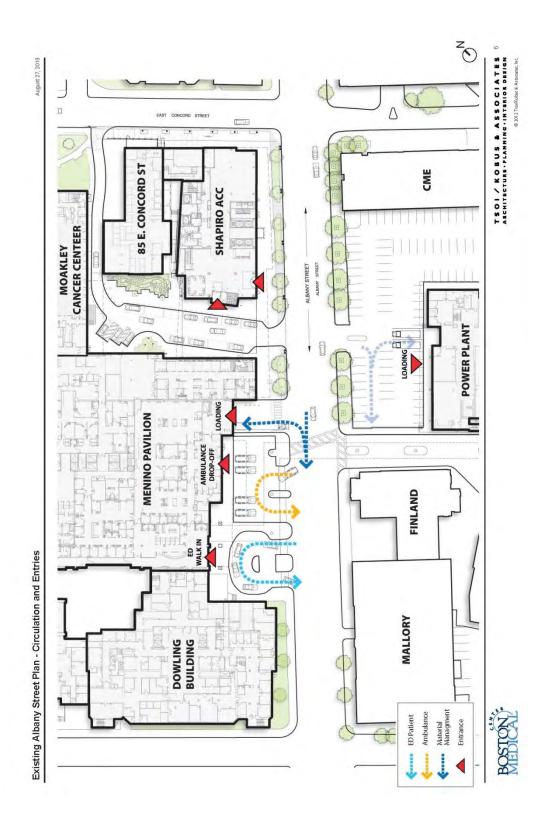


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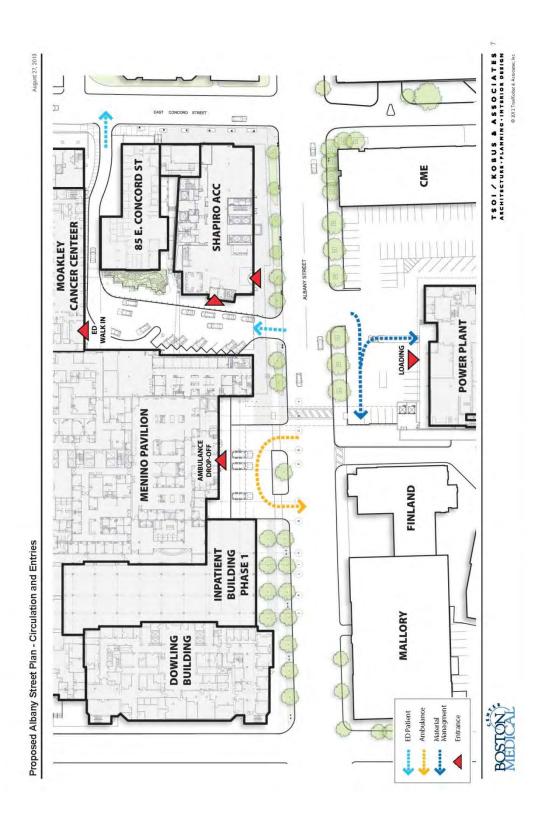


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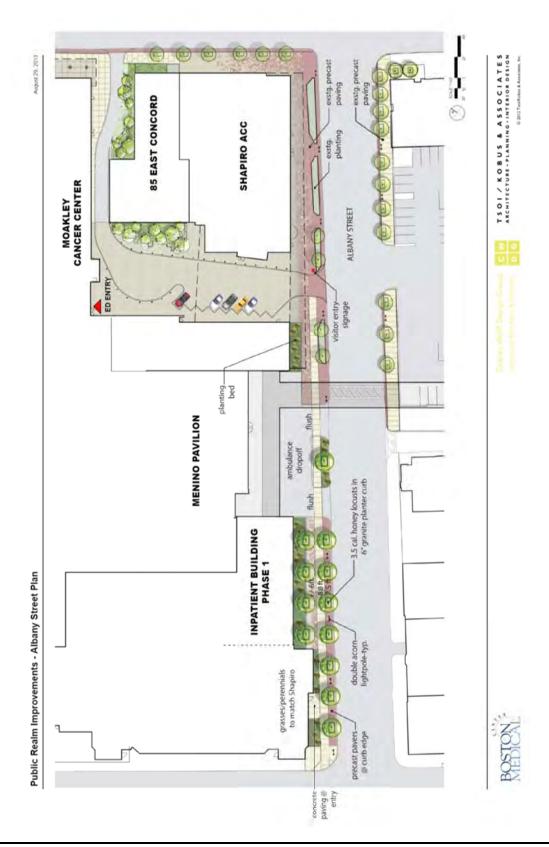


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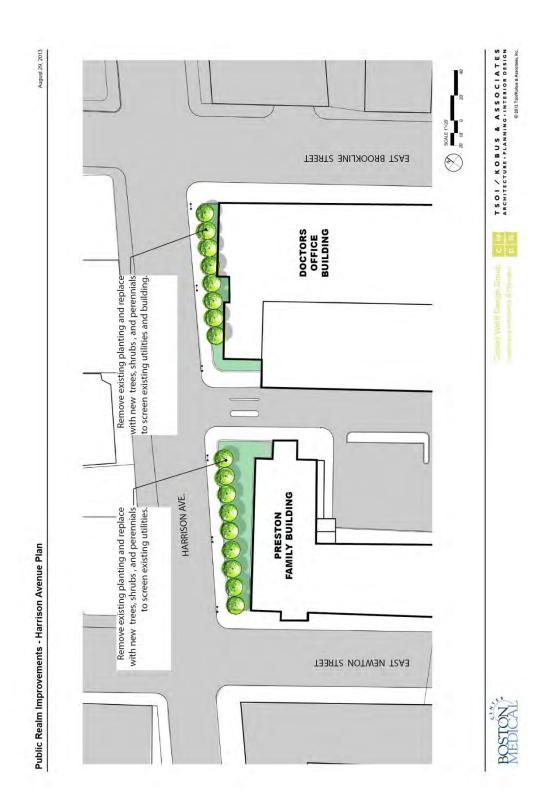
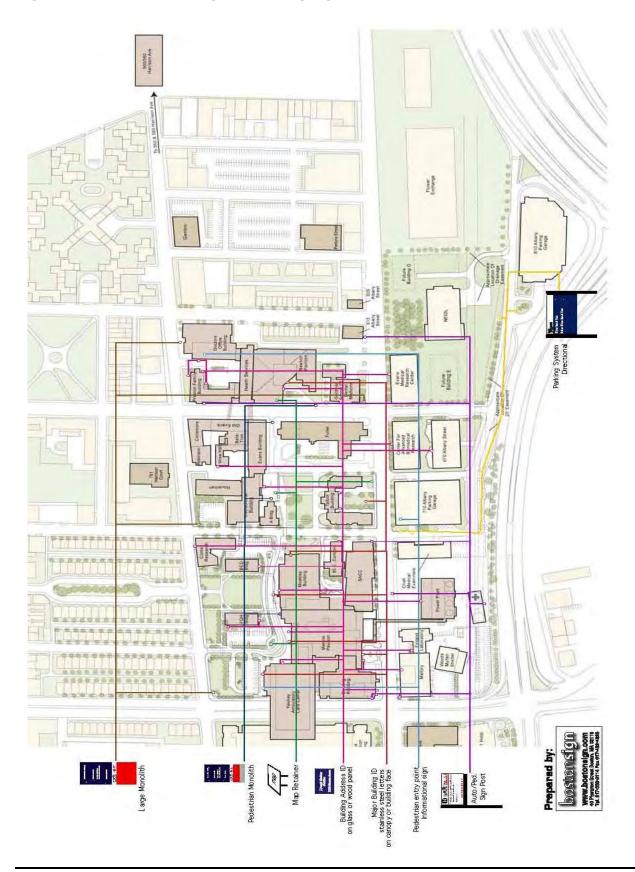


Figure 1-16 BUMC Existing Campus Signage Plan



## 1.8.4 Massing and Height

Several key factors drive the proposed massing, height, and location of the three master plan projects. The key factors include programmatic needs, optimization of existing real estate, architectural context, and previously established urban planning principles. These elements balance the needs of the institutions while continuing to strengthen and enhance the relationship between the BUMC Campus and the neighborhood.

Each project will respond appropriately, both individually and collectively, to the established institutional scale and aesthetic. They will also sensitively acknowledge the character of the South End with appropriate materials, massing, and scale. All of the proposed facilities will enrich the overall campus experience as well as enhance the Albany Street Urban Corridor.

See Figures 1-17 to 1-21 Aerial Massing Views.

Figure 1-17 Proposed IMP Projects Aerial Looking North

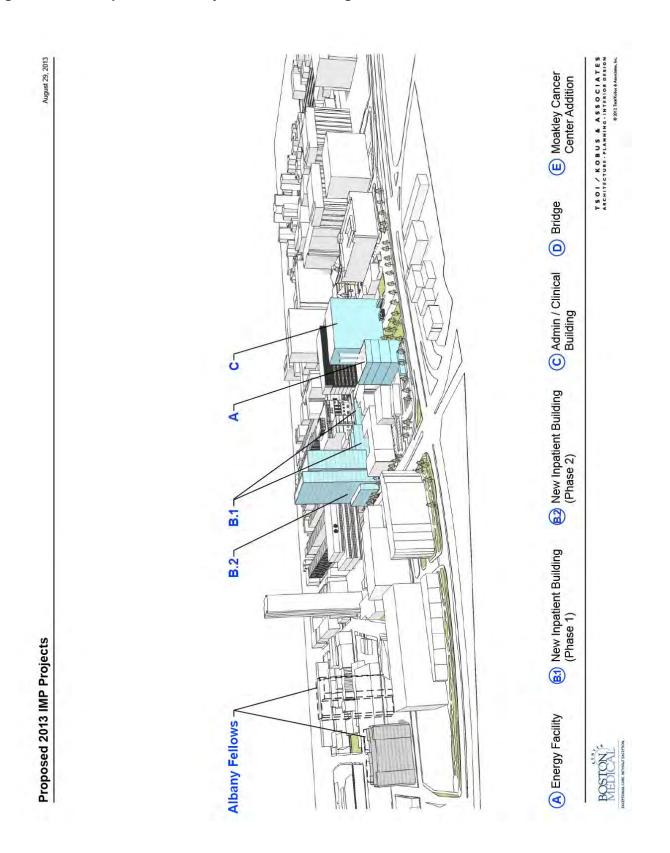


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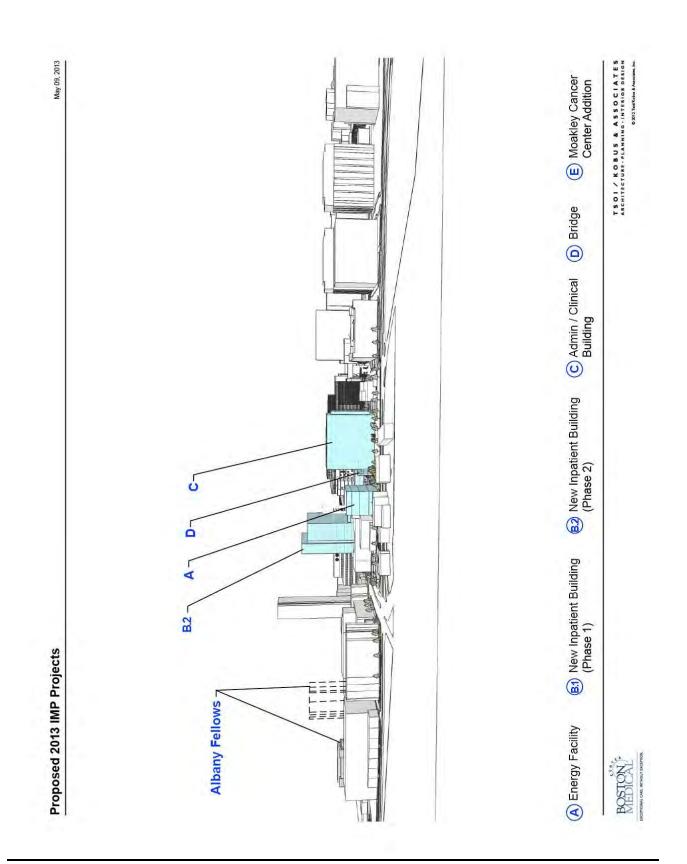


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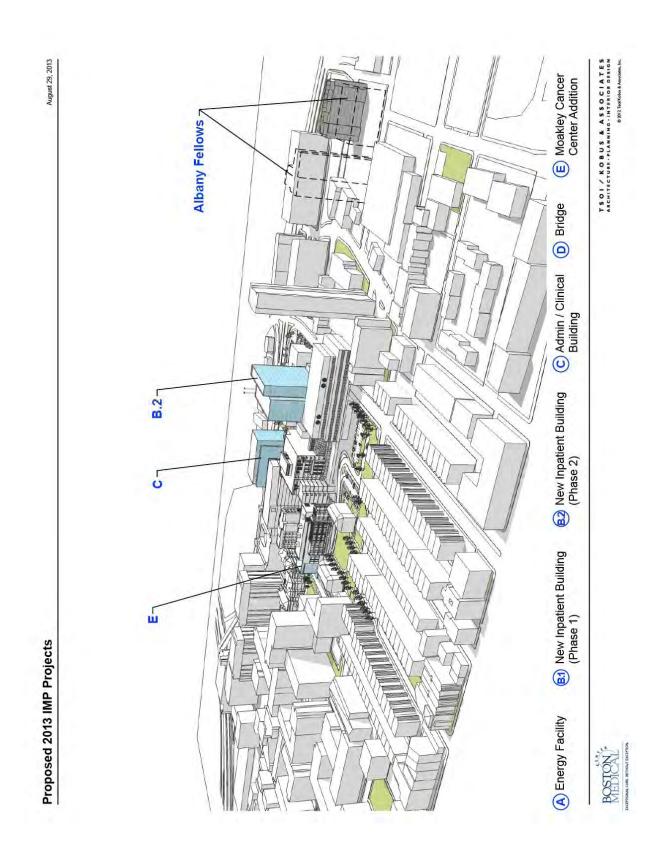


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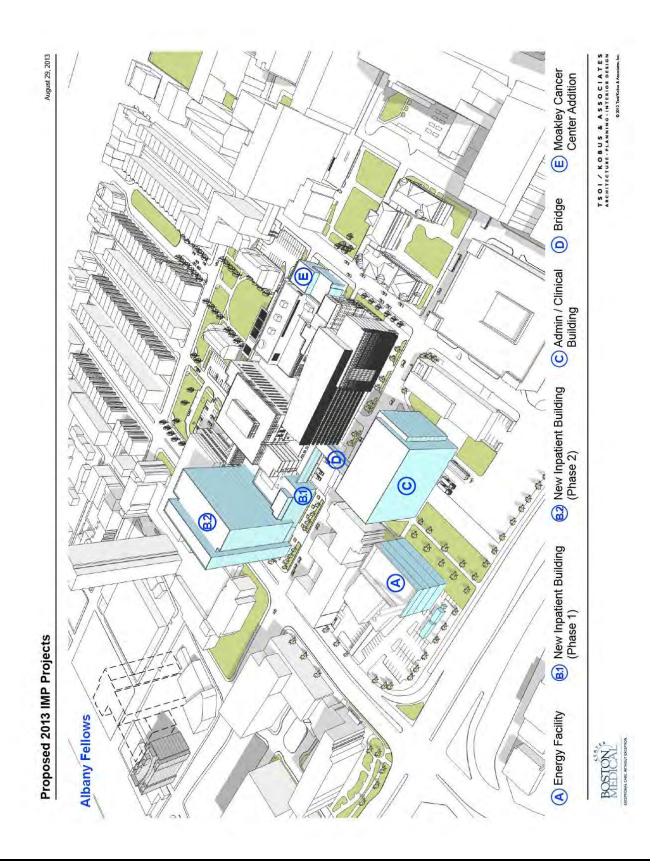
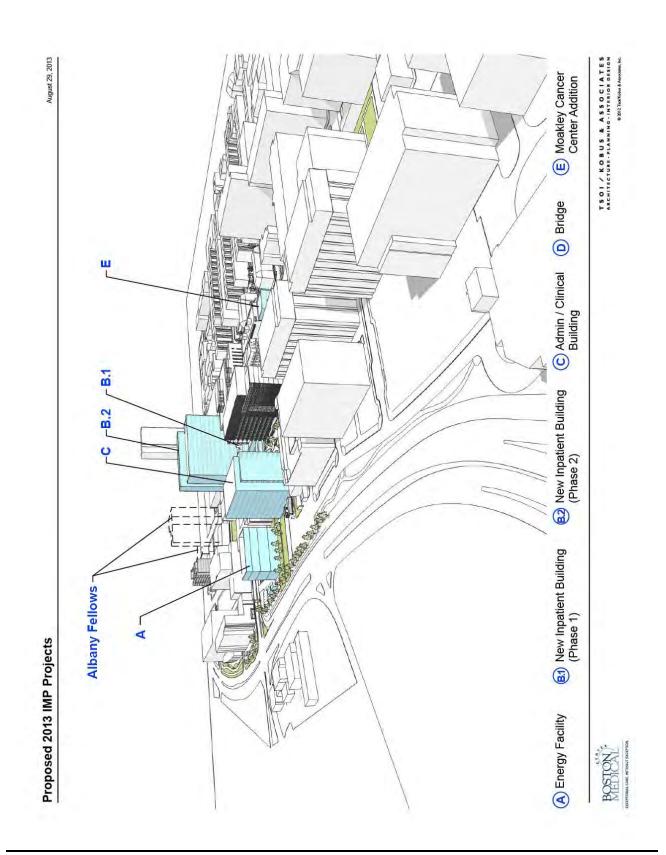


Figure 1-21 Proposed IMP Projects Aerial Looking West Massachusetts Ave Connector



#### 1.9 Public Benefits

Boston University Medical Center provides numerous public benefits to the City of Boston. The IMP projects will directly enhance the Proponents' abilities to administer the services that support their missions within the community.

#### 1.9.1 Boston Medical Center

### 1.9.1.1 Community Benefits Introduction

As previously noted, BMC's mission is to "consistently provide excellent and accessible health services to all in need of care, regardless of status or ability to pay." Approximately 70 percent of BMC's patients come from underserved populations, including low-income families, elders, people with disabilities, and immigrants. Seventy percent of all patients are from racial and ethnic minority populations, and 30 percent do not speak English as a primary language. To address the health needs of its diverse patient population, BMC provides a wide range of services beyond the traditional medical model. These programs, including but are not limited to patient navigation, interpreter services, and a food pantry, help reduce barriers to accessing health services and eliminate disparities in health care among the various populations BMC serves.

BMC values its diverse patient population and is committed to honoring their ethnic, religious and cultural differences. The Interpreter Services program at BMC is the most extensive in New England and one of the largest in the country. In addition to providing person-to-person interpreters on-site in more than 21 languages, 24 hours a day, the program uses the latest advances in technology, such as telephonic and video interpreting. BMC interpreters help break language barriers as well as serve as cultural brokers to patients and staff. In 2012, BMC handled approximately 205,839 requests for interpreter services.

BMC is committed to addressing health disparities, an issue for the Boston health care community that has been brought to the fore by several reports and government commissions in recent years. This commitment is reflected in investment in new facilities, technology and equipment to ensure that patients have access to state-of-the-art care; in cultural competency training for clinical and non-clinical staff and managers; and in specific projects reaching into the community or addressing disparities within disease areas.

In addition to health care services, BMC provides a wide range of social services to meet the basic needs of the many vulnerable people it serves. Leveling the health care playing field for patients goes beyond commitment to providing exceptional health care without exception: BMC realizes that it must work in a multidisciplinary fashion and at multiple levels of patients' needs to help secure its patients' health. BMC services have evolved over many years, including at its predecessor institutions, to provide benefits and services in line with its public health mission. Many programs that started at BMC – like the Reach Out and Read program and the Medical Legal Partnership I Boston – are now nationally replicated models to improve the health and development of vulnerable populations.

BMC's Community Benefits program is not formalized in a specific annual Community Benefits Plan. The BMC Board of Trustees, BMC senior management, the Boston HealthNet Board of Directors, and individual department leaders annually prioritize programs and services for the vulnerable populations they serve. BMC categorizes Community Benefits programs by the themes of ensuring access to health care for underserved populations and securing the fundamentals of health in key areas of public health concern. These programs receive significant, dedicated budgetary support from the hospital, Boston HealthNet health centers, or BMC departments in addition to philanthropic or grant funds. There are numerous other community services provided at BMC and in the community by BMC employees and medical staff to foster community health. Many of these programs are supported at the departmental level or through grants, philanthropy, or volunteerism.

Some of the community benefits programs offered at BMC included the following:

#### **Needs Assessment**

BMC's assessment of the health care needs of the communities it serves is based on demonstrated need. The Medical Legal Partnership I Boston (MLP) is one of many examples of how demonstrated need informs BMC (BMC) community health improvement activities and services.

In 1993, clinicians within the Department of Pediatrics understood that nutrition and home energy were root causes of poor health and development among their predominantly low-income pediatric patients. In response, MLP initiated the "Energy Clinic" in 2006 to provide targeted advocacy around issues of nutrition and home energy.

Today, MLP is a national leader in medical-legal collaboration to address the root causes of pediatric poor health and development. MLP seeks to improve the health and wellbeing of people in poverty by addressing the non-medical barriers to health faced by low-income individuals. MLP allies lawyers and health professionals and creates access to legal services in the clinical setting to ensure that low-income patients' basic needs—for food, housing, education, health care, and safety/stability—are met. The national MLP network now extends to more than 80 sites across the country, spanning both urban and rural communities.

#### **Promotion of Community Health**

#### Special Support for Children and Families

- Child Life Program (CLP): The CLP helps children and families manage the stresses associated with hospitalization and illness. The Child Life Team is trained to help children and families understand the hospital experience and related feelings. The goals of the CLP are to: help children express their feelings in a safe and supportive environment; help children manage pain effectively; offer children choices that increase feelings of independence, self-esteem and trust; and assist with implementation of coping techniques during stressful situations.
- ♦ Children's Health Watch (CHW): CHW is a non-partisan pediatric research center that monitors the impact of economic conditions and public policies on the health and

well-being of very young children. CHW interviews families with young children in five hospitals across the nation, including BMC (4,500 patient interviews in FY11), that serve the poorest families. The database of more than 44,000 children, 80 percent of whom are minorities, is the largest clinical database in the nation on very young children living in poverty. Data are collected on a wide variety of issues, including demographics, food security, public benefits, housing, home energy, and children's health status and developmental risk. We seek to provide policy makers and advocacy groups with the evidence they need to shape policies that prevent child hunger and promote children's health.

- Pediatric Assessment of Communication Clinic (the Autism Clinic): Since 2003, the Autism Clinic has provided evaluations and ongoing care for children of all ages when there is a pediatrician concern about autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and related conditions, or when they have a previous diagnosis of ASD. The primary service provided by the Autism Clinic staff is educational advocacy. The Autism Clinic's Educational Specialist provides direct support services to primarily low-income and/or immigrant families who have limited English proficiency and are most challenged by the complex regulations governing the special education system. As needed, she travels to classrooms to observe young patients with ASD and to help families access the proper special education placement for their children, much faster than these families could manage on their own. Approximately 600 new patients and 1,000 families are served annually.
- Birth Sisters and Perinatal Care: BMC has developed two programs, Birth Sisters and Centering Pregnancy, to improve health outcomes of childbearing women at risk for poor maternal and infant outcomes. Birth Sisters are women who are trained to provide social support and education to mothers from their own communities during pregnancy, labor, and the postpartum period. The Birth Sisters program has been linked to significantly higher breastfeeding rates and fewer cesarean deliveries. Centering Pregnancy is an innovative and proven model of care that offers prenatal care in 10 two-hour group sessions using a BMC-developed curriculum. At these sessions beginning early in the second trimester, patients receive health visits, prenatal and parenting education and peer group support all in one visit. The programs support 334 patients.
- Supporting Parents and Resilient Kids Center (SPARK): SPARK is a therapeutic day program for Boston's most vulnerable children, including those living with HIV/AIDS; those born very prematurely; those who have suffered psychological trauma due to abuse/neglect; and those with complex medical and emotional needs. SPARK staff provide medical, educational, nutritional, and mental health services to vulnerable children from birth to age 22. SPARK operates an Early Childhood Day Program, a School-Age After-School Program, a young adult Job Training Program and a Summer Camp Program, serving approximately 100 children annually who live throughout Eastern Massachusetts. SPARK helps children to build positive social

networks, positive self-regard and community belonging. Additionally, the program provides parenting education and support.

- Medical Legal Partnership Boston (MLP | Boston): MLP | Boston seeks to improve the health and wellbeing of people living in poverty by addressing the non-medical barriers to health that low-income individuals so often face. MLP | Boston allies lawyers and health professionals and creates access to legal services in the clinical setting to ensure that low-income patients' basic needs—for food, housing, education, health care, and safety/stability—are met. In FY11, MLP | Boston served 1,000 individuals.
- Margaret M. Shea RN Adult Day Health Program: This program offers families peace of mind and a support system to help them with decisions involving the care of their loved ones. It is a holistic medical intervention program that provides services in an ambulatory, home-like setting for adults who do not require 24-hour institutional care, but because of physical and/or mental impairment, are not completely able to live independently. All participants are referred to the program and are screened before entering the program. Services offered by the program include nursing, social services, activities and transportation.

### Responding to the Needs of Patients Affected by Violence

- Child Protection Team (CPT): A special services division of the Department of Pediatrics, CPT serves all of BMC's maltreated pediatric patients. The CPT has three major areas of responsibility: 1) supporting BMC providers to ensure that maltreated children treated at BMC are protected; 2) improving the effective identification and response to maltreatment through innovative research and program development at BMC and nationally; and 3) providing training and education to pediatric health and other professionals in the recognition and management of child maltreatment. CPT collaborates with community and state agencies, law enforcement personnel and the judiciary system to ensure the best possible outcome for children and families.
- Child Witness to Violence Project (CWVP): CWVP is a nationally-recognized and award-winning counseling, outreach, and consultation program that focuses on young children under the age of eight who are exposed to domestic or community violence. The CWVP offers a flexible combination of services to children and their families, including: intensive trauma-focused counseling that is developmentally tailored to very young children and their parents; access to legal advocacy; and assistance with linking to other necessary services including health care, child care, housing, and after-school programs. In 2011, the CWVP provided trauma-focused counseling services to 90 children, and brief consultation/advocacy for an additional 200 families. The training/clinical consultation component of the program delivered 100 trainings across Massachusetts and 12 states.

- Domestic Violence Program (DVP): The DVP provides training and education for staff, assistance with hospital policy and protocol development, consultation on a variety of clinical and research initiatives, as well as direct advocacy/support services for survivors of domestic and dating abuse. In 2009, a Safety and Support Advocate position was created to provide a range of advocacy and support services to patients referred from a range of adult and adolescent settings and providers. The DVP served 200 individuals in FY11 by providing services such as crisis intervention/counseling; risk assessment and safety planning; assistance with accessing protective orders, victim compensation; accompaniment to court, legal, medical, housing and other appointments; referral to community-based DV advocacy/rape crisis counseling, medical/mental health services and other support as needed.
- ♦ Violence Intervention Advocate Program (VIAP): In April 2006, BMC piloted VIAP to provide specialized services to victims of violence, using two community health workers, Violence Intervention Advocates, to provide individual counseling, triage and referral services for victims of violence brought to the BMC Emergency Department. VIAP staff collaborate with public and private agencies to offer a broad spectrum of concrete services to patients recovering from violent injury. Each VIAP site has hired a peer Violence Intervention Advocate VIA with strong community knowledge. In FY11, VIAP provided services to a total of 415 victims: 178 gunshot victims and 237 stabbing victims. Of these victims, 34 were female. VIAP provided the following direct services and referrals to services to victims and 34 families: crisis intervention and stabilization; housing and transportation; legal; educational; vocational and life skills development; mental health; employment; and health and wellness.

#### Community Outreach

- Cancer Screenings: BMC offers an annual free cancer screening event to vulnerable, underserved individuals in order to promote the early detection of cancer. Because BMC serves a predominantly minority and low-income population, including many non-English-speaking citizens and immigrants, the delivery of exceptional care requires a keen sensitivity to the challenges for our patient population. The Saturday cancer screenings effectively reach our target population because they create a convenient time for people who work to access screenings, and allow husbands and wives to support each other as they both are screened. A total of 240 people from Boston and surrounding areas attended the 2011 screening event.
- Flu Vaccine Day: BMC began its 2010-2011 influenza vaccination campaign in September of 2010 making influenza vaccine available to all patients in both the inpatient and ambulatory care settings. To date, BMC has administered more than 31,348 doses of vaccine.

#### A Safety Net for Special At-Risk Populations

- The Metro Boston Jail Diversion Program (JDP): Since 2006, the JDP has worked with 529 individuals with mental health and/or co-occurring mental health and substance dependence whose associated behavior brings them to the attention of law enforcement and courts. The JDP collaborates with the police and courts to both identify individuals with these risk factors and connect them with appropriate services and treatment as alternatives to arrest and incarceration. The JDP is training Boston Police Department and Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority officers to identify individuals with mental illness and how to refer individuals to services instead of arresting them. At the court level, 56 JDP participants have successfully completed probation rather than being incarcerated.
- Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human Rights (BCRHHR): The mission of the BCRHHR is to provide comprehensive health care for refugees and survivors of torture and related trauma, coordinated with legal aid and social services; educate and train agencies and professionals who serve these communities; advocate for the promotion of health and human rights in the United States and worldwide; and conduct clinical, epidemiological, and legal research for the better understanding and promotion of health and quality of life for survivors of torture and related trauma. In FY11, the BCRHHR served more than 500 patients.
- Elders Living at Home Program (ELAHP): In FY11, ELAHP provided housing search and placement to 14 homeless older adults, and housing stabilization services to an additional 60 formerly homeless individuals. None of the vulnerable clients served during the year relapsed into homelessness, although two individuals did require nursing home placement due to significant declines in their cognitive abilities. The goal of ELAHP is to help older adults locate and maintain a permanent residence and allow them to live as independently as possible.

#### **Healthy Nutrition and Exercise**

♦ Food Pantry: The Preventive Food Pantry and Demonstration Kitchen address hunger-related illness and malnutrition among a low-income, largely underserved and vulnerable patient population of Greater Boston. Individuals at risk of malnutrition are referred to the program by BMC or Boston HealthNet physicians or nutritionists who provide "prescriptions" for supplemental food that best promotes physical health, prevents future illness, and facilitates recovery. The Food Pantry now provides nutritional food prescriptions to approximately 7,000 people each month. Over the past five years the Pantry has seen an 87% increase in demand for its services. In 2011, the Pantry provided 252,228-worth of food to an estimated 13,902 people. This number is expected to rise by 5% in 2012. Approximately 10,000 pounds of food supplies are required weekly to stock the Pantry shelves at BMC. The Demonstration Kitchen complements the work of the Pantry by educating

patients about nutrition through cooking methods that are compatible with their medical and dietary needs, as prescribed by their physicians.

- Grow Clinic: As part of BMC's Pediatrics Department, the primary goal of the Grow Clinic is to provide comprehensive multidisciplinary medical, nutritional, social services and dietary assistance to children from the Greater Boston area diagnosed with Failure to Thrive (FTT). Children with FTT have significant difficulty growing because of malnutrition associated with poverty, illness and family stress. The effects of FTT include shortened attention spans, emotional problems, delayed cognitive development, lasting growth failure, and frequent and serious illness, which can result in hospitalization. In 2011, the Grow Clinic provided medical treatment, nutritional assessment, home health education, family advocacy, access to a therapeutic food pantry and other services, children's clothes, diapers, books and educational toys to a total of 225 patients/families.
- Adult Weight Management: The Nutrition and Weight Management Center offers several programs, such as weekly support groups for weight management and a cancer survivor's weight management group, for the community aimed at supporting healthy lifestyles and nutrition. More than 500 patients benefited from these services in FY11.
- Nutrition and Fitness for Life Program (NFL): The Department of Pediatrics works to prevent the onset of adult diabetes in young, underserved, and overweight and obese patients through its NFL, which provides clinical and community-based services to children and their families. The NFL model features three primary components: 1) clinical services targeting children with >95 percentile of body mass index; 2) the FANtastic Kids after school program which provides teen-mentored nutrition education and fitness activities for overweight and obese youth who are referred to the program by their physicians; and 3) continuing medical education for clinicians to increase their capacity to treat pediatric overweight patients in the primary care setting. These programs fill a large gap in services to populations most strongly impacted by the pediatric obesity epidemic.

#### **Basic Needs**

- Clothing Bank: BMC's social workers access the clothing bank in real time when a provider contacts Social Work about a basic clothing need (sweat pants, shirts, underwear, socks, shoes, and winter coats) for a low-income patient.
- Social Work Emergency Fund (SWEF): The SWEF provided short-term, immediate assistance to approximately 550 patients who faced crises in FY11 and had nowhere else to turn. The Fund enables BMC to cover the costs of emergency expenses while its social workers help individuals and families find the resources and services they need to stabilize their lives after personal crises. We provide cab vouchers for those unable to access public transportation to get to BMC, and car seats and clothing to

young families. SWEF has the flexibility to provide for a range of needs and the judicious use of funds helps in a number of unique situations when, too often, individuals and families have no alternative.

#### Removing Barriers to Accessing Care

- New England Flight: BMC is a Boston MedFlight (BMF) partner. BMF is a Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Services (CAMTS) accredited Critical Care Transport service. Boston MedFlight commits to excellence in critical care transport by providing the highest quality regional critical care transport system. As a non-profit organization, Boston MedFlight transports emergent patients regardless of their ability to pay and is financially supported in part by a consortium of Boston hospitals including BMC. For over 25 years, Boston MedFlight has played an integral role as part of the Massachusetts EMS system and the community hospitals of New England.
- Patient Navigation: The Patient Navigation program is designed for patients with cancer and chronic illnesses, such as diabetes, who need special assistance in navigating the health care system. Patient Navigators are individuals from the communities served by BMC and who have special language skills, training in scheduling, and refined compassion/communication skills. Peer Navigators contact our most vulnerable patients and help them to access the doctor visits and treatment that they need in the most efficient manner possible, arranging transportation for patients, reminding patients about appointments that they helped the patients to schedule, and connecting patients to community resources such as the BMC food pantry.
- Shuttle Buses/Taxis: Community Access to BMC is enhanced through a free shuttle bus service. Four buses circulate throughout the system on established routes, from 7am-7pm, Monday through Friday, bringing patients to BMC. In FY11, these shuttle buses transported 199,936 patients and their families between BMC and the Boston HealthNet CHCs. There is also a direct taxi and van hospital-to-home service for specific cases.
- ♦ Interpreter Services: BMC values its diverse patient population and is committed to honoring their ethnic, religious and cultural differences. The Interpreter Services Department is the most extensive in New England. In addition to providing person-to-person interpreters on-site in more than 30 languages, 24-hours-a day, the department utilizes the latest advances in technology such as telephonic and video interpreting. Interpreter Services goes above and beyond what is mandated by law to provide video interpreting, non-essential document translation (such as appointment reminder letters, bereavement letters), translation and recording of clinic phone menus, and 24/7 on-call face-to-face coverage for our top four languages Our interpreters help to break language barriers as well as serve as cultural brokers to

patients and staff. Last year, they assisted in 190,647 interactions with patients and visitors.

## Addressing Significant Public Health Problems

- Diabetes: The BMC Diabetes Center provides innovative and up-to-date diabetes education and care to help patients better understand and manage their diabetes. Located in the Endocrinology Clinic, the Diabetes Center provides culturally and literacy-appropriate education about nutrition, menu planning, exercise and medication management to the most chronically ill patients with diabetes. Care providers also train patients to better manage their insulin regimens. A patient navigator on the team assists patients in appointment scheduling and transportation needs, for patients with challenges in retaining their appointments (see patient navigation).
- Smoking Cessation: BMC's Division of Psychiatry offers a medically supervised Smoking Cessation Program. The program is an eight week, one hour per week classroom model with a curriculum that includes pharmacotherapy, nicotine replacement (gum and patches), stress reduction training, cognitive restructuring, social support, and relapse prevention counseling. This clinical resource for BMC patients also serves as a center for training and research in tobacco control available to the entire BMC community.

## Improving Quality of Life

- Acupuncture: Acupuncture services at BMC are provided free of charge to more than 600 patients annually who do not have affordable access to complementary alternative medicine (CAM).
- ◆ Cancer Support Groups: In 2006, BMC established the Cancer Patient Support Services Fund to provide crucial services and programs to complement patients' clinical care. The fund is used for survivorship programs such as support groups and celebrations, assistance with transportation costs to and from the hospital, patient navigation, and the provision of complementary therapies such as yoga and massage. In FY11, there were 15 cancer support groups that met regularly and as many as 650 patients who participated in the survivorship programs.
- Integrative Medicine: The mission of the Initiative for Integrative Medicine and Health Disparities within the Department of Family Medicine, which served approximately 250 patients on a rotating basis in FY11, is to substantially impact the quality of life for the urban underserved through providing access to integrative medicine clinical services, research and education. Services provided, primarily free of charge, include yoga classes, integrative cancer care, acupuncture clinics, chi gung class, music therapy, and integrative medicine consults.

#### **Empowering Individuals with Disabilities**

♦ Stepping Forward-Staying Informed Consumer Education Program: Stepping Forward-Staying Informed is a two-pronged consumer education program consisting of an annual one-day research conference tailored to consumers and a bi-monthly evening lecture series. Stepping Forward-Staying Informed presents topics that directly relate to living with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI), such as current research findings and emerging effective treatment techniques, in easily understood, lay terminology. Individuals living with SCI and their families seek current information about spinal cord injury research and emerging treatments because it enables them to advocate on their behalf, make informed decisions about care, and share information with other individuals. The Stepping Forward-Staying Informed conference has become a relied upon source of information for consumers and healthcare professionals.

## Affiliated Health Care System: Boston HealthNet Health Care System

Established in 1995, Boston HealthNet (BHN) is an integrated health care delivery system comprised of BMC, the Boston University School of Medicine, and 14 community health centers (CHCs). Physicians who practice at HealthNet locations provide a wide range of comprehensive health care services to adult and pediatric patients, with a focus on disease prevention and health education. Patients receiving primary care at HealthNet sites have access to highly trained specialists and cutting-edge technology at BMC while maintaining individualized and culturally sensitive care in their neighborhoods. Now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year, BHN and its CHC partners have extended BMC's presence into Boston-area neighborhoods, significantly impacting the health of their residents.

The accomplishments of the network are evidenced by: the growth of CHC admissions to BMC; the establishment of an inpatient Rounder System for CHC patients; the collaborative development of quality improvement initiatives, clinical protocols, and standards of practice; increased access to specialty services; a successful public health outreach campaign; and the significant development and coordination of BHN's information technology programs and services.

In 1997, Boston HealthNet established a Community Physician Group Inpatient Rounder System at BMC. The Rounder System brings together physicians from the CHCs and the BMC Department of Family Medicine to care for patients from these centers while they are in the hospital, thereby coordinating and enhancing the quality and continuity of care. Today, 12 CHCs and BMC's Department of Family Medicine participate in the Rounder System. The System was reconfigured in 2008 into three teams, comprised of BMC and CHC attending physicians assisted by three nurse partners and four physician assistants. In 2008 the Rounder System was extended to evenings and seven day coverage. The Average Length of Stay for the Rounder System was 4.39 days, which compares favorably with other national and local indices.

Boston HealthNet CHC partners are active collaborators on a number of projects and programs described in this report, including the Prostate Cancer Screening Initiative, patient navigation research, the FANtastic Kids program to address pediatric overweight, and Medical-Legal Partnership. Additional examples of projects on which BMC and Boston HealthNet have collaborated include:

#### Information Technology

- Significant strides have been made in the area of information technology across the network. All of Boston HealthNet's primary CHC partners are connected to BMC over high-speed T-1 lines that put BMC's clinical systems at the fingertips of CHC providers and other staff. In 2001, the partnership between BMC and the CHCs, coupled with a substantial grant from an anonymous foundation, supported the implementation of the Centricity electronic medical record (EMR) at eight of the primary partner CHCs. In 2008 implementation was completed at one secondary partner CHC. Additionally, electronic prescribing was implemented at the nine Centricity sites. A Working Group meets monthly to address developmental issues and to evaluate and prioritize future projects.
- A three year, \$746,246 HRSA award to Boston HealthNet in FY07 supported the vertical integration of electronic medical records at eight CHCs with that of BMC. This integration took place via implementation of a Clinical Information Exchange (CIE) that now allows CHC providers to view information in both BMC and other CHC systems through the local patient record. The CIE also allows physicians in the CHCs to better track patients receiving care at BMC.
- ◆ In 2008, the network was a recipient of a one-year, \$543,000 high impact health information technology grant from HRSA that allows staff to implement an electronic referral management system between the 10 BHN primary partner CHCs and specialists in the BMC Department of Medicine. By leveraging the technology of the CIE, the eReferral system also makes it possible for the CHCs to schedule appointments, electronically submit required clinical information to specialists, receive electronic information about referrals, track patients' no-show rates, and receive return specialist reports through the local EMR or by opening a web-based practice portal.
- ♦ In 2010, Boston HealthNet received a two-year, \$2,986,872 grant from HRSA to help complete the transformation of current Health Information Technology capabilities into a truly integrated, high-performance health information exchange with the capacity to handle all necessary clinical, administrative and financial functions. To this end, project funds are being used to install the Centricity Practice Solution at five CHCs; to implement immunization and diabetes registries for the entire BHN network, including BMC; to fully automate laboratory order entry and results retrieval for 12 of the CHCs; to automate reporting of Uniform Data System measures and HRSA Clinical Performance Measures in all 15 CHCs; and to create a data warehouse for the CHCs.

- ♦ In 2011, the Yankee Alliance, Inc. awarded BMC \$454,967 for the Balanced Scorecard/Safe Sign-outs project, to begin retroactively on October 1, 2011 and finish September 30, 2012. BMC Balanced Scorecard is a continuation project to move to the next level in developing a computer dashboard system to drill down on patient safety and quality. This project will focus on the provider level metrics development and testing. Safe Sign-Outs is a new systems development project to create a software system and protocol for resident safe sign-outs to prevent patient adverse events.
- Also in 2011, Boston HealthNet received a two-year HRSA grant to implement a series of Health Information Technology initiatives that integrate databases and electronic alerts in standardized systems in order to improve the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of primary care. The project will implement clinical and financial practice management software that is fully integrated with the electronic health records at five CHCs, reducing the number of customized interfaces and licenses needed and providing crucial business intelligence; create system-wide childhood immunization and diabetes registries; automate reporting of Uniform Data System data, HRSA clinical performance measures and selected practice management metrics; and create a data warehouse for the CHCs. The project will benefit the more than 334,000 Boston HealthNet patients and the clinical impact of the proposed will include significant increases in the number of children fully immunized by age two years and adherence to the standards of the National Committee on Quality Assurance for diabetes care, and a significant decrease in the percent of patients with uncontrolled diabetes (HbA1c > 9).

#### **Increasing Patient Access**

Community Access to BMC is enhanced through a free shuttle bus service. Four buses circulate throughout the system on established routes, from 7am-7pm, Monday through Friday, bringing patients to BMC. Last year, these shuttle buses transported 199,936 patients and their families between BMC and the Boston HealthNet CHCs.

#### Advancing Medical Education

 A number of HealthNet CHCs also serve as the primary community-based training sites for Boston University School of Medicine pediatric, family medicine, and general medicine residents.

#### 1.9.1.2 Employment, Workforce Development, and Educational Opportunities

BMC is a major employer in the City of Boston and is committed to promoting employment opportunities for Boston residents, particularly individuals living in adjacent neighborhoods. BMC employs a diverse workforce, with, 5,244 full-time equivalent employees (FTEs), who work to provide the highest quality, patient-focused care. (See Table 1-4 below.) 39% percent of BMC's employees live within the city of Boston and 16% live in six core workforce neighborhoods (Mattapan, North Dorchester, Roxbury, South Dorchester, South Boston and

the South End). BMC offers employees competitive wages and benefits, educational assistance and tuition reimbursement, and skill-based training seminars including cultural diversity forums.

Table 1-4 BMC Employment (FY13)

## **BMC Employment FY13**

Total BMC Employees\*: 6,089

\*Includes full and part-time employees including per diems and temporary staff

Full Time Equivalents: 5,244

	Full-time	Part-time	Total
Total Employees	4,642	1,447	6,089
Residents of Boston	1,995	375	2,370
Core Neighborhoods*	813	166	979

<sup>\*</sup>Zip Codes 02219, 02111, 02118, 02119, 02120, and 02121

**BMC** 

provides a wide range of workforce development and educational opportunities for its current employees and people wishing to gain the skills necessary to become BMC employees. BMC's workforce development program results compare favorably to benchmarks established by the Massachusetts Department of Education and the US Department of Labor.

BMC supports its employees' career and educational goals by providing access to tuition reduction programs at partnering school, which can then be combined with BMC's tuition reimbursement programs.

- Drexel University In 2011, BMC established a partnership with Drexel University Online to offer educational opportunities to staff and their family members. BMC staff can earn a top-ranked degree or certificate and receive special tuition rates when they enroll in one of Drexel's distinguished online programs. Employees may also be eligible for tuition assistance for job-related programs through BMC's benefits policy and deferred tuition payment plans through Drexel.
- Boston University Metropolitan College In 2006, BMC and Boston University's Metropolitan College established a preferred educational partnership. This relationship has allowed BMC professionals to refine their skills and enhance their careers at one of the nation's most prestigious academic institutions. Metropolitan College offers a wide range of on-campus courses to BMC employees at a 50 percent tuition reduction.

Tuition Reimbursement - BMC offers tuition reimbursement to eligible employees.
 Depending on their status, employees may receive up to \$2,500 per academic year for college studies related to a BMC career.

Both represented and non-represented employees can use tuition reimbursement benefits to attend the accredited college or university program of their choosing. Benefits can be applied to participation in a certificate- or degree-granting program, or can be used for individual classes that enhance an employee's skills or provide career or educational exploration.

Table 1-5 on the following page shows utilization of these benefits.

Table 1-5 Tuition Reimbursement Utilization

FY 10	Associate	Baccalaureate and above
Nursing Union	2	71
Non-Union	9	35
Total	11	106
FY 11	Associate	Baccalaureate and above
Nursing Union	0	67
Non Union	4	28
Total	4	95
FY 12	Associate	Baccalaureate and above
Nursing Union	0	72
Non Union	5	41
Total	5	113

BMC Employees who are represented by 1199SEIU-Service or AFSCME are eligible for tuition reimbursement and other educational costs through the Training and Upgrading Fund.

The Training and Upgrading Fund is a fund supported by both the service unions and BMC funds to provide education and training for BMC employees who are in service unions. This includes most entry level employees (general cleaner, unit coordinator, and patient access rep, for example).

Table 1-6 Training and Upgrading Fund Utilization

	Career	Cohort	Associate	Baccalaureate
	Advising	classes *		and above
FY 10	33	4	120	75
FY 11	36	55	52	50
FY12	78	58	98	73
Total	147	117	270	198

<sup>\*</sup>Cohort classes include: ESOL, Basic Computer Skills, College Prep

In addition to Tuition Vouchers and Tuition Reimbursement, the Training and Upgrading Fund provides a variety of educational and career-enhancing opportunities for its members. These opportunities include career advising to help employees explore their career goals while also providing information on healthcare careers with projected growth; College Prep courses which include topics such as time management, test-taking, and developmental math and English; English for Speakers of Other Languages; Basic Computer Skills; and classes for allied health professionals (Medical Terminology, Spanish for Healthcare Providers, CPR/First Aid).

As a leading partner in the community, Boston Medical Center continues to foster relationships with community organizations, professional organizations, schools, and community centers to ensure that the hospital is a respected and integral part of the Boston community and to encourage the support and education of Boston's youth.

Boston Medical Center demonstrates its commitment in the following ways:

- Exercising corporate social responsibility by promoting and providing training opportunities to youth who live in and attend schools within city neighborhoods so they may gain a better understanding of the business of healthcare and help to influence their career choices and their futures.
- Supporting community events and activities.
- Engaging in a variety of outreach activities that bring value to the community and promote BMC's reputation as an attractive employer and as an "Exceptional" healthcare provider.

Boston Medical Center has established relationships with schools, school programs, community organizations, and professional organizations. Below are some examples of programs that BMC participates in:

#### **Youth Programs and School Partnerships**

- Christo Rey Boston Corporate Work Study Program where students provide services for the organization while gaining valuable work skills and exposure to working in a business environment. Most (65%) of the students live in Boston and are from diverse backgrounds.
- STEP Program's mission is to introduce Boston Public School students to a multitude of career opportunities, to help inner city student identify the relevance of continuing their education and to engage Corporate Partners in providing students access to real world work environments. BMC, the only hospital that was invited to participate in the STEP Program, has hosted four student tours per year since 2010 in departments such as Interpreter Services, Respiratory Therapy, Rehabilitation Therapies, Cardiology, Otolaryngology, and Radiation Oncology.
- YMCA Youth Achievers Summer Institute is an innovative summer learning experience for middle school and high school students. Through this unique career

exploration program, students are introduced to various careers in the arts, government and health. In July 2010, BMC's Department of Nutrition and Healthy Living staff held a workshop for approximately 20 students on "Nutrition & Fitness for Life Program" and shared information about careers in the Food Services field.

## **Community Partnerships/Organizations**

- Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries provides exemplary job training and related services to help individuals with disabilities and other barriers to self-sufficiency to achieve independence and dignity through work. BMC staff members serve on the general board of trustees, advisory board, and attend career workshops.
- Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) was established to meet BMC's mission of providing "Exceptional Care. Without Exception" through enhanced partnership between patients, families, caregivers and staff. Members of the PFAC are members of the community BMC serves, employees, patients and their families.
- YMCA Training, Inc. provides adults with job skills training to help them obtain living-wage employment. 50% of Training, Inc.'s participants are Boston residents. Of the Boston residents, 82% are people of color. BMC and YMCA Training, Inc. have enjoyed a mutually beneficial partnership for over 12 years by participating in customer service training, for interns, offering internship opportunities, and providing a BMC representative to serve on the Partners Council. BMC hired 65 graduates of YMCA Training, Inc. since 1999, and hosted over 33 interns in the past 5 years. BMC has been Training Inc.'s Employer of the Year for 6 consecutive years.

## **Professional Organizations/Partnerships**

- Asian American Civic Association (AACV), operating since 1967, provides limited English speaking and economically disadvantaged people with education, occupational training and social services enabling them to realize lasting economic self-sufficiency.
- Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) provides a venue for outreach to Latino professional and managers. BMC is a corporate member of the Boston Chapter and participates in networking events throughout the year.
- Commonwealth Compact is an initiative embraced by several companies and organizations to make Massachusetts a location of choice for people of color by (1) increasing the representation of people of color and women throughout organizations, especially in management, senior management, and board governance positions; (2) retaining and promoting people of color and women; and (3) encouraging organizations to reflect, and connect with, the diversity of the communities and customers we serve. BMC is one of the 111 original signers of 2007, and maintains an active presence at meetings and events sponsored by the Commonwealth Compact.

- National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE) is a non-profit association of Black health care executives that promotes the advancement and development of Black health care leaders, and elevates the quality of health care services rendered to minority and underserved communities. BMC is a corporate member and has been a supporter of NAHSE on a national and local level by hosting and attending programs and local chapter meetings, recruiting and placing student interns and fellows, and hiring them as employees.
- New England Regional Black Nurses Association, Inc. is a part of the national effort to unify, educate and increase the number of African American Nurses in this country. NERBNA is dedicated to investigating, defining and determining the health care needs of African Americans throughout New England. BMC participates in the annual "Excellence in Nursing-Black Nurses Day" recognition award program and recruits at the annual conference.
- YMCA Achiever Award is presented each year to a select group of diverse individuals who are nominated by their employer for their career accomplishments in their profession and in their service to the community. This award recognizes employees, with an emphasis on African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos and South Asians, who, in partnership with their employers, commit time and talents to the development of young people. BMC has participated in this program since 1996.

### 1.9.1.3 Annual Property Taxes / PILOT - Boston Medical Center

Although much of BMC's property is tax-exempt, BMC contributes annually to the City of Boston's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program.

#### 1.9.1.4 Other Economic Benefits - Boston Medical Center

BMC's community goals are to continue to provide effective and accessible services to vulnerable populations in the Boston community and to continue to expand efforts that deepen relationships with the communities they serve. In fiscal year 2011, BMC invested \$17,419,446 in Community Benefits Programs (as reported to the IRS on Form 990 Schedule H, Part I, Line 7e, column e, *net community benefit expense*).

BMC contributes to the local economy through employment of Boston residents and the purchase of goods and services from Boston businesses. BMC spent approximately \$127,000,000 in fiscal year 2012.

The BMC HealthNet Plan, founded in 1997, is the largest MassHealth and Commonwealth Care managed care organization in Massachusetts providing health insurance to 260,000 members who are served by participating providers in Greater Boston and in Southeastern and Western Massachusetts. The Plan offers comprehensive coverage, interpreter services, membership cards, and personal physicians providing care for the whole family. It furnishes other member benefits (beyond the mandated benefits) including free car seats, bike helmets, manual breast pumps for nursing mothers, and a member/provider hotline.

#### 1.9.2 Boston University Medical Campus

#### 1.9.2.1 Introduction

While renowned for its quality of teaching and research, and for providing education and training imbued in the most current thinking and techniques in the field, the Boston University Medical Campus prides itself on a legacy of service to the community, particularly service to the most disadvantaged, underserved, and indigent populations.

The Boston University Medical Campus (BU Medical Campus) is composed of the Boston University School of Medicine, the School of Public Health, and the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. Utilizing resources provided by BU Medical Campus administration, each school offers a wide array of community programs, resources, and services related to their respective concentrations and specialties. In addition to these University-sponsored community programs, BUMC plays an important role in the economic vitality of both the city and the state, employing nearly 2,800 full-time employees, attracting more than 3,000 students, and making a significant PILOT (payment-in-lieu-of-taxes) contribution to the City of Boston each year.

## 1.9.2.1.a A Tradition of Community Service

BU Medical Campus' longstanding tradition of community service has led to the development of programs and services that are now fixtures within the community. These programs, which continue to thrive under BU Medical Campus' long-term support and investment, have become dependable sources of care and information for community members. Such programs include:

#### **Smart Smiles in Boston Public Schools**

Since 2004, the Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine, through its Smart Smiles in Boston Public Schools program, provides dental health education, oral screenings, fluoride varnish applications, and dental sealants to thousands of second grade children in 29 Boston public elementary schools, including: Beethoven, Boston Teachers Union, Clap, Conley, Dever, Edison, English High, Everett, Gardner, Grew, Haley, Henderson, Higginson/Lewis, Holland, Hurley, Kenny, Kilmer, Lyndon, Mason, McKay, Mission Hill, Mozart, Orchard Gardens K-8, Perkins, Roosevelt, Sumner, Trotter, Winthrop and Young Achievers.

As part of Boston University's commitment to Mayor Menino's Step UP initiative, GSDM also offered oral health services to four schools—English High School, Orchard Gardens K-8 School, John Winthrop, and the William Monroe Trotter School. Oral health education was provided to 618 students in these schools, and 195 students received dental screenings, fluoride varnish treatments, and/or dental sealants through this program.

## CityLab

In 1992, Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM) pioneered an innovative science education outreach program that has been replicated across the country. CityLab provides

Boston Public Schools students and teachers in grades 7-12 with access to state-of-the-art biotechnology laboratory facilities and curricula, which are unavailable in most schools, through the use of its mobile laboratory and on-site laboratories at the School of Medicine.

#### Framingham Heart Study

Undertaken in 1948, the renowned Framingham Heart Study is the longest-running prospective epidemiological study in history. The study has produced important discoveries related to the major risk factors associated with cardiovascular disease, which is the leading cause of death and serious illness in the United States. The study is run in partnership with the Boston University School of Public Health and the Boston University School of Medicine.

## Blackstone Elementary School Annual Field Trip to the Goldman School for Dental Medicine (GSDM)

Third grade children at Blackstone Elementary School make an annual visit to GSDM for a full day of oral health activities, including presentations on oral health and nutrition, a lesson on teeth and gums, and interactive activities in the Simulation Learning Center in which they learn about sealants and dental impressions. One of GSDM's most successful outreach programs, it provides both interactive health education for children and an opportunity for Boston University dental students to inspire a young child to pursue a higher education and possibly a career in dentistry.

#### **Outreach Van Project**

Founded in 1997, the Outreach Van Project is a student-run community service staffed by volunteers from Boston University's School of Medicine and School of Public Health to provide health care to the medically underserved and homeless communities. Faculty and students go out one evening per week to East Boston to conduct free health screenings and distribute clothing and other basics necessities to approximately 20 to 30 people weekly during the colder months and 65 to 75 people weekly when the weather is warmer.

#### **Preschool and Kindergarten Dental Health Education**

Preschool and/or kindergarten classroom dental health education is conducted each year by GSDM faculty and students, and goodie bags with toothbrush, toothpaste, and stickers are given out at the end of each session. Sites served include:

- ◆ Allston Brighton Area Planning Action Council (APAC)
- Ashmont Nursery School, Dorchester, MA
- Roger Wellington Elementary School, Belmont, MA
- ♦ St. Agnes School, Arlington, MA
- St. Brendan School, Dorchester, MA
- Temple Emeth Nursery School, Chestnut Hill, MA

#### 1.9.2.1.b New and Enhanced Community Programming

In addition to BU Medical Campus's well-established catalog of community programs and services, BU Medical Campus recently added two new programs to its roster of community benefits: the Boston University Health, Fitness, and Wellness Pilot Program and the BioScience Academy. In response to a community needs assessment conducted by the Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) and the Boston Public Health Commission and in conjunction with community discussions, Boston University is proud to announce the implementation of the Boston University Health, Fitness, and Wellness Pilot Program, an initiative aimed at combating obesity and promoting a healthy lifestyle for Boston's youth and their families. Additionally, BU Medical Campus was also recently selected by the City of Boston as one of three local partners to implement a biotechnology workforce training program known as the BioScience Academy.

#### Boston University Health, Fitness, and Wellness Pilot Program

Boston University launched the Boston University Health, Fitness, and Wellness Pilot Program in early 2013. The unique program aims to combat teenage obesity in the City of Boston, and supports Boston Moves for Health, an ambitious initiative launched by Mayor Thomas M. Menino to increase access to free and low-cost physical activities and health living resources.

The Boston University Health, Fitness, and Wellness Pilot Program provides access to quality fitness training, nutrition counseling, and wellness programming to children, youth, and families in at-risk communities. The program's location at the BCYF Blackstone Community Center was chosen for its potential to maximize outreach to at-risk youth and families, as well as for its proximity to additional health resources available at the Boston University Medical Center, the South End Health Center, and other neighboring community-based agencies. Boston University will renovate the space to suit the program's needs and objectives.

The program is directed and guided by experts from the University's College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College, and the Schools of Medicine, Public Health, and Social Work, and staffed and supervised by members of the University's Department of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance (PERD). Through wellness programming and fitness instruction, University staff strives to provide youths and families with the skills needed to make physical exercise and healthy choices an enduring part of their lifestyles.

The program is open to BCYF Blackstone Community Center members and youth ages 14 and older, and accounts for a 36-hour-per-week commitment from Boston University.

#### **BioScience Academy**

Launched in fall 2012, the BioScience Academy is a workforce development program that provides biotechnology training to unemployed and underemployed Boston area residents. Program funding stems from the Metro Boston Skilled Careers in Life Sciences (SCILS) initiative, a four-year \$5 million grant that the City of Boston received from the U.S. Department of Labor to grow and maintain the area's life sciences workforce. Boston

University was selected as one of three training partners to implement the biotechnology training program, for which Boston University contributes half of participants' tuition. Students receive professional development training and a Certificate in Applied Biotechnology upon completion of twelve course credits through the School of Medicine and Metropolitan College.

#### 1.9.2.2 Economic Impact

## 19.2.2.a Employment

In addition to educating future health care professionals focused on community, the schools of the BU Medical Campus extend employment and professional development opportunities to the people of Boston and the surrounding communities, as well.

BU Medical Campus employs approximately 2,047 full-time equivalent employees and 351 part-time employees. Of these, 509 are Boston residents.

Employment at the BU Medical Campus is expected to increase in proportion to moderate increases in student enrollment and the development of research programs.

Table 1-7 BU Medical Campus Employment (FY13)

			BU Medical Campus Employment (2013)
	Full-time	Part-time	Total
Total Employees	2,047	351	2,398
Boston Residents	475	34	509

			BU Medical Campus Employment (2013) [Including Temporary Employees]	
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	
Total Employees	2,107	688	2,795	
Boston Residents	495	137	632	

#### 19.2.2.b PILOT (Payment-in-lieu-of-taxes) Program & Linkage Payments

As a nonprofit educational institution, Boston University is tax exempt; however, motivated by a sense of responsibility as one of Boston's largest employers and landowners, and by its commitment to giving back to the community, in the 1980's Boston University began to make

payments to the City of Boston in lieu of the taxes from which it was exempt. These "PILOT" (payment-in-lieu-of-taxes) funds help the city cover the cost of providing essential services, such as police, fire, and snow removal. These payments account for the University's properties and activities on both the BU Medical Campus and the Charles River Campus.

Boston University was the first educational institution in the City of Boston to make such voluntary contributions, and continues to make substantial PILOT payments.

In FY2012, Boston University contributed \$5.3 million in PILOT payments to the City of Boston.

Since FY2006, Boston University has also paid more than \$1 million in linkage payments for new developments on the BU Medical Campus.

#### 1.9.2.3 Local Infrastructure Improvements and Beautification Initiatives

In addition to operating 5 free shuttle services within the South End area and between the BU Medical and Charles River Campuses at an approximate cost of \$1.75 million a year, the BU Medical Campus also makes significant contributions to local urban beautification efforts. In the early 2000s, the University committed \$246,000 to the construction of a "pocket" park on Albany Street, and also installed and maintains planting beds along the median islands stretching from Albany Street to Shawmut Avenue along Massachusetts Avenue.

BU Medical Campus is also a proud participant in Mayor Menino's year-round neighborhood clean-up and community service program, Boston Shines 365, through which volunteers plant flowers, sweet, rake, and pick up trash to keep Boston's neighborhoods clean and beautiful.

#### 1.9.2.4 Scholarships

#### **Community Scholars Program**

For full-time working professionals interested in pursuing a Masters in Public Health part-time, the Community Scholars Program encourages experienced health professionals to pursue advanced study for an MPH while continuing their full-time employment. Up to ten half-tuition scholarships are awarded annually to MPH degree candidates depending on the competiveness of the applicant pool. Eligible applicants have at least two years of experience and are currently employed full-time in public health related nonprofit or government agencies.

In FY2011, Boston University awarded nearly \$129,000 in scholarship aid for local full-time working professionals pursuing an MPH degree.

Table 1-8 Boston University Scholarship Aid

Scholarship Aid				
Scholarship Program	Amount Offered in FY2012	Number of Recipients		
SPH Health Care Scholarship	\$129,000	14		
CityLab Academy	\$72,000	15		
Roxbury Community College	\$20,000	1		

## CityLab Academy

In FY2011, Boston University contributed \$72,360 to the operation of CityLab Academy, a program based on the Boston University Medical Campus. The program is a free, two-semester, college-level program in biotechnology and biomedical science. CityLab Academy prepares students for laboratory jobs in a biotechnology company, medical center, or hospital, and serves as a transition year for students wishing to pursue a bachelor's degree in science while providing the foundation and hands-on experience necessary to join the research workforce. After successful completion of four courses and a two-week internship, students receive a Certificate in Biomedical Laboratory Science and twelve undergraduate college credits from Metropolitan College.

As of September 2012, the CityLab Academy program is currently suspended for four years, as the University concentrates its resources on its BioScience Academy workforce development initiative, which is described in greater detail in the New and Enhanced Community Programming section.

#### **Roxbury Community College**

Boston University awards a full-tuition, renewable Roxbury Community College Scholarship for four semesters to selected transfer students from Roxbury Community College. Selected students have been nominated by the Roxbury Community College Scholarship Committee, and must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 at Roxbury Community College, and transfer at least 60 credits from Roxbury Community College.

In FY2011, Boston University contributed nearly \$20,000 in scholarship funding to transfer students from Roxbury Community College.

#### 1.9.2.5 Education Partnerships

#### CityLab

In 1992, Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM) pioneered an innovative science education outreach program that has been replicated across the country. CityLab is a biotechnology learning laboratory at BUSM serving students and teachers in grades 7–12. CityLab's mission is to provide access to state-of-the-art biotechnology laboratory facilities and curricula—unavailable to most school systems. Teachers from

Massachusetts and neighboring states bring students to CityLab to solve problems by applying the same techniques and concepts of genetics and molecular biology used in research laboratories today. Each topic is presented in a mystery format.

CityLab facilities include two laboratories for students at BUSM and a MobileLab that brings the laboratory directly to schools. Since 1992, more than 70,000 students have participated in hands-on, discovery-oriented investigations. Two thousand teachers have attended workshops at CityLab or aboard the MobileLab, while CityLab curriculum supplements have been adopted for use by museums, schools, and enrichment programs nationwide.

CityLab maintains its continued support of teachers and students in the Boston Public Schools by providing access to laboratory-based learning experiences in biotechnology, molecular biology, and clinical sciences. Through the use of its mobile laboratory and on-site laboratories at the School of Medicine, CityLab plans to continue its many class visits to the Boston Public Schools each year.

#### SummerLab

In 2013, Boston University plans to award 6 full-scholarships to students from the South End, Roxbury, Dorchester, and South Boston for SummerLab, a one-week program open to students in grade 10 through freshman year of college. Students gain hands on lab experience with biotechnology, acting as a members of a research team and using state-of-the-art equipment to perform experiments of their own design. At SummerLab, scholarship recipients will learn about biotechnology techniques associated with recombinant DNA, protein purification, cell lysis, and gel electrophoresis.

#### 1.9.2.6 Community Partnerships and Community Relations

In support of one of Boston University Medical Campus' top priorities, to serve the local community, the University's office of Government & Community Relations established a full-time Community Relations division on the BU Medical Campus. Community Relations is tasked with planning, implementing, and overseeing community relations activities between BUMC and neighboring residents, business owners, and neighborhood associations. In addition to serving as the primary point of contact for any inquiries lodged by community stakeholders, the Community Relations team maintains a strong community presence through regular attendance and participation at local business and community meetings and events.

Community Relations on the BU Medical Campus strives to ensure that the University is fully aware of and responsive to the needs of its neighbors. Members of the Community Relations team serve as active members of various community organizations and provide annual contributions to many local community groups and organizations in the South End and neighboring Roxbury, Dorchester, and South Boston. Since 2003, Community Relations staff has proudly participated in well over 500 community meetings and events at local organizations. Additional information regarding Community Relations outreach efforts can be found at <a href="http://www.bu.edu/community">http://www.bu.edu/community</a>, and a comprehensive list of the community organizations with which Community Relations on the BU Medical Campus is involved is provided below. It should be noted that this list is solely representative of BU Medical Campus Community Relations' outreach efforts, and does not account for community relations activities on the Charles River Campus.

The BU Medical Campus' Community Relations office, a division of the University's office of Government & Community Affairs, is a member and/or active participant in the following community and trade organizations:

- A Better City
- Associated Industries of Massachusetts
- Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts (AICUM)
- Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association
- ♦ Boston Police Department
- ◆ DREAM Program
- Dudley Corridor Safety Task Force
- Dudley Vision Advisory Task Force
- ♦ Egleston Square Community Task Force
- Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Massachusetts Association of Nonprofit Schools and Colleges (MANS&C)
- Massachusetts Biotechnology Council (MassBio)
- Massachusetts High Technology Council
- Morgan Memorial / Goodwill Industries
- Newmarket Business Association

- Private Industry Council
- Roxbury Community Alliance for Health
- Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee
- ♦ South End / Lower Roxbury Safety Task Force
- Worcester Square Neighborhood Association
- Washington Gateway Main Streets

The BU Medical Campus' Community Relations office, a division of the University's office of Government & Community Affairs, also provides financial contributions to the following organizations in support of their community development activities and programs:

- ♦ 826 Boston
- Action for Boston Community Development
- ♦ Boston City Lights
- ♦ Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester
- ♦ Boys & Girls Club of Roxbury
- Discover Roxbury
- Dorchester House
- Dorchester YMCA
- Grant Manor Housing Development
- Huntington Avenue YMCA
- Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion
- Jamaica Plain YMCA
- Mandela Residents Cooperative Association
- Nature's Classroom, Summer Camp (Boston)
- Orchard Gardens Housing Development
- Roxbury YMCA
- South End Community Builders
- St. Stephens

- Teen Challenge (Roxbury)
- ◆ Teen Empowerment
- ◆ Twelfth Baptist Church
- Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts
- Vietaid
- West End House Boys & Girls Club
- Whittier Street Housing Development
- Yawkey Club of Roxbury, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston
- ♦ Youthbuild
- Youth Options Unlimited

#### 1.9.2.6.a Boston University Community Grants Program

In late 2011, responding to drastic budget cuts undertaken by community organizations across the city, Boston University's Government & Community Affairs office implemented a community grants program. The \$2,500 community grants are awarded to programs and services that benefit residents of Boston University's host community, with special consideration for programs and services that benefit local youth. Funding is intended to supplement the existing budgets of established organizations and agencies.

In 2012, Boston University doubled its commitment to the communities of Roxbury and South End, awarding not one but two \$2,500 grants in support of the extraordinary efforts undertaken by local community organizations working to make a difference in the lives of the young people of Boston.

#### **Community Grant - 2011:**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston Yawkey Club of Roxbury received \$2,500 in support of their Young Leaders summer program, a seven-week program offering 13- and 14- year-olds a realistic work environment experience in a summer camp setting, the opportunity to be a role model for young children, and the chance to acquire new skills and develop leadership abilities. The Young Leaders program encourages students to experience personal growth and develop meaningful relationships with peers and caring adults through travel and exploring the New England region.

#### **Community Grants - 2012:**

**Boston City Lights**, located in the South End, is a free performing arts and training program designed to develop the artistic abilities of inner city kids. Committed volunteers and past students teach dance, singing, acting, video production, set design and sound engineering. Boston City Lights received a \$2,500 in support of the organization's on-going efforts to use the arts to empower youth.

Mandela Resident Cooperative Association (MCRA) received a \$2,500 grant in support of its 2013 Annual Get Connected Youth Fair. The Annual Get Connected Youth Fair allows local community agencies to connect and provide information to youth, ages 14-24, on a variety of different topics, including educational opportunities, job skills readiness training and employment openings.

## 1.9.2.6.b Community Programs & Services Provided by Boston University Schools & Colleges

BU Medical Campus offers a wide array of community programs, resources, and services related to their respective concentrations and specialties. These programs are part of the Boston University Medical Campus' long-standing commitment to community service, public health, and social advocacy through student service-learning and faculty service. Select community programs are summarized below.

**Boston University School of Medicine** offers medical students a unique service-learning experience through community based medicine and social advocacy programs. The programs include:

**Outreach Van Project** - Founded in 1997 by School of Medicine and School of Public Health students, students under the supervision of a licensed physician provide food, clothing, and reliable, consistent medical care to the underserved, predominately Hispanic community of East Boston where 25 percent of children live below the poverty line. The Outreach Van Project is currently the only outreach agency supporting the underserved community in East Boston.

**Project MED HEALTH** (Helping Educate Adolescents to Live Tomorrow Health) – School of Medicine students lead interactive, technology based educational workshops for Boston Public School children on key health issues such as nutrition, fitness, safety, puberty, and sex education.

**Codman Square Fiscal Health Survey & Intervention** – A partnership of School of Medicine students and leaders of Codman Square community based organizations working together to explore the links between community economics, community health, effective listening, effective advocacy, and racism.

The Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine has an unwavering commitment to improving oral health and quality of life in communities through strategic partnering, health education and promotion, and implementation of public health initiatives. Goldman School of

Dental Medicine programs serve as national models for training dental students and nondental health professionals to provide oral health services for disadvantaged populations. The Goldman School of Dental Medicine's work includes:

**City-wide Dental Health Programs** – These city-wide dental health programs operate in public schools in Boston, Chelsea, Framingham, and Lawrence. The programs provide oral screenings, sealant placement, fluoride applications, and oral health education. Similar services are provided at Early Head Start, Head Start, and other preschool programs in the greater Boston metropolitan area.

Chelsea School Dental Center – Since opening in April of 2003, the Chelsea School Dental Center (CSDC), which is managed by GSDM and located in the Williams Middle School, has provided preventive and restorative services for thousands of children. The CSDC gives care to Chelsea public school students regardless of their grade level or ability to pay for services. Many of the patients, who range in age from preschoolers to high school seniors, have never been to the dentist and would have no other source of dental care if it were not for the CSDC. Five bilingual dentists devote time to treating patients in the clinic.

**Health Promotion for the Underserved** - Over 50 other oral health promotion programs for underserved populations with programs targeted to serve the homeless, financially disadvantaged, uninsured and underinsured, elders, survivors of torture, refugees, and individuals with HIV.

The Boston University School of Public Health has a long standing, service-oriented philosophy evidenced by the combination research and academics with a practicum requirement involving work experience in a public health environment. Through longstanding collaborations with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Boston Public Health Commission, and the Veterans Affairs Administration, and international alliances with the Red Cross, the Peace Corps, and foreign governments, School of Public Health students, faculty, and alumni draw on their own diverse backgrounds to carry out the School's mission in a variety of settings. Some examples of programming include:

#### Refugee and Immigrant Health Program

Since 1996, the Refugee and Immigrant Health Program, a joint project of Boston Medical Center, the Department of Medicine at Boston University's School of Medicine, Global Lawyers and Physicians, and the Department of Health Law, Bioethics & Human Rights at Boston University's School of Public Health, has actively cared for the medical, psychological, legal, and social needs of more than 500 clients each year. Clients hail from 57 countries and live in and around Boston. It is a multidisciplinary center that provides services for refugees and survivors of torture and related trauma. The program provides primary health care, mental health services, referrals for medical specialties, neuro-psychiatric evaluation, dental evaluations of persons in detention, physical therapy, referral and consultation for legal services, social services, English classes, creative therapies, and vocational rehabilitation. The program also offers a clothing bank, access to the BMC Food Pantry, and ethnic community support groups.

#### **Public Health Education Week**

During Public Health Education Week, School of Public Health (SPH) students, with support from faculty and staff, conduct high school education programs in Boston public schools. SPH students speak with high school students about the relevance of public health in their everyday lives, health promotion, disease prevention, and health protection.

## 1.10 Project Benefits

The proposed BMC projects will:

## **Elevate Quality of Care**

- Consolidation and modernization of clinical care areas within the campus core allows for improved patient care and operational efficiency.
- Provide right-sized patient care space to accommodate the single expanded emergency department and the consolidated clinical programs to the Menino Pavilion and provide more single patient rooms, therefore improving quality and delivery of patient care.
- Relocate the Emergency Department Entrance and drop-off to the rear of the Moakley Cancer Care Center and relocate the loading dock to the south side of Albany Street. This will allow separation of service areas from patient care areas and reduction in vehicular and truck traffic on Albany Street.
- ♦ Improves patient transport from the helipad and directly connects to the Emergency Department on the north side of Albany Street to provide more efficient patient care.

#### **Improve the Pedestrian Environment**

- Create a defined pedestrian experience along East Concord Street by engaging the east face of the building with the sidewalk.
- Provide sidewalk and landscape improvements along the perimeter of the buildings to enhance the pedestrian experience.
- Relocate the MBTA bus stop on East Concord Street from the street edge closer to the building to provide users as well as traversing pedestrians with protection from the elements.
- Eliminate three of the existing curb cuts on the north side of Albany Street and consolidate the remaining curb cuts to eliminate vehicular and pedestrian conflicts and enhance the overall pedestrian experience.
- ◆ Facilitate the demolition of the existing yellow utility tube which will continue to the transformation of the Albany Street image.
- Allow for closure of one of the two existing lanes underneath the existing yellow utility tube minimizing and reducing the width of the curb cut and contributing to an improved pedestrian experience.

### Improve Access to and through Boston University Medical Center

- Create a more optimal intersection configuration at Shapiro Drive and East Concord Street to provide visual clarity for vehicular traffic turning right onto East Concord Street.
- Provide improved circulation and vital connections to adjacent campus buildings improving operational efficiency.
- ♦ Better define the north edge of Albany Street and improve the image of Albany Street and the BUMC Campus as its major arrival point.

## Advance Sustainable Design, Green Building and Technology Goals

- ♦ Shrink Boston University Medical Center's carbon footprint through lesser greenhouse gas emissions and lower its impact on the local environment.
- ◆ Decrease Boston University Medical Center's impact on the locally taxed energy infrastructure by generating 75% of its electricity and 95% of its steam.
- Producing steam and electricity through cogeneration will decrease Boston University Medical Center's energy costs.

#### Job Creation

Create approximately 250 construction jobs.

#### **Provide Linkage Funds**

Contribution to the housing and jobs linkage fund.

#### 1.11 Linkage

Upon approval of the Boston University Medical Center IMP in 2000, Boston University Medical Center entered into a Development Impact Project ("DIP") Agreement with the BRA for its institutional projects which exceeded the threshold requirements of Article 80B of the Code. With the adoption of the IMP renewal for a new 10-year term commencing in 2010, Boston University Medical Center and the BRA entered into a new DIP Agreement which will govern all new projects which exceed the thresholds set forth in Article 80B of the Code.

## 1.12 Areas of Interest for Future Campus Expansion

As the proponents look into the future and as trends continue to change for patient care and academic needs, they will continue to evaluate opportunities for future expansion. The proponents recognize the following sites, if available, as ideal locations for future expansion due to proximity to the existing BUMC Campus:

- Solomon Carter Fuller Building
- Chief Medical Examiner's Office Building
- ♦ Finland Building
- ♦ Flower Exchange

- ♦ Jacobson Floral
- Immaculate Conception Church and the attached Link Building
- Northampton Square Complex Medical Office Building and storefronts

## 1.13 Institutional Master Plan Background / History

#### **Overview**

The original Boston University Medical Center Institutional Master Plan was approved by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on May 18, 2000 and the Boston Zoning Commission on June 28, 2000, effective July 13, 2000. From 2001 through early 2010, the Proponents filed multiple IMP Amendments, Notices of Project Change, Project Notification Forms, and Notices of Exemption. In March 2010, the Proponents submitted their Institutional Master Plan Renewal Form. The IMP Renewal was approved by the BRA on June 22, 2010. Three new construction projects were included in the 2010 IMP: a 48,000 square foot Energy Facility located to the east of the existing Power Plant, a 160,000 square foot Administration/Clinical Building located on the surface parking lot on the north side of the Power Plant (along Albany Street), and a 405,000 square foot New Inpatient Building located on the current Dowling Building site. See Appendix A for the complete IMP Background and History.

# **Section 2**

## 2.0 DRAFT PROJECT IMPACT REPORT – Moakley Cancer Center Addition, New Inpatient Phase 1, New Patient Transport Bridge

## 2.1 Proposed Project Summary

Boston Medical Center recognizes the immediate need to address the space and physical constraints of its existing campus, consolidate clinical services to the West Campus, and accommodate the growth in clinical services through four proposed projects. The projects will allow campus development supportive of the institution's mission and will ensure BMC continues to be an industry leader and provider of quality patient care.

BMC is proceeding with one Large Project Review approval for the following three of the four proposed projects with the filing of this Draft Project Impact Report:

- ♦ Moakley Cancer Center Addition
- New Inpatient Building Phase 1
- ♦ New Patient Transport Bridge

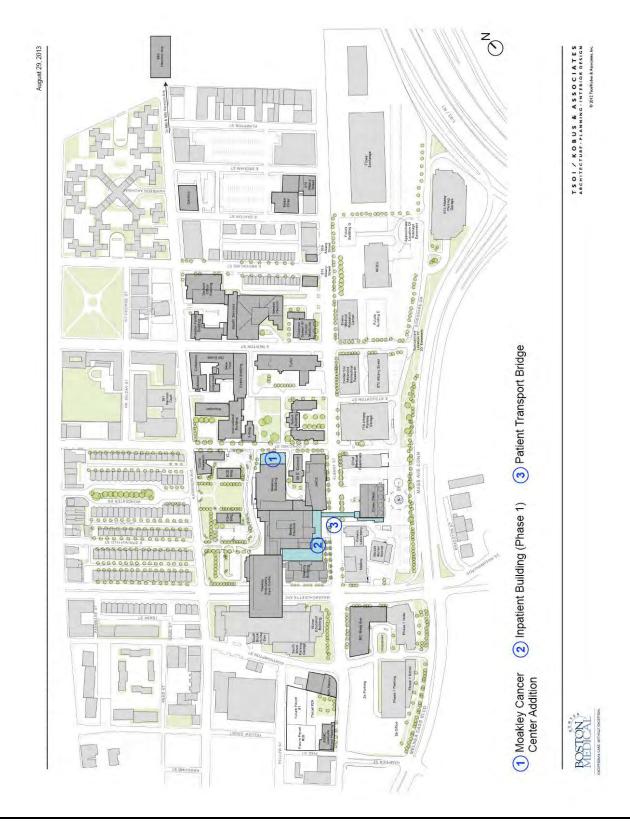
BMC will file a separate Draft Project Impact Report at a later date for the Energy Facility.

The proposed projects will accomplish the following objectives:

- Consolidate clinical functions in proximity to core medical services;
- Meet current patient care standards and improve patient experience;
- Enhance day-to-day operations to support clinical programs;
- ◆ Improve departmental adjacencies and patient flow through "right-size" design of clinical buildings and care spaces;
- ♦ Improve operational efficiency;
- Upgrade and expand the Emergency Department and Trauma Center;
- Create clear wayfinding pathways and internal connections through the West Campus;
- ♦ Improve patient access by relocating the Emergency Department Drop-off and Entrance to the rear of the Moakley Cancer Center, accessed via Shapiro Drive;
- Centralize loading to the south side of Albany Street away from the Hospital Entrance separating service areas for patient care area;
- Reduce existing curb cuts along Albany Street;
- Minimize potential vehicle conflicts with pedestrians and foster a more user-friendly experience;
- Expand Ambulance drop off area; and
- Replacement of the "yellow utility tube" with a patient transport, material and utility bridge.

See Figure 2-1 Proposed IMP Draft Project Impact Report Projects.

Figure 2-1 Proposed IMP Draft Project Impact Report Projects



## 2.0 DRAFT PROJECT IMPACT REPORT – Moakley Cancer Center Addition, New Inpatient Phase 1, New Patient Transport Bridge

#### 2.1.1 Moakley Cancer Center Addition

BMC is proposing the construction of an approximately 27,800 square foot outpatient addition at the site east of the existing Moakley Cancer Center building along East Concord Street. The new Moakley Cancer Center Addition will facilitate both inpatient and outpatient program consolidation within the campus core. Completing the Moakley Cancer Center Addition first will allow BMC to begin operational reorganization necessary for other IMP projects to commence.

The Moakley Cancer Center Addition will provide adequate space for departments being displaced by the proposed expansion of the Emergency Department and the Trauma Center as well as the Centralized Surgical Department within the existing Menino Pavilion and Moakley Cancer Center. The displaced departments include Audiology and Digestive Disorders. The building will also accommodate increased volume in outpatient care.

The Project will be a 3-story building above grade and approximately 27,800 square feet with a typical floor-plate of approximately 7,000 square feet. The Moakley Cancer Center Addition is proposed in this central location to take advantage of proximity to current outpatient services and utilize existing campus and building infrastructure. Alignment of the new addition with the surrounding context will further define and promote existing campus pedestrian connections, which are essential to maintain and strengthen the urban fabric.

See Figures 2-2 to 2-12 for Floorplans, Sections and Elevations.

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Figure 2-2 Moakley Cancer Center Addition Project Location and Campus Plan

Figure 2-3 Moakley Cancer Center Addition Site Plan

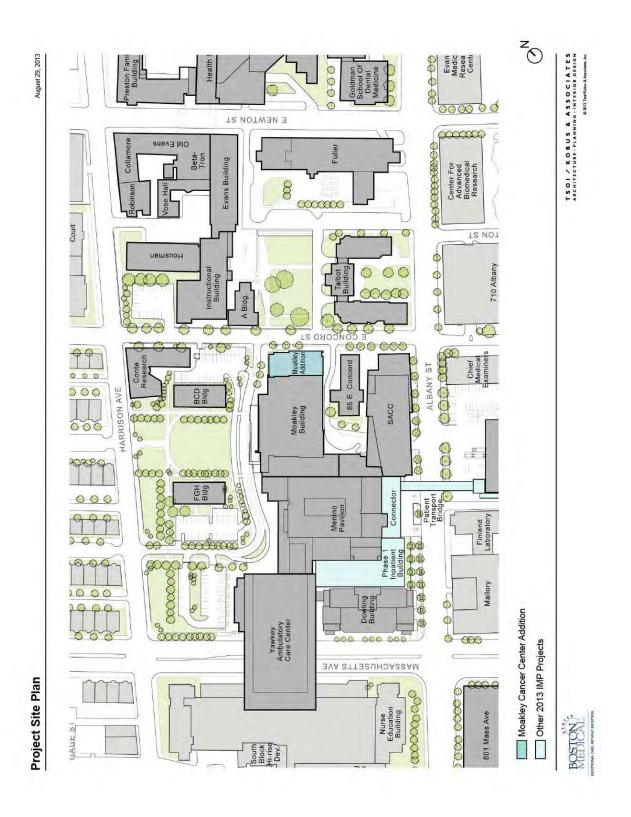


Figure 2-4 Moakley Cancer Center Addition Basement Level Floorplan

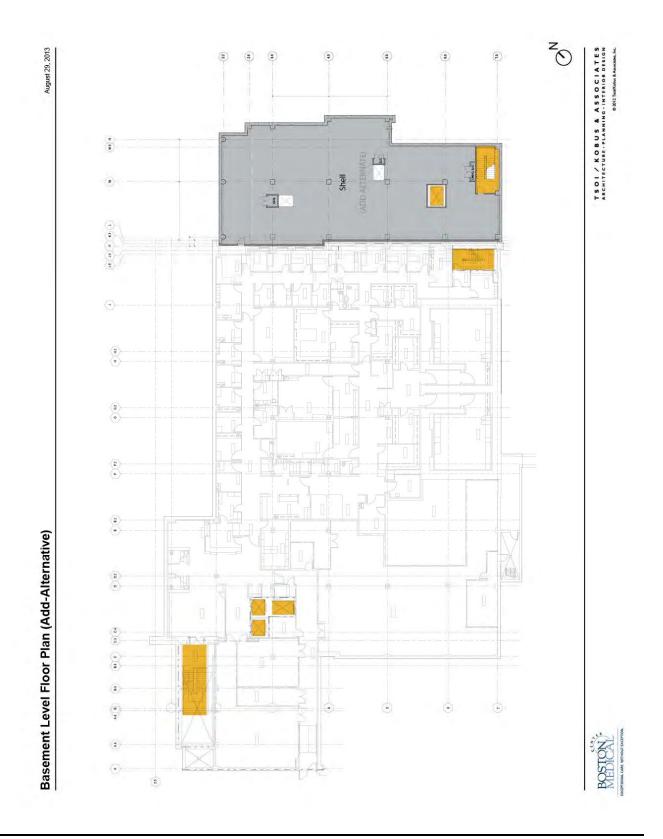


Figure 2-5 Moakley Cancer Center Addition First Level Floorplan



Figure 2-6 Moakley Cancer Center Addition Second Level Floorplan



Figure 2-7 Moakley Cancer Center Addition Third Level Floorplan



Figure 2-8 Moakley Cancer Center Building Section Looking West

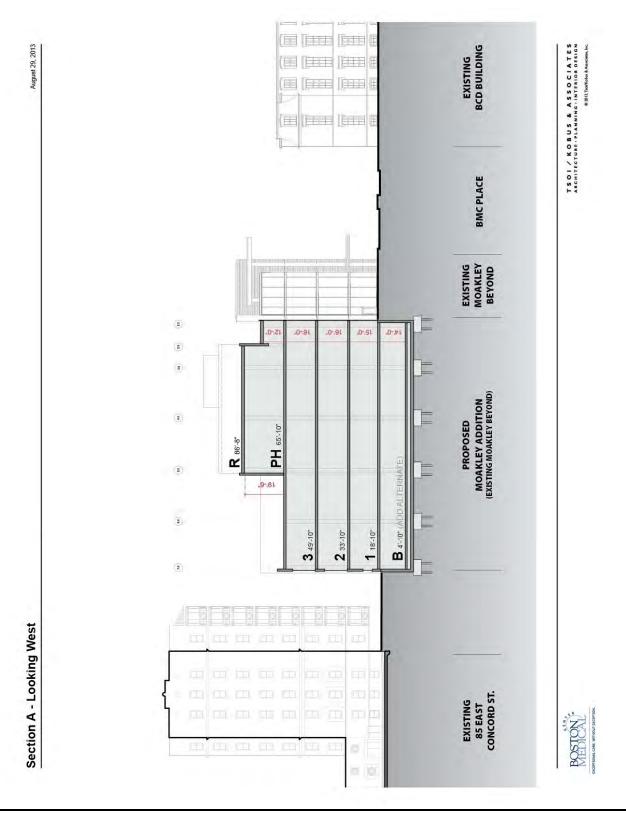
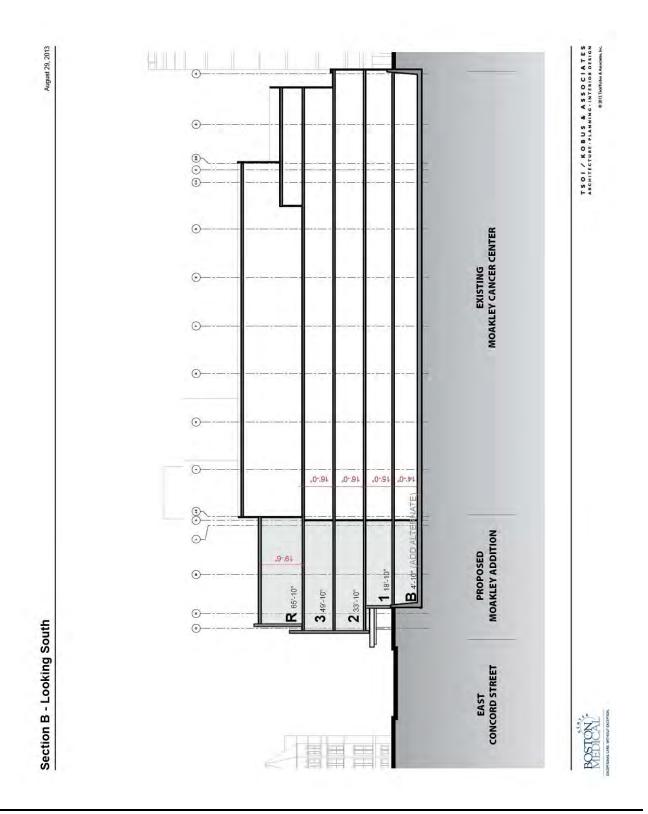
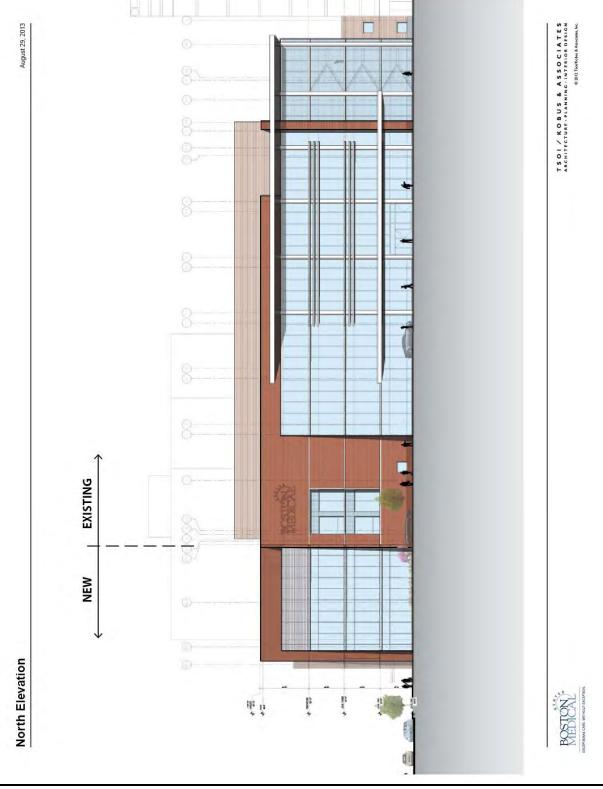


Figure 2-9 Moakley Cancer Center Addition Building Section Looking South



**Figure 2-10 Moakley Cancer Center Addition North Elevation** 



**Figure 2-11 Moakley Cancer Center Addition South Elevation** 



Figure 2-12 Moakley Cancer Center Addition East Elevation



#### 2.1.2 New Inpatient Building Phase 1

BMC is proposing to construct the first phase of the New Inpatient Building. Upon relocation of the displaced departments to the Moakley Cancer Center Addition, the expansion of the Emergency Department and Trauma Center and consolidation of other critical care departments can be completed with the New Inpatient Building.

In July 2010, Boston Medical Center consolidated its two emergency departments, merging service of the Newton Pavilion Emergency Department into the Menino Pavilion Emergency Department. The unified departments enhance patient care by combining all required resources in one location. However, the existing configuration of clinical spaces in the Menino Pavilion is inadequate due to the increase in Emergency Department volumes and for the scope of the services provided (trauma, adult acute, pediatric acute, psychiatric, and urgent care). In addition, the consolidation of the Radiology Department requires significant expansion of that service. The first phase of the New Inpatient Building will allow the reconfiguration of the first floor to accommodate both an expanded Radiology Department and Emergency Department and Trauma Center. The proposed building will also accommodate the consolidation of all interventional procedure space on the second floor and facilitate the consolidation of all inpatient beds on upper floors.

The New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will be located on the site of the eastern portion of the present Dowling Building. This will necessitate the demolition of the existing 19,000 square foot, 3-story portion of the Dowling Building along Albany Street (east section of the building located between the Dowling Tower and the Menino Pavilion) which is currently used for administrative and support functions. The New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will be 4-stories above grade at approximately 82,300 square feet. The building's southern face is set back from Albany Street to allow further sidewalk improvements intended to promote a user-friendly experience. The facade engages this streetscape providing a clear and continuous edge further defining the pedestrian path.

Reorganization and improvements to walk-in and drop-off entries will occur to improve the patient experience and wayfinding. The Emergency Department walk-in and drop-off entrance will be relocated to the rear of the Moakley Cancer Center accessed via Shapiro Drive. New wayfinding signage will be installed to denote the new location. This action will further remove vehicular traffic from the north side of Albany Street, minimizing potential conflicts with pedestrians and fostering a more user-friendly experience.

Improvements will also be made to the existing Menino Pavilion entry facing Harrison Avenue as part of the expanded Emergency Department in Phase 1 of the New Inpatient Building. The new glazed storefront will comprise an approximately 800 square foot family waiting area for the Emergency Department, an approximately 1,100 square foot public access corridor connecting the renovated Emergency Department with the Menino front lobby and approximately 1,000 square foot hospital gift shop. The new glazed storefront system will

eliminate the dark shadows caused by the existing overhang which can impede wayfinding for drop-off or walk-in patients.

Phase 1 will also provide increased support and circulation space and vital connections to adjacent campus buildings via a connector wing. The connector wing will span over the existing ambulance bays to the south of the Menino Pavilion. The first level will extend from Level 2 of the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 and will align with Level 2 of the existing Menino Pavilion while the second level will align with Level 3 of the Menino Pavilion and Level 3 of the Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center.

See Figures 2-13 to 2-23 for Floorplans, Sections and Elevations.

Figure 2-13 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Location and Campus Plan

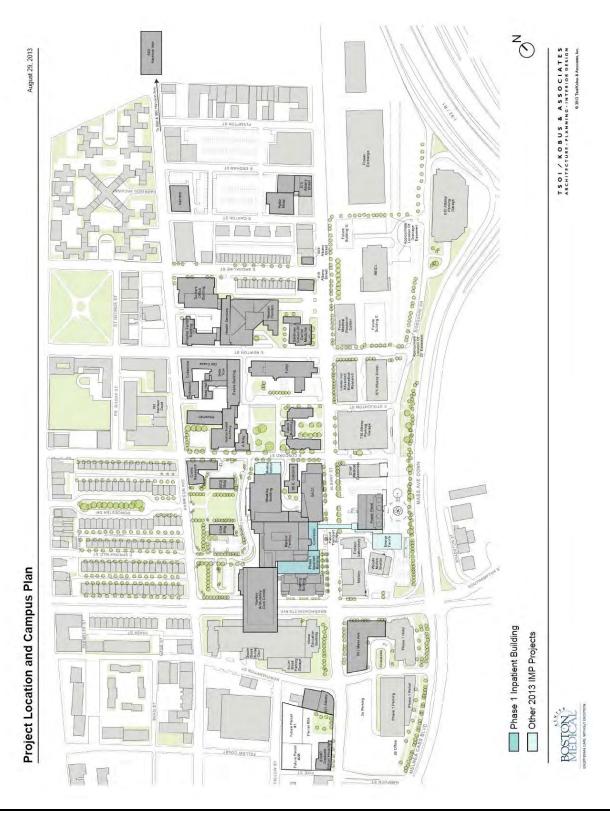


Figure 2-14 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Site Plan



Figure 2-15 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Basement Level Floorplan

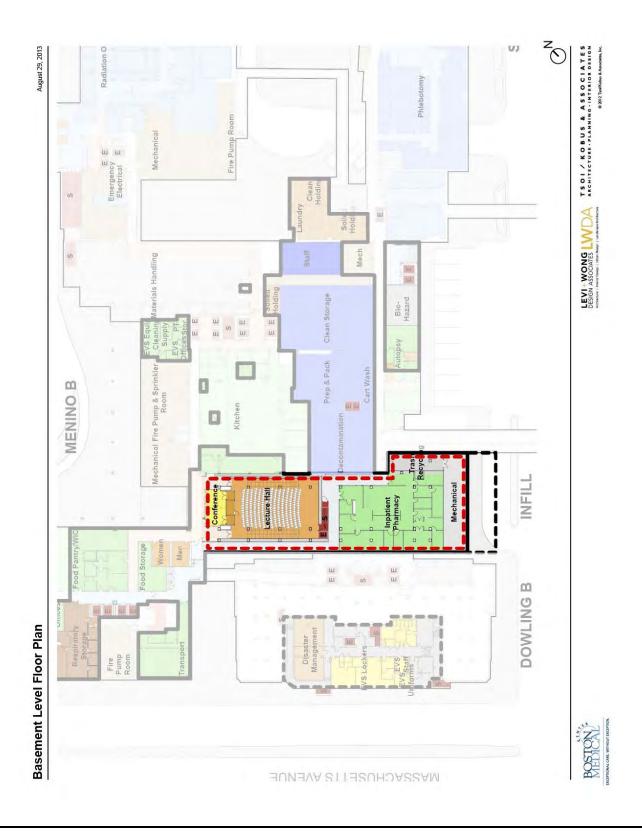


Figure 2-16 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 First Level Floorplan

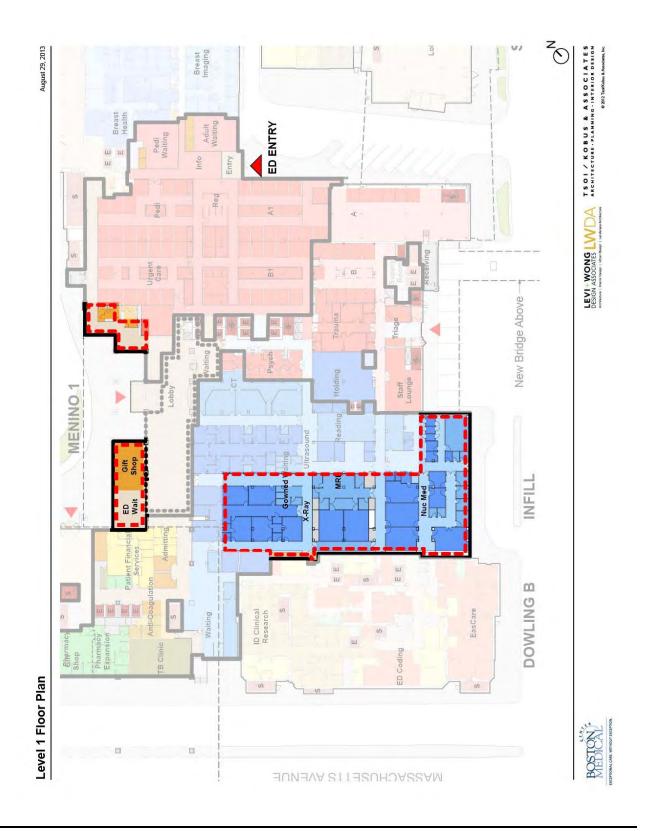


Figure 2-17 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Second Level Floorplan

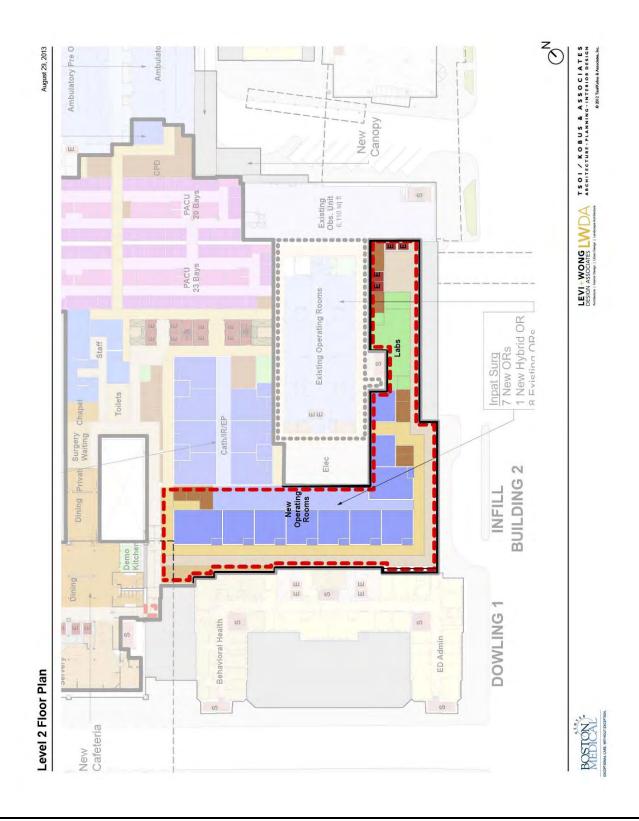


Figure 2-18 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Third Level Floorplan

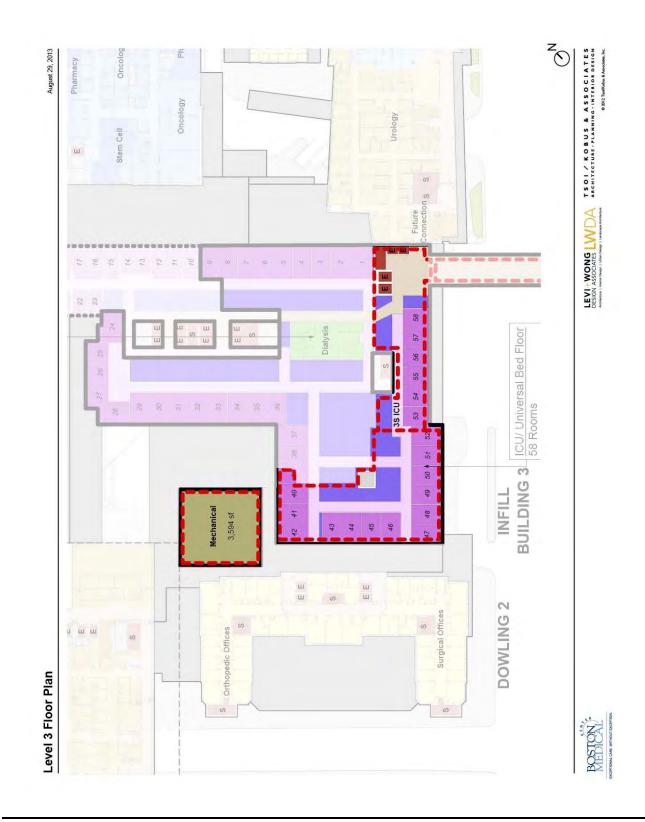


Figure 2-19 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Fourth Level Floorplan

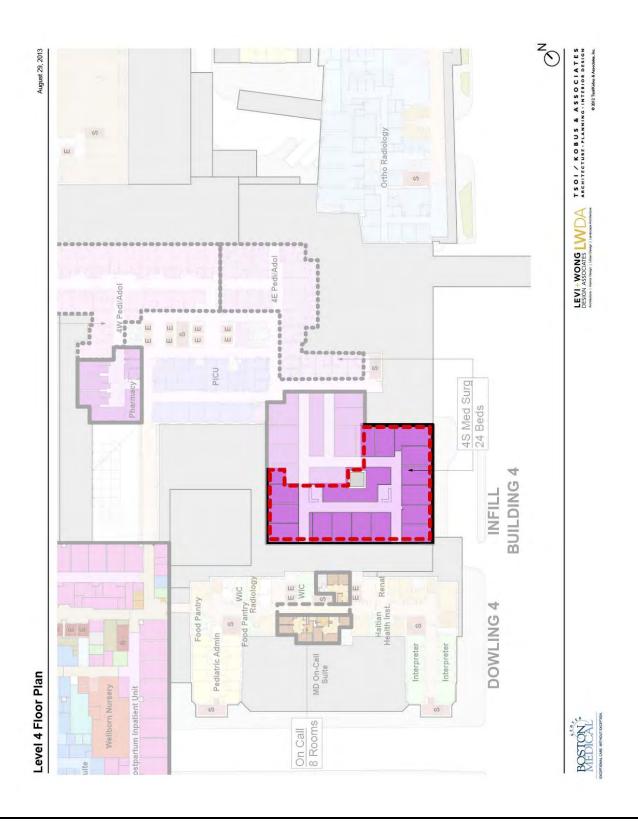


Figure 2-20 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Fifth Level Floorplan

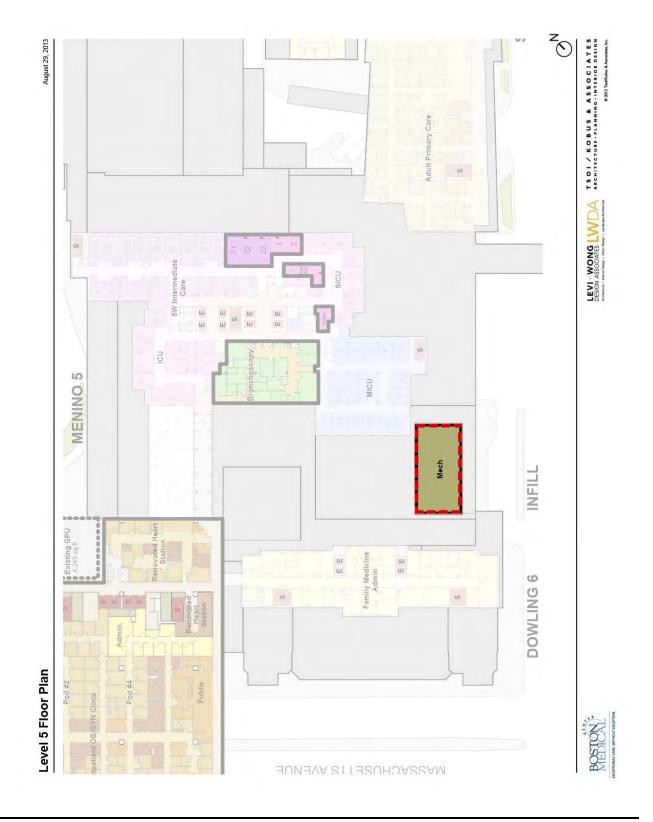


Figure 2-21 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Section Looking North

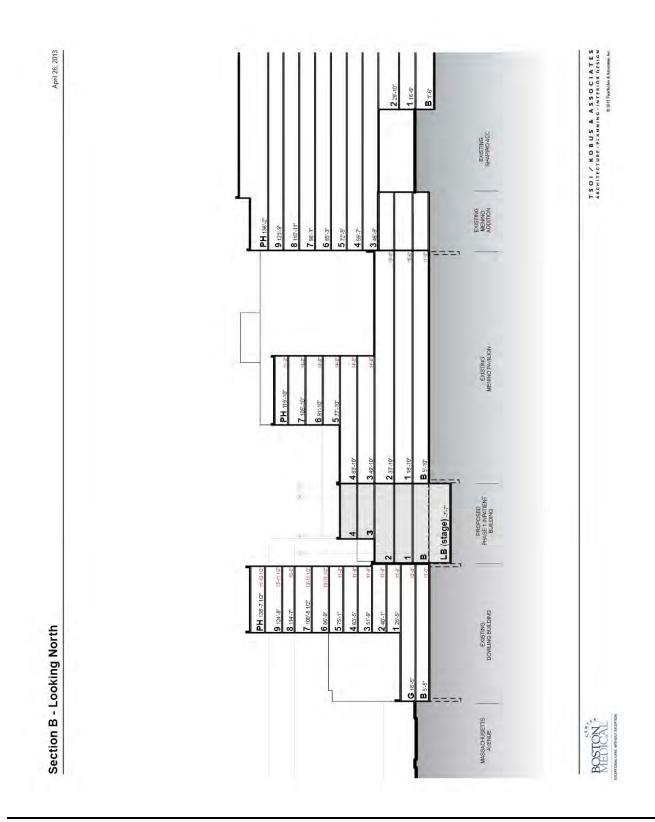


Figure 2-22 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Section Looking West

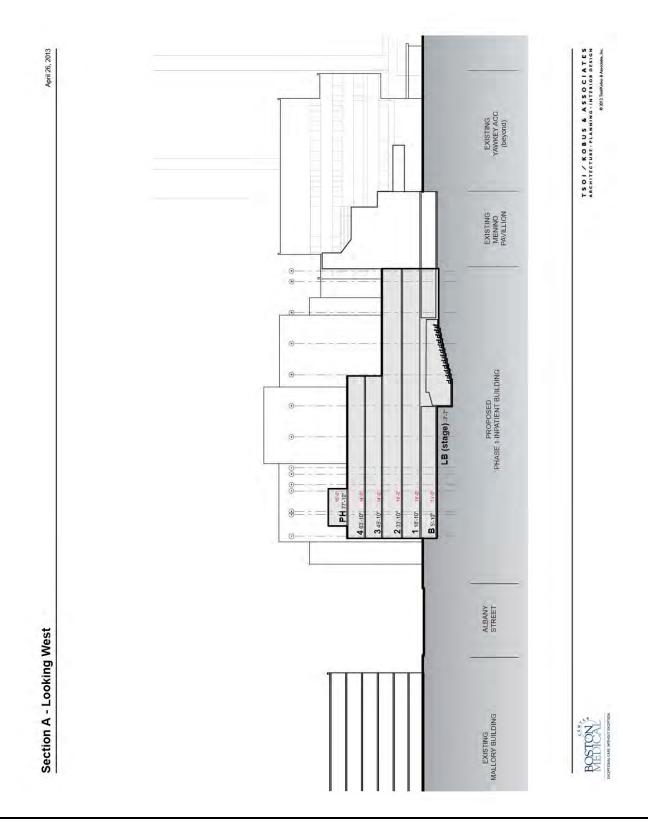
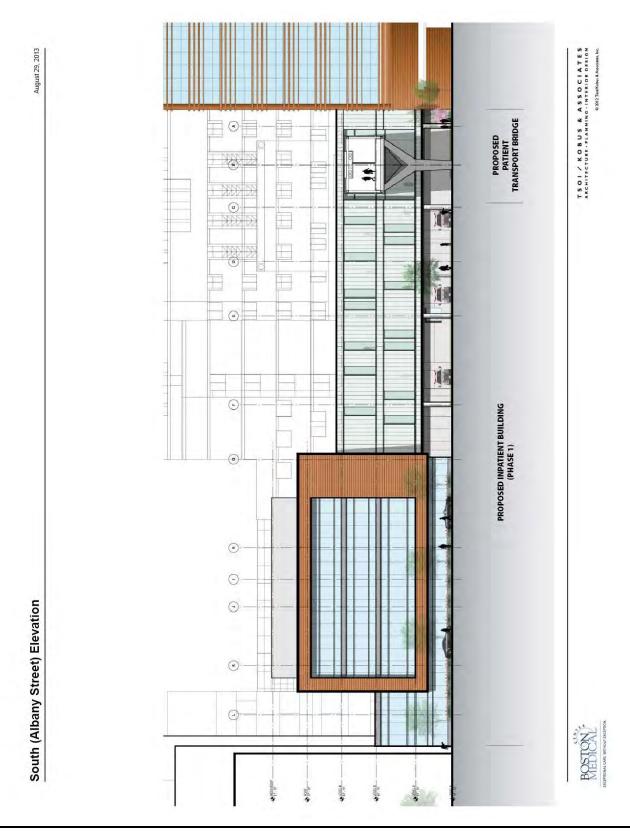


Figure 2-23 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 South Elevation



#### 2.1.3 New Patient Transport Bridge

The new Bridge will improve patient transport and material handling operations. The new Bridge will be a 1-story material, utility, and patient transport Bridge at approximately 7,800 square feet, including a 1 story corridor to provide access for the Med Flight patients from the helipad to the new Bridge. The new Bridge will require the demolition of the existing yellow tube currently used for utility services.

The new Bridge is proposed to cross Albany Street in approximately the same location as the existing yellow utility tube. The 1 story corridor will be constructed at grade located adjacent to the existing Power Plant. Med Flight patients will be transported through the 1-story corridor to the new elevator tower in the Bridge and through the Bridge spanning across Albany Street connecting to the New Inpatient Building Phase 1.

By connecting the north and south sides of Albany Street, the project will provide direct patient transport from the existing Helipad to the expanded Emergency Department and Trauma Center, providing better patient care through increased operational efficiency, and reducing health care costs by eliminating ambulance transport. The new Bridge is also intended to transport clean materials from the newly relocated loading docks on the south side of Albany Street at the existing Power Plant, as well as house necessary utility connections from the existing Power Plant and Energy Facility to the main campus.

See Figures 2-35 to 2-43 for Floorplans, Sections and Elevations.

Figure 2-35 New Patient Transport Bridge Project Location and Campus Plan

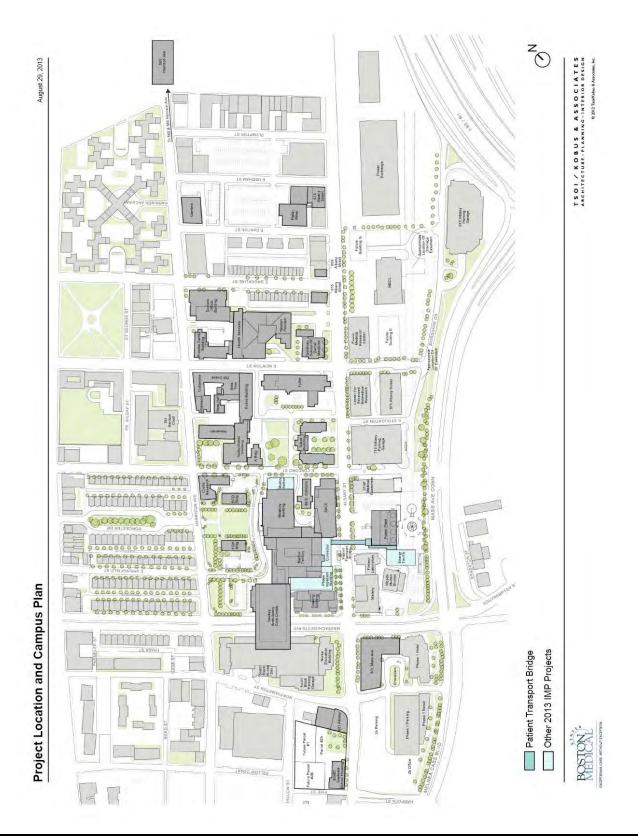


Figure 2-36 New Patient Transport Bridge Site Plan



Figure 2-37 New Patient Transport Bridge First Level Floorplan

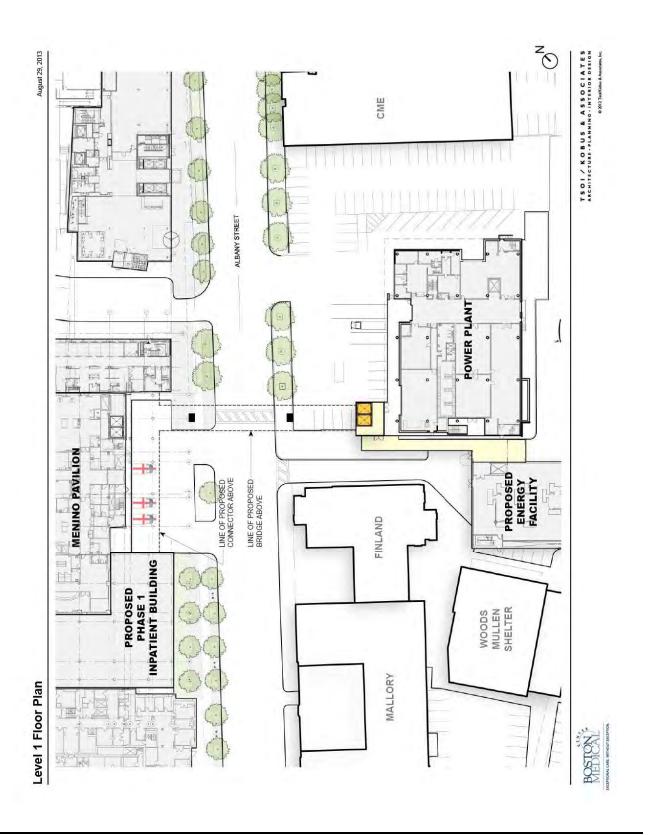


Figure 2-38 New Patient Transport Bridge Second Level Floorplan

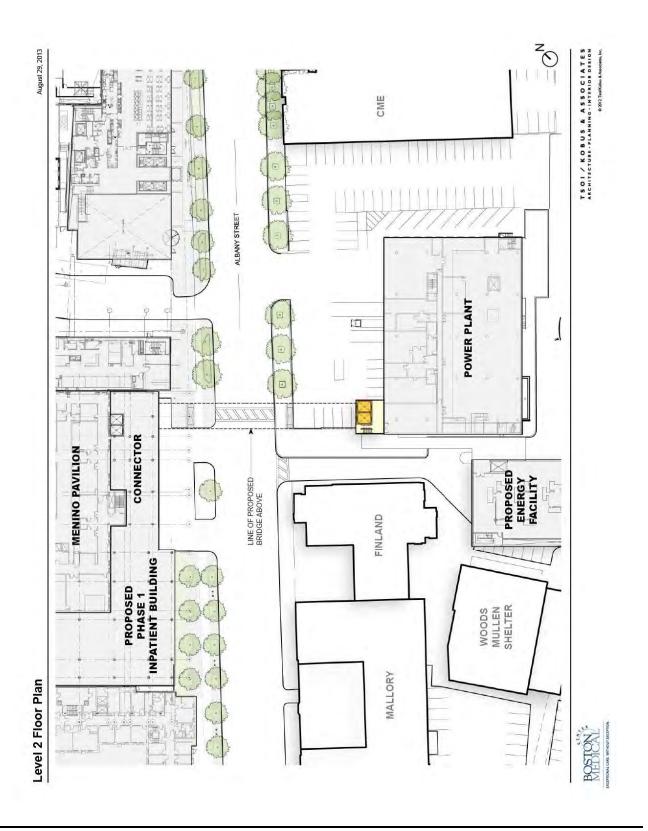


Figure 2-39 New Patient Transport Bridge Third Level Floorplan



Figure 2-40 New Patient Transport Bridge Section Looking North



Figure 2-41 New Patient Transport Bridge Section Looking East

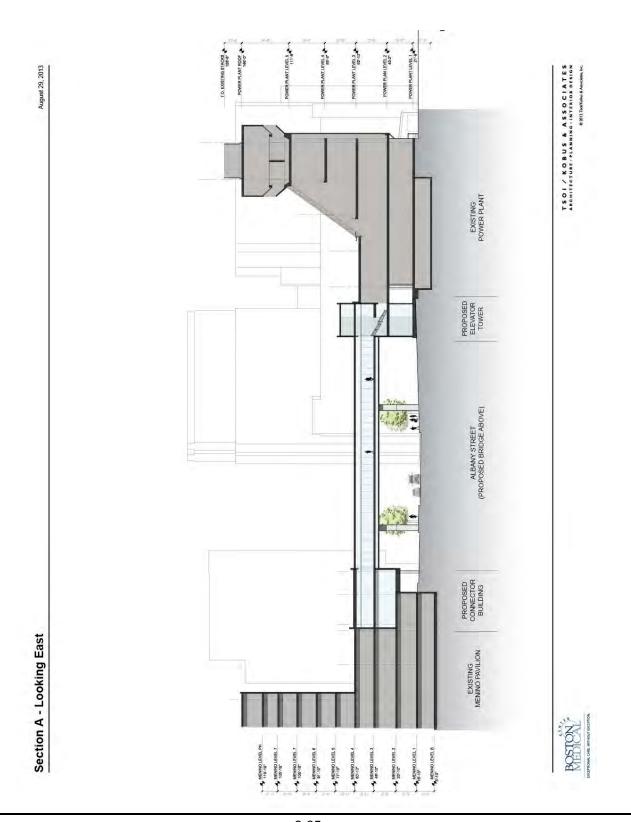


Figure 2-42 New Patient Transport Bridge East Elevation

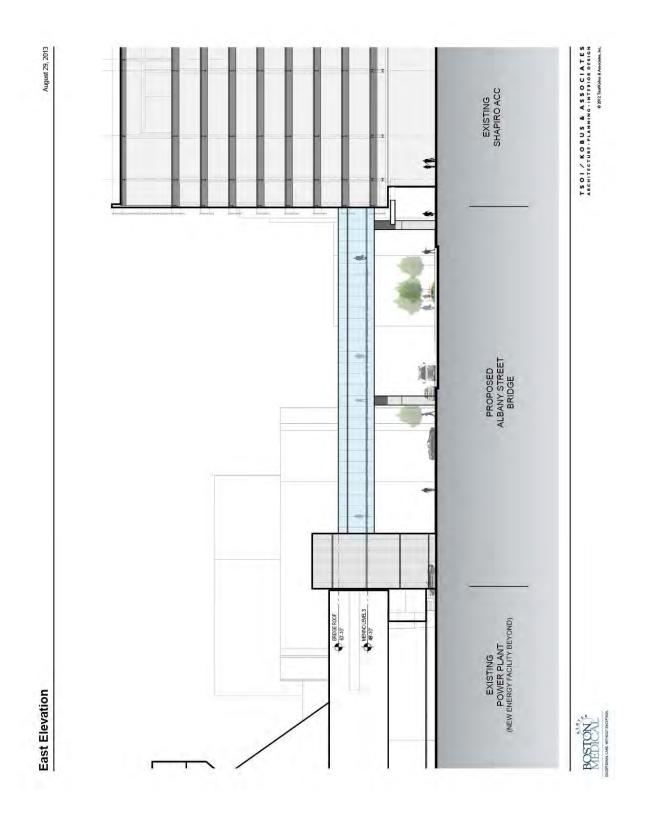
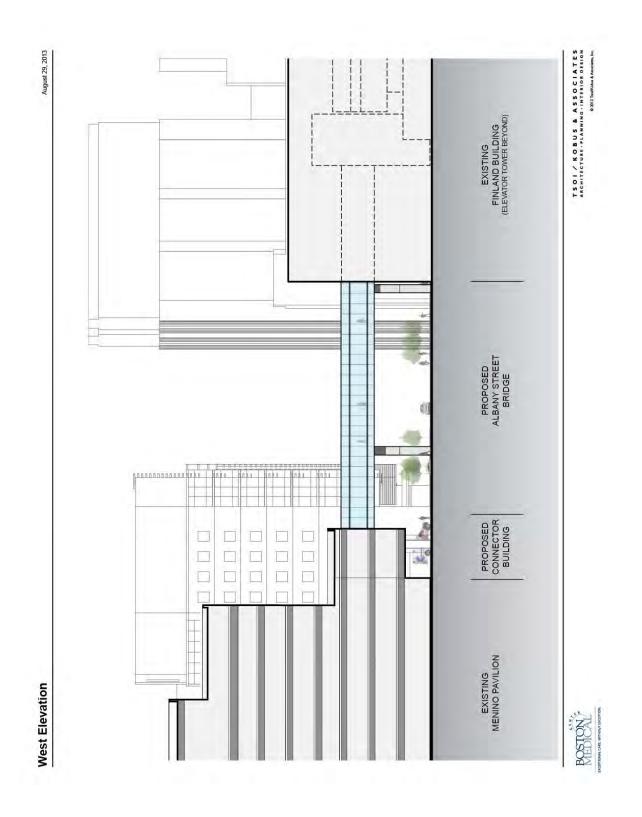


Figure 2-43 New Patient Transport Bridge West Elevation



#### 2.1.4 Campus Reconfiguration and Relocation Projects

Boston Medical Center will be undertaking departmental reconfigurations as part of the campus realignment and consolidation to provide better departmental adjacencies and patient flow, operational efficiencies and an improved patient experience. Improvements include reconfiguration of the existing Emergency Department and Radiology Department including a new walk-in patient entrance and expanded drop-off area, renovation of existing inpatient surgery, relocation of existing cafeteria, and relocation of the Maternity Department as well as other enabling projects.

See Figures 2-44 through 2-50 for Reconfiguration and Relocation Projects.

#### 2.1.5 Campus and Building Maintenance Projects

Boston University Medical Center will continue to pursue various campus and building maintenance activities throughout the term of the IMP. These include: replacing aging infrastructure throughout the campus; upgrading and replacing finishes in all facilities; ongoing general operational improvements; maintaining plant materials in the constructed planters in the median strips on Massachusetts Avenue completed as part of the Massachusetts Avenue Reconstruction Project; improvements to the Albany Street sidewalk to enhance the pedestrian experience along the street and to assist patients and visitors in wayfinding, and continuing streetscape improvements where possible along Harrison Avenue (See Section 1.8.3.6 for proposed improvements to Harrison Avenue).

During the term of the IMP, Boston University Medical Center will also continue to maintain the various open spaces that are located throughout the campus, including the new 12,000 square foot park constructed in conjunction with the Albany Fellows Graduate Student Residence located at 815 Albany Street.

Figure 2-44 Reconfiguration and Relocation Projects Basement Level Floorplan

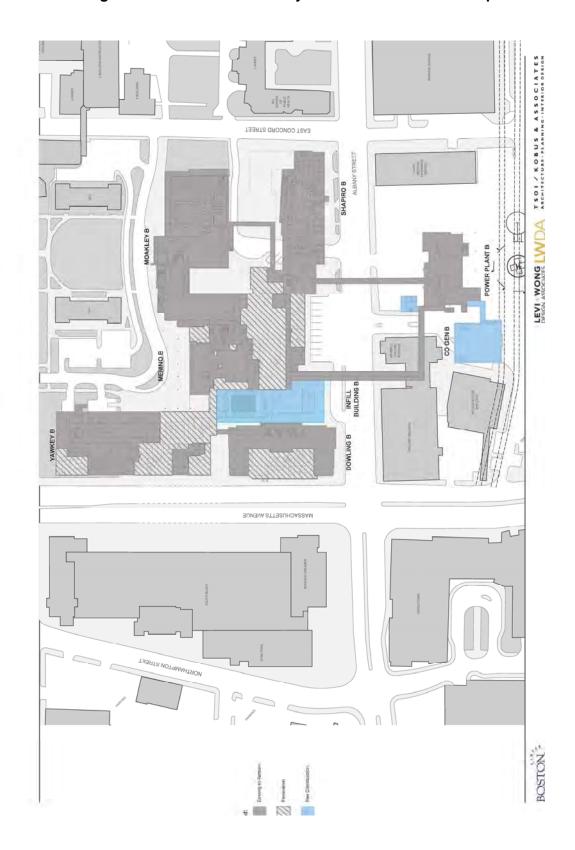


Figure 2-45 Reconfiguration and Relocation Projects First Level Floorplan

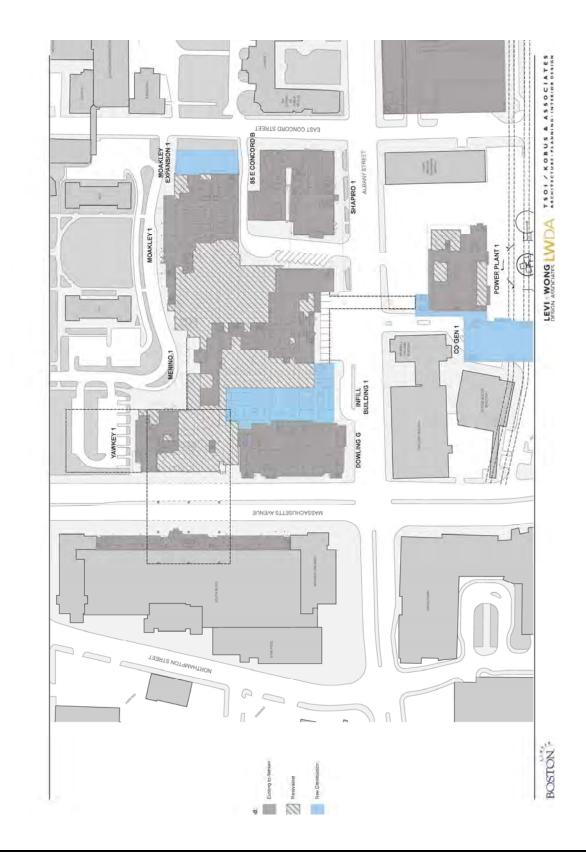


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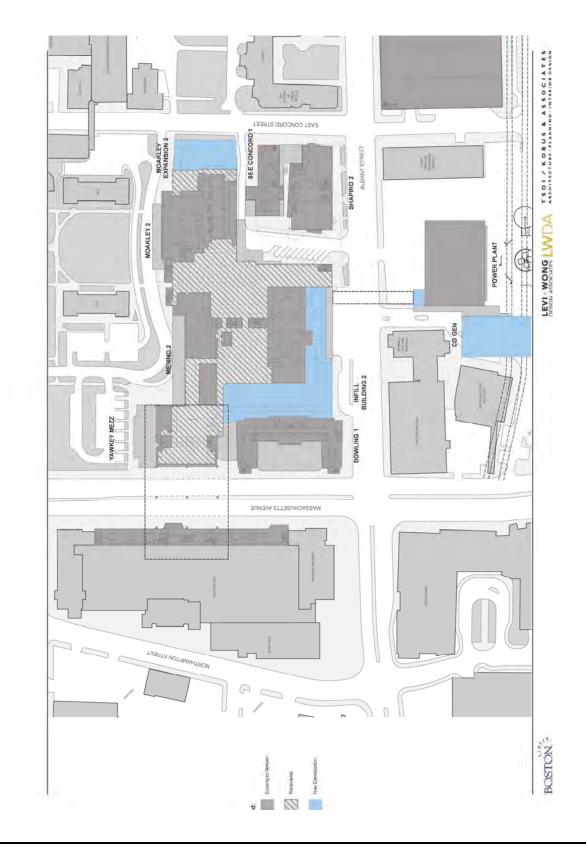


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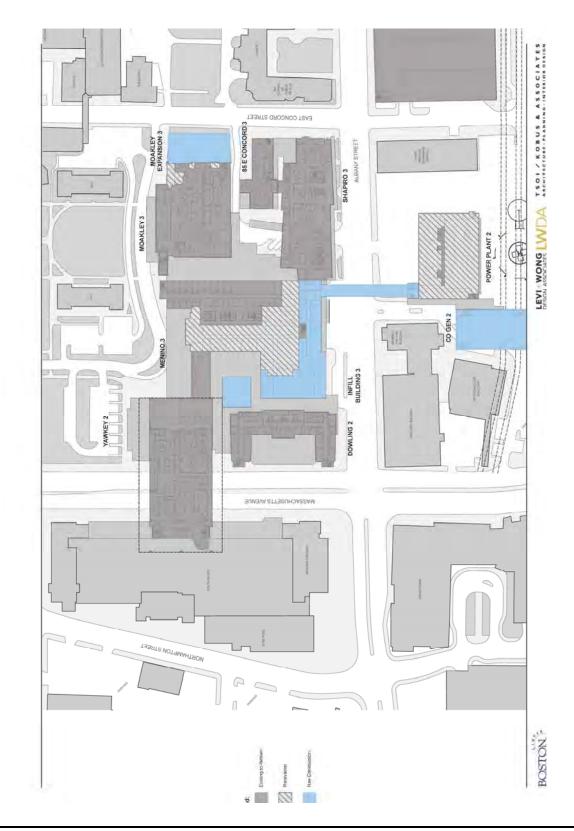


Figure 2-48 Reconfiguration and Relocation Projects Fourth Level Floorplan

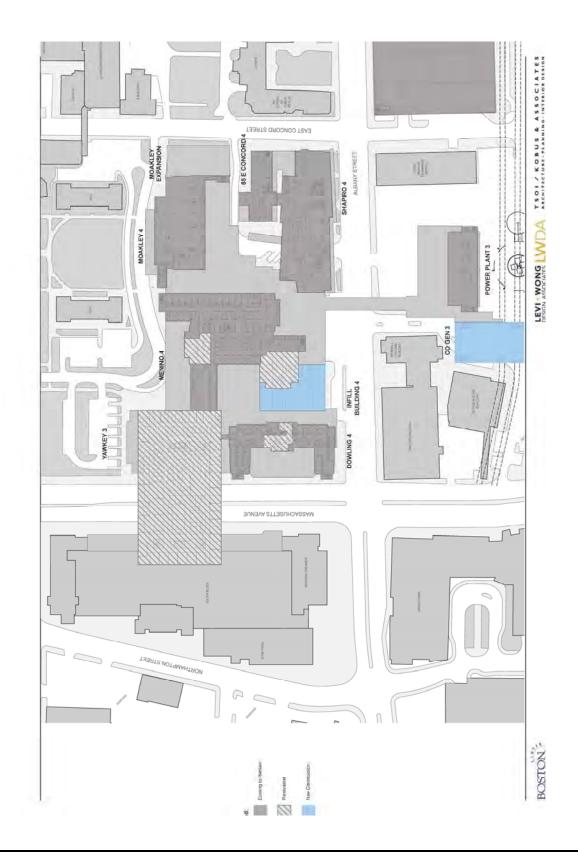


Figure 2-49 Reconfiguration and Relocation Projects Fifth Level Floorplan

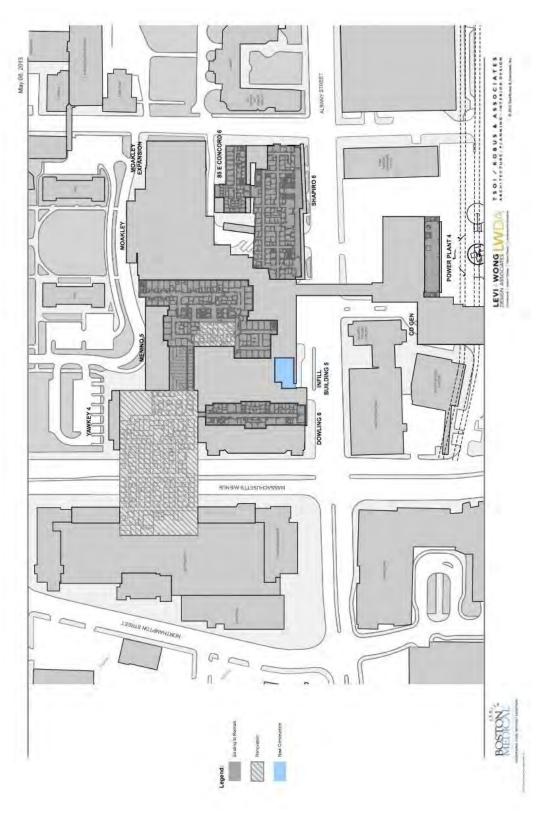
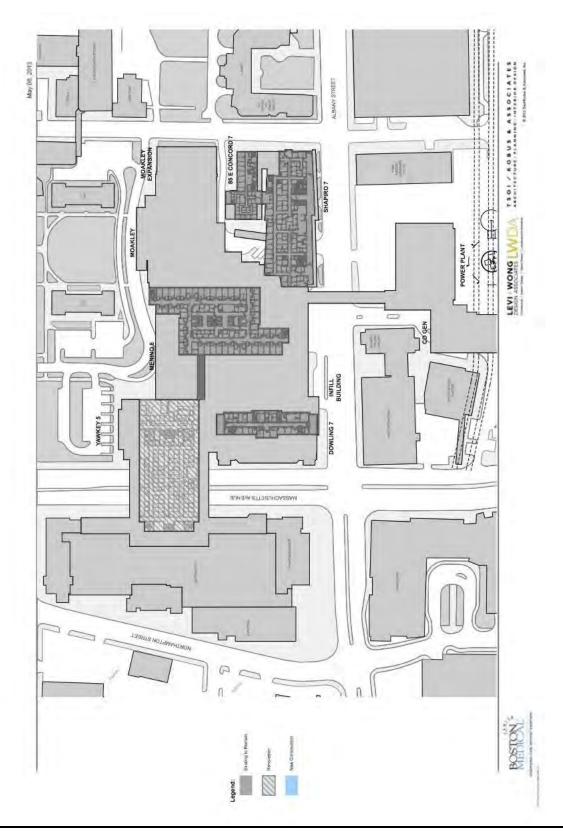


Figure 2-50 Reconfiguration and Relocation Projects Sixth Level Floorplan



#### 2.1.6 Support Operations and Infrastructure

The existing loading dock at the Menino Pavilion is undersized for the current and future needs of the Boston University Medical Center's West Campus. The current loading dock location creates a problematic situation forcing trucks to back up off Albany Street and overhang the pedestrian sidewalk while parked.

In the first five years of the IMP, an interim loading dock and materials handling area will be created to alleviate conflicting vehicular and pedestrian circulation caused by the current configuration. The interim loading dock will be located on the north face of the existing Power Plant on Albany Street, utilizing the existing dock and contiguous storage spaces. The current curb cut along Albany Street will be slightly modified to allow trucks to maneuver on site and access the interim docks at the north face of the existing Power Plant. This relocation will immediately alleviate the current truck access condition by transferring all movement from Albany Street to the parking lot in front of the existing Power Plant.

Materials will be processed within the existing Power Plant with space created to manage clean and soiled materials. Clean materials will be transported to the basement of the Menino Pavilion using the new elevator tower and through the new Bridge. During the interim condition, BMC will continue to use one of the existing below grade tunnels to transport soiled materials, including medical waste and trash

The interim relocation of the loading dock and materials handling provides a solution that is consistent with Boston University Medical Center's broader urban design goal for continued transformation of the Albany Street image. This action promotes the separation of service vehicles and pedestrians by removing truck circulation from the north side of Albany Street. This solution provides for the consolidation and elimination of three existing curb cuts along the north side of Albany Street. On the south side of Albany Street, the existing curb cut located between the existing Power Plant and Finland Building will be reduced to one lane. The existing curb cut in front of the Power Plant for truck access will be relocated to better align with existing loading docks.

The curb cut consolidation in conjunction with proposed sidewalk improvements similar to those associated with the Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center will foster a more unified, continuous, and pedestrian friendly streetscape.

### 2.2 Project Site

The proposed projects will be located within the West Campus. See Figure 2-51 Project Sites Locus Plan below. (See also Figure 1-6 Campus Adjacencies Plan and Figure 2-1 IMP Draft Project Impact Report Projects for additional reference.)

#### 2.2.1 Moakley Cancer Center Addition

The Proposed Moakley Cancer Center Addition will be located directly east of the existing Moakley Cancer Center and has frontage along East Concord Street. The north face is located along the Moakley and Menino drop-off drive and is aligned with the northern edge of the existing Moakley Cancer Center building. The south face is also aligned with the existing building and has frontage along Shapiro Drive. The east face abuts East Concord Street further defining the existing pedestrian travel path while creating a distinct bookend to the green behind the Talbot building.

#### 2.2.2 New Inpatient Building Phase 1

The New Inpatient Building Phase 1 is located on the north side of Albany Street and is proposed to replace the 3-story section of the existing Dowling Building and the current Emergency Department drop-off adjacent to the Menino Pavilion. The first phase of the New Inpatient Building is an infill project bordered directly on the north, east, and west sides by the Yawkey Ambulatory Care Center, Menino Pavilion, and the Dowling Tower, the remaining portion of the Dowling building, respectfully. The connector wing will span above the existing ambulance bays to the south of the Menino Pavilion. The first level will align with the existing Menino Pavilion Level 2 while the second level will align with Menino Pavilion Level 3 and Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center Level 3. The south edge of the project site engages the pedestrian streetscape along Albany Street. The new Menino Pavilion entry storefront will be located below the existing overhand adjacent to the patient drop-off area facing Harrison Avenue.

#### 2.2.3 New Patient Transport Bridge

The new Bridge will be located within the Boston University Medical Center West Campus. The project site is located both on the north and south sides of Albany Street with the Bridge proposed to cross south to north over Albany Street in the approximate location of the existing yellow utility tube.

Figure 2-51 IMP Project Sites Locus Plan



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Figure 1
Aerial Locus Map

## 2.3 Building Program and Approximate Project Dimensions

## 2.3.1 Moakley Cancer Center Addition

The proposed Moakley Cancer Center Addition is comprised of departments displaced by the proposed expansion of the Emergency Department and the Trauma Center as well as the Centralized Surgical Department. The addition will house the displaced departments including Endoscopy and Digestive Disorders. It will also provide for increased volume in outpatient services. Minor renovations will be made to the existing Moakley Cancer Center to allow circulation within the building. The Moakley Cancer Center Addition will be approximately 27,800 square feet and approximately 69 feet in height from grade to the top of the mechanical penthouse.

#### 2.3.2 New Inpatient Building Phase 1

The proposed first phase of the New Inpatient Building will provide expanded space for the Emergency Department, Trauma Center, Centralized Radiology Department, Surgical Department and Inpatient beds. The project along with renovations within the existing Menino Pavilion will allow for the consolidation of clinical functions to the West Campus. The connector wing will also provide increased support and circulation space and vital connections to adjacent campus buildings aligning with the existing Menino Pavilion Level 2, Menino Pavilion Level 3 and Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center Level 3.

The New Impatient Building Phase 1 will be approximately 82,300 square feet and approximately 74 feet in height from grade to the top of the mechanical penthouse.

The new Menino Pavilion entry improvements which will include the Emergency Department family waiting area, connector corridor to the main lobby and the hospital gift shop for the expanded Emergency Department will be approximately 2,900 square feet.

#### 2.3.3 New Patient Transport Bridge

The new Bridge will be comprised of spaces for patient transport, clean material handling, and utility connections. The new Bridge will also consist of 1-story corridor located at grade adjacent to the existing Power Plant to provide access for the Med Flight patients from the helipad connecting to a new elevator and stair tower in the Bridge. The new Bridge will be approximately 7,800 s.f. and approximately 43 feet in height from grade. The elevator overrun will be approximately 55 feet in height from grade. (The Bridge mass begins 27 feet from grade and will be 16 feet in height.) The total width of the new Bridge will be approximately 25 feet wide. The 1 story corridor will be approximately 16 feet in height from grade.

Table 2-1 below provides a detailed list of program components for each project.

 Table 2-1
 Proposed Project Square Footage Table

MOAKLEY CANCER CENTER ADDITION	Square Feet	Program and Comments	
Level 0 (basement)	6,600	Add Alternate - Shell Space	
Level 1	6,600	Otolaryngology, ENT Expansion	
Level 2	7,300	Endoscopy	
Level 3	7,300	Digestive Disorders	
<b>Total Moakley Cancer Center Addition</b>	27,800		
NEW INPATIENT PHASE 1	Square Feet	Program and Comments	
New Inpatient Building Phase 1			
Level 0 (basement)	13,700	250 seat Amphitheater	
Level 1 (including Menino Pavilion Entry Improvements)	19,600	Radiology, Emergency Department, Family Waiting, Connecting Corridor, Hospital Gift Shop	
Level 2	23,500	Surgical Support, Circulation, Connector	
Level 3	14,200	Inpatient beds, Connector	
Level 4	9,200	Inpatient beds	
Level 5	2,100	Mechanical	
	82,300		
NEW PATIENT TRANSPORT BRIDGE	Square Feet	Program and Comments	
Level 1 (at grade)	2,700	Med Flight Corridor	
Level 3	5,100	Patient and Material Transport	
Total New Patient Transport Bridge	7,800		

## 2.4 Anticipated Permits, Reviews, and Approvals

Table 2-2 on the following page catalogs the permits, reviews, and approvals anticipated throughout the process for the proposed IMP Projects.

 Table 2-2
 Anticipated Permits, Reviews and Approvals

Agency Name	Permit / Review / Approval	
Federal		
Federal Aviation Authority	Construction Permit for Temporary Airspace Obstruction	
State	C Soli delilett	
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act	Secretary's Certificate	
Department of Public Health	Determination of Need	
	Plan Review Approval	
Massachusetts Historical Commission	State Register Review	
Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality Control	Non-Major Comprehensive Air Plan Approval	
Department of Environmental Protection, Division of	Groundwater Discharge Permit	
Water Pollution Control	Clean Water Act - Pre-treatment Standards Sewer Extension/Connection Compliance Certification	
Massachusetts Water Resources Authority	Sewer Use Discharge Permit	
	Individual Discharge/Sewer Permit	
State Fire Marshall	Flammable Storage License	
Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority	Project Financing, if required	
Local		
Boston Redevelopment Authority	Article 80 Large Project Review	
Boston Landmarks/South End Landmark District	Application for Certificate of Appropriateness	
Commission	Article 85 Demolition Delay, if required	
Boston Civic Design Commission	Design Review	
Boston Groundwater Trust	Groundwater Trust Certification	
Boston Transportation Department	Construction Management Plan	
Boston Air Pollution Control Commission	Air Quality Control Permit	
Boston Water and Sewer Commission	Construction Dewatering Permit	
	Sewer Use Discharge Permit	
	Sewer Extension/Connection Permit	
	Stormwater Management Plan	
	Groundwater Trust Certification	
	Site Plan Approval	
Boston Inspectional Services Department	Building and Occupancy Permits	
Boston Public Improvement Department	Street and Sidewalk Occupancy Permits	
·	Specific Repair Plan / Discontinuance	
Boston Public Works Department	Street Opening Permit	
	Curb Cut Permit	
Boston Fire Department	Plan Review	
Joint Committee on Licenses	Flammable Storage License	

#### 2.5 Zoning

The proposed Project is located within the Boston University Medical Center Institutional Master Plan area and shown on Map 1p of the south End Neighborhood District which was adopted by MAP Amendment No. 273 by the Boston Zoning Commission on June 28, 2000, subsequent to the approval by the BRA on May 18, 2000 of the BUMC IMP. In accordance with the provisions of the Boston Zoning Code and Article 64, the South End Neighborhood District Zoning, projects within the district are subject to the provisions of the approved Institutional Master Plan. The Boston University Medical Center IMP was approved by the BRA on May 18, 2000 and the Zoning Commission on June 28, 2000 and approved by the Mayor on July 13, 2000. In accordance with provisions of Section 80D-8, Renewal of Institutional Master Plan, The Boston University Medical Center IMP Renewal was approved by the BRA on June 22, 2010 and Zoning Commission on August 4, 2010 and approved by the Mayor on August 5, 2010. In accordance with provisions in Section 80D-2, institutional projects are required to be consistent with the approved Institutional Master Plan. Upon the approval of this proposed 2013 IMP Amendment by the BRA and the Zoning Commission, the projects named herein will be deemed to be consistent with the provisions of the Boston Zoning Code.

#### 2.6 Public Review Process

The Proponents file this IMP Amendment and DPIR in accordance with Boston Redevelopment Authority's Article 80D Institutional Master Plan and Article 80B Large Project Review process and the BRA Scoping Determination dated July 23, 2013. (A copy of the BRA Scoping Determination is included in Appendix F).

The Proponents have met with members of the BRA, the Boston Civic Design Commission and representatives of the South End Landmark District Commission.

Additionally, the Proponents have met with the Task Force designated for the Boston University Medical Center IMP, the Office of Jobs and Community Services, and Boston Transportation Department. The Proponents are committed to an open and inclusive public process and will continue to seek input from community representatives, neighbors and stakeholders, as well as the public.

Due to new regulatory requirements associated with the Energy Facility there is the need for additional design and analysis, therefore the Energy Facility will file a separate Draft Project Impact Report at a later date and the Proponent will continue an open and inclusive process for this Project.

Table 2-3 on the following page provides a list of meetings that have been held on the IMP Amendment and Proposed Projects since the filing of the Boston University Medical Center IMPNF / PNF in June 2013.

Table 2-3 Community, Public, City Agency Meetings

Date	Group	Location
2/19/13	Boston Redevelopment Authority	City Hall, 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor
3/18/13	Boston Redevelopment Authority	City Hall, 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor
5/28/13	Worcester Square Neighborhood Association	Newton Pavilion
5/30/13	Boston Redevelopment Authority	City Hall, 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor
6/6/13	South End Landmarks District Commission Staff	City Hall, 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor
6/18/13	Office of Jobs and Community Services	43 Hawkins Street
6/19/13	Boston Transportation Department	City Hall, 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor
6/19/13	Task Force Meeting	BUMC Campus
6/19/13	BRA Sponsored Public Meeting	BUMC Campus
6/20/13	BRA City Agency Scoping Session	City Hall, 9 <sup>th </sup> Floor
7/2/13	Worcester Square Neighborhood Association	Newton Pavilion
8/6/13	Boston Civic Design Commission	City Hall, 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor
8/27/13	Boston Civic Design Commission Subcommittee	City Hall, 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor

# **Section 3**

### 3.1 Urban Design

#### 3.1.1 Introduction and Urban Design Principles

The primary urban design objective of Boston University Medical Center is to create a cohesive medical campus thoughtfully integrated into the surrounding urban fabric and neighborhoods. Since the merger of Boston City Hospital and University Hospital in 1996, sensitive design, careful open space planning, and conscientious site and streetscape enhancements along the campus periphery have supported this objective. Various improvement projects, implemented under the previous master plan, refined the presence and aesthetic of the BUMC Campus, specifically along Harrison Avenue.

The Proposed Projects are designed within the context of important urban planning principles. These principals include:

- Transform the Albany Street campus image;
- Complement the existing context massing, scale, and materials;
- Create a clear and welcoming sense of arrival;
- Enhance open spaces on the campus, both short and long-term;
- Develop pedestrian friendly street edges;
- Enable connectivity between parking and existing buildings;
- ♦ Integrate sustainable design principles and operations; and
- Plan proactively for future growth and transformation.

The master plan goals, combined with the previously applied design principles, will enrich the physical image of the BUMC Campus, improve the integration with the surrounding neighborhood, and elevate the perceptions of the Boston University Medical Center by its users, particularly on Albany Street.

#### 3.1.2 Urban Design – Moakley Cancer Center Addition

#### Moakley Cancer Center Addition - Existing Context and Project Location

The Proposed Moakley Cancer Center Addition will be located on the West Campus along East Concord Street within the center of the BUMC Campus.

Currently East Concord Street plays an important role within the BUMC Campus by providing a link to the bordering residential neighborhoods located to the north, while fostering one of the campuses most important north/south pedestrian and vehicular connections. The Street is composed of academic buildings varying in scale and style, a large open green space along its east side, and the 710 Parking Garage located at the

corner of Albany Street. Additionally there is a MBTA bus stop located along East Concord Street adjacent to the project site.

The project site is located on the open space directly east of the existing Moakley Cancer Center and has frontage along East Concord Street. The north face is located along the Moakley and Menino Drop-off drive and is aligned with the northern edge of the existing Moakley Cancer Center building. The south face is also aligned with the existing building and has frontage along Shapiro Drive. The east face abuts East Concord Street further defining the existing pedestrian travel path while creating a distinct bookend to the green behind the Talbot building. See Figures 3-1 and 3-2.

#### **Moakley Cancer Center Addition - Massing and Height**

The height and massing are dictated by both programmatic need and existing contextual cues. The project height and massing will be consistent with, and relate to, the existing Moakley Cancer Center building. The building will be 3-stories at approximately 53 feet above grade, aligning with the current height of the Moakley Cancer Center. There will be a 1 story mechanical penthouse which will define a sense of hierarchy consistent with the existing Moakley Cancer Center building. The overall height of building with the mechanical penthouse will be approximately 69 feet in height from grade. This is approximately 11 feet lower than the adjacent existing penthouse. Contemporary design of hierarchy and planer expression will be extended from the existing Moakley Cancer Center building to further integrate the architecture with the surrounding context.

The north and south facades of the addition are aligned with the existing Moakley Cancer Center building, helping to strengthen the east-west pedestrian corridor connecting the Moakley Cancer Center with the Boston University Medical School Campus. The east face of the addition engages the sidewalk along East Concord Street further defining the pedestrian experience along the street edge. The building will also create shelter for the proposed relocated MBTA bus stop and for traversing pedestrians along East Concord Street by providing an architecturally integrated canopy. See Figures 3-3 and 3-4.

#### **Moakley Cancer Center Addition - Design, Character and Materials**

Currently the existing Moakley Cancer Center successfully integrates itself within the neighboring historic context through the meaningful use of a simplified material palette. Brick, metal and glass curtain wall are applied in a way that resemble the typical architecture of the South End while simultaneously creating its own contemporary image.

While the massing and height of the Moakley Cancer Center Addition are an extension of the existing vocabulary, each facade is designed to express its specific function and relate to the adjacent street edge.

With the construction of the existing Moakley Cancer Center came extensive campus landscape improvements which not only created a beautiful front door for the BUMC Campus, but produced a nostalgic link to the original Boston City Hospital. The parking lots between the BCD and FGH buildings were replaced by a formal lawn mimicking the original Beaux Arts campus arrangement, with this major axis extending from Worcester Square and terminating at the Moakley Cancer Center. The composition of the existing north facade responds specifically to this ceremonial axis through the use of a large glass volume, projecting canopy, and symmetrically aligned bris-solei. The symmetrical arrangement of the BCD building, FGH building, and tree plantings; further emphasize this prominent axis. While these elements create a formal composition they also signify the building's main drop off, patient entrance, and reinforce the major east/west pedestrian campus walkway. Materially, large expanses of curtain wall were used in order to express the building's main entrance and public circulation areas. These factors lead to the frontal composition expressed on the existing Moakley Cancer Center north facade.

The north facade of the proposed Moakley Cancer Center Addition relates to and draws upon the existing condition. While there is no building entrance located here, the large glass curtain wall is used to express the major public circulation and waiting zones along this edge of the building. By maintaining existing alignments, the form of this glass extrusion further defines the existing east/west pedestrian pathway. Additionally, the glass curtain wall appearance provides a visual connection between the indoor and outdoor public spaces along the ground level.

A number of massing and material studies were analyzed to investigate the street relationship in response to the changes to the building's east façade. Some of studies looked at a frontal expression relating to the adjacent green space, but after further analysis it was concluded that the proposed elevation approach was most responsive. The Talbot green space along East Concord Street has a significantly different character then the main lawn located between the BCD and FGH buildings. An existing service drive north of the Talbot Building causes the main longitudinal axis of the green to be slightly off center as it relates to its "bookend" buildings. Neither the Solomon Carter Fuller Building entrance plaza to the east, nor the center of the existing Moakley Cancer Center building facade to the west are on axis with this open space. This loose axial alignment, collectively with the offset pathways and non-symmetrical tree arrangement, creates a distinctly less formal condition then the main Moakley green located adjacent to Harrison Avenue. See Figures 3-5 to 3-8.

In response, the east facade of the existing Moakley Cancer Center and the proposed Addition are compiled as a series of architectural elements that are appropriately less "proper" in composition then the existing Moakley Cancer Center north facade. The first element is a continuous piece of curtain wall wrapping around the northeast corner, relating to the northern building face and expressing the end of the public circulation zone. The second element is centered on axis with the adjacent Talbot green space and is the tallest portion of the east facade (containing the penthouse). The last piece is a

simpler element composed of brick with a punched window expression, which relates to the smaller scale windows seen along East Concord Street. See Figures 3-9, 3-10, 3-11, 3-12, 3-13, 3-14.

As the building face is brought closer to East Concord Street, it responds to this new condition through its materiality and facade expression. The large "picture window" from the original design has been scaled down and now has a stronger relationship to the northern curtain wall appearance. Additionally, the overall height of the penthouse volume has been lowered to respond to the new street relationship. At ground level, small scale punched windows and the use of brick relate to both the existing streetscape and to the smaller scale of the passing pedestrians. Moving north along this facade the building mass steps back from the street providing further relief to the northeast corner, where the major pedestrian circulation routes intersect.

#### Moakley Cancer Center Addition - Vehicle Access and Circulation

Patient and vehicular access for the Moakley Cancer Center Addition will be via the existing Moakley Cancer Center entrances located along the drop-off to the north of the building.

Construction of the Moakley Cancer Center Addition will necessitate a slight reconfiguration of the existing Shapiro Drive where it intersects with East Concord Street. The portion of Shapiro Drive located between the Moakley Cancer Center Addition and 85 East Concord will be relocated approximately 20 feet south of its existing location. This creates a more optimal intersection configuration and provides appropriate visual clarity for vehicular traffic turning right onto East Concord Street. Sidewalk and landscape improvements along this reconfigured portion of Shapiro Drive will be consistent with the existing conditions and materials.

#### **Moakley Cancer Center Addition - Site Improvements**

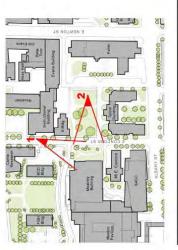
Proposed sidewalk and landscaping improvements will take place along the perimeter of the building defining the proposed new MBTA bus stop location and enhancing the pedestrian experience.

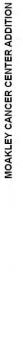
Along East Concord Street, as the each façade of the building recedes, a planting zone will be introduced between the building edge and the hardscaped sidewalk. This vegetative zone will consist of native plants (for decreased irrigation) and will create a soft buffer along the building edge. The southeast corner of the building is lifted to provide space for the proposed relocated MBTA bus stop which will be relocated from the street edge closer to the building footprint to provide users with added protection from the elements. The relocated bus shelter will provide clear sightlines for vehicles exiting Shapiro Drive. A simple projected canopy defines the integrated bus shelter and provides an additional element to modulate the Moakley Cancer Center Addition east facade.

The pedestrian experience at East Concord Street will be enhanced by widening the accessible sidewalk from +/- 6' to 8, and adding a wider 5' furnishing zone along the curb edge. Because the building will be appropriately set back, the new 8' sidewalk dimension will exceed the 5' pedestrian zone requirement as stated in the Harrison Albany Corridor Strategic Plan. The existing staggered jointing pattern within the concrete sidewalk will be replaced with straight saw cut joints perpendicular to the path of travel to create the smoothest surface possible for maximum accessibility and longevity. The 5' furnishing zone will extend the brick paver accent band from the south and contain new street trees in tree grates, fire hydrants, and City of Boston acorn style street lights. The existing raised crossing at the Shapiro Drive exit drive will be maintained but will be repaved and widened with the 8' concrete sidewalk. See Figures 3-15 and 3-16.

## **Figure 3-1 Moakley Addition Context Photos**







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**Context Photos** 

## Figure 3-2 Moakley Addition Context Photos (continued)

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Shapiro Drive exit with East facade of Moakley Cancer Center on right and 85 E. Concord on the left. Photo 4: View from East Concord St. looking southwest

Southeast corner of Moakley Cancer Center.





MOAKLEY CANCER CENTER ADDITION

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Figure 3-3 Moakley Addition Aerial Looking South

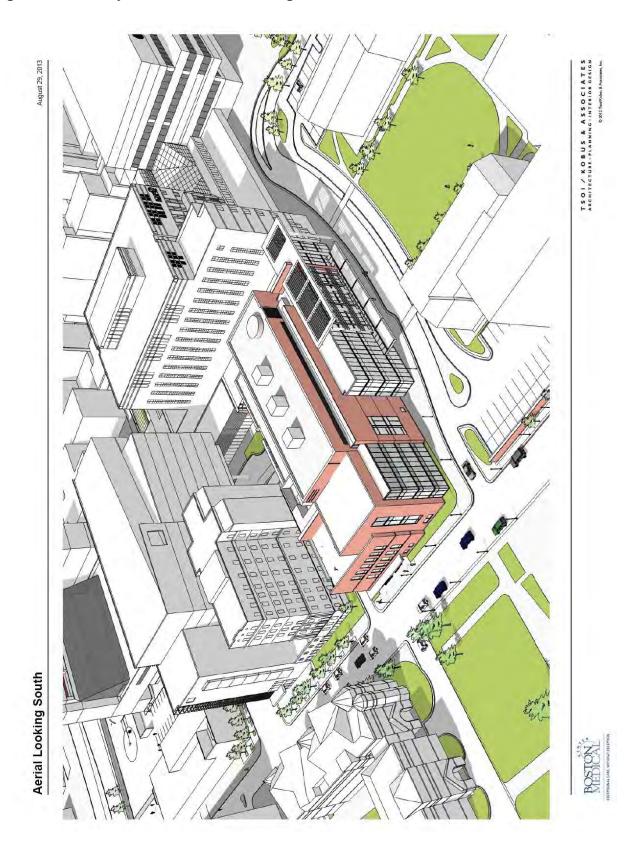


Figure 3-4 Moakley Addition Aerial Looking West



Figure 3-5 Moakley Addition Alternate ElevationStudy 1

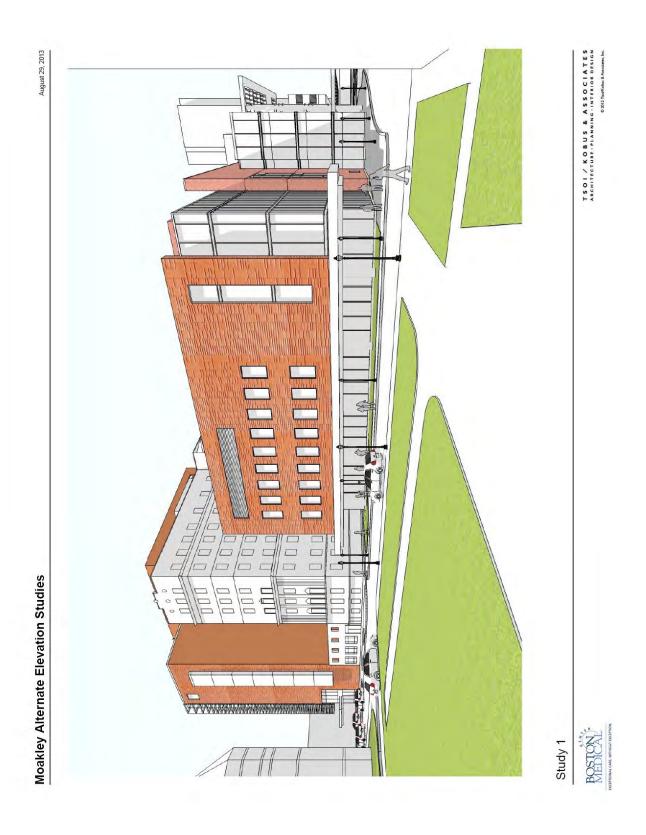


Figure 3-6 Moakley Addition Alternate ElevationStudy 2

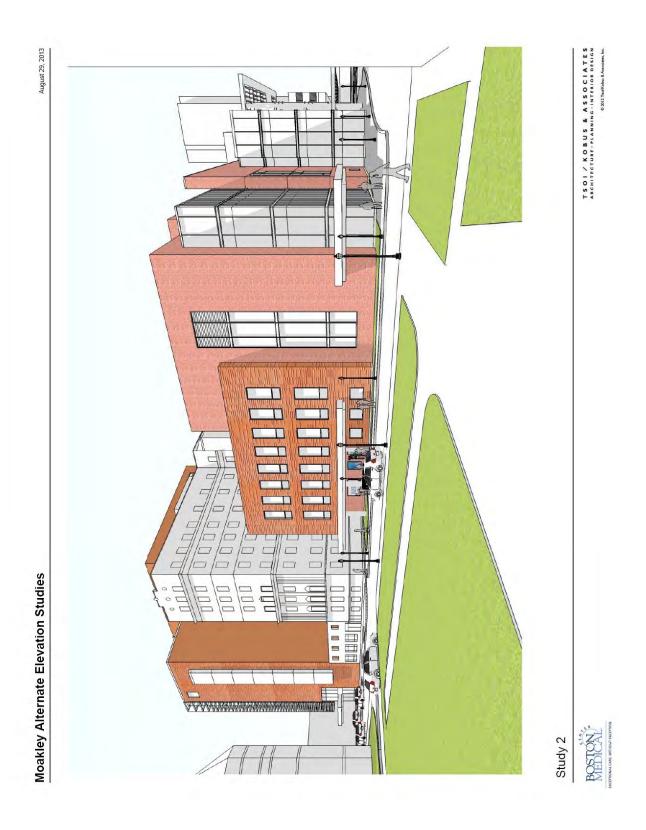


Figure 3-7 Moakley Addition Alternate ElevationStudy 3



Figure 3-8 Moakley Addition Alternate ElevationStudy 4

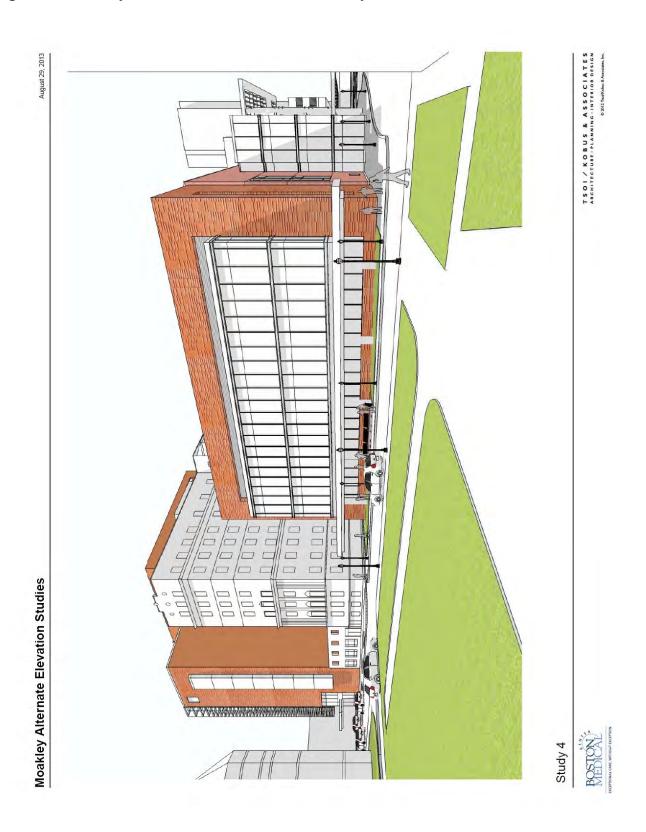


Figure 3-9 Moakley Addition Existing E. Concord Street Perspective North - Existing



Figure 3-10 Moakley Addition E. Concord Street Perspective North - Proposed



Figure 3-11 Moakley Addition E. Concord Street Perspective South - Existing



Figure 3-12 Moakley Addition E. Concord Street Perspective South - Proposed



Figure 3-13 Moakley Addition East Perspective - Existing



Figure 3-14 Moakley Addition East Perspective - Proposed



Figure 3-15 Moakley Addition Existing Site Plan

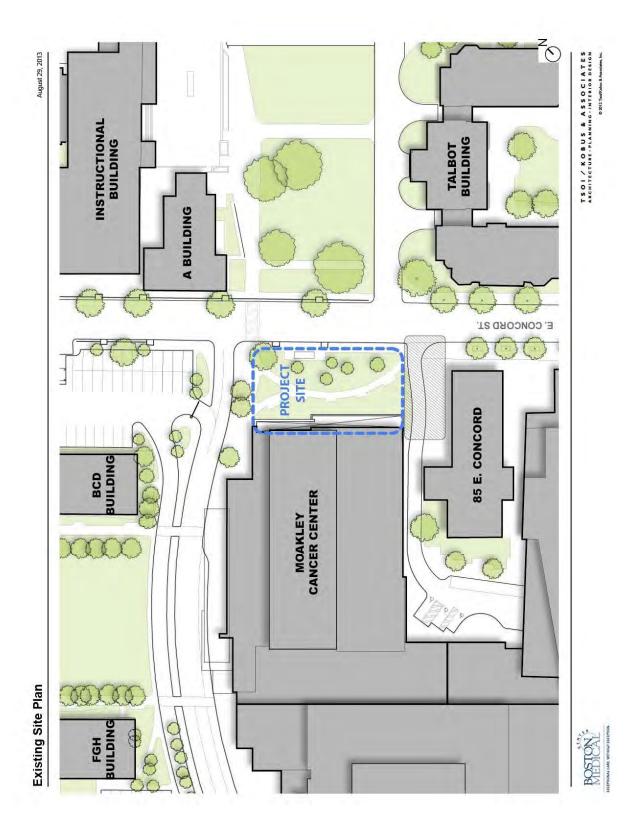
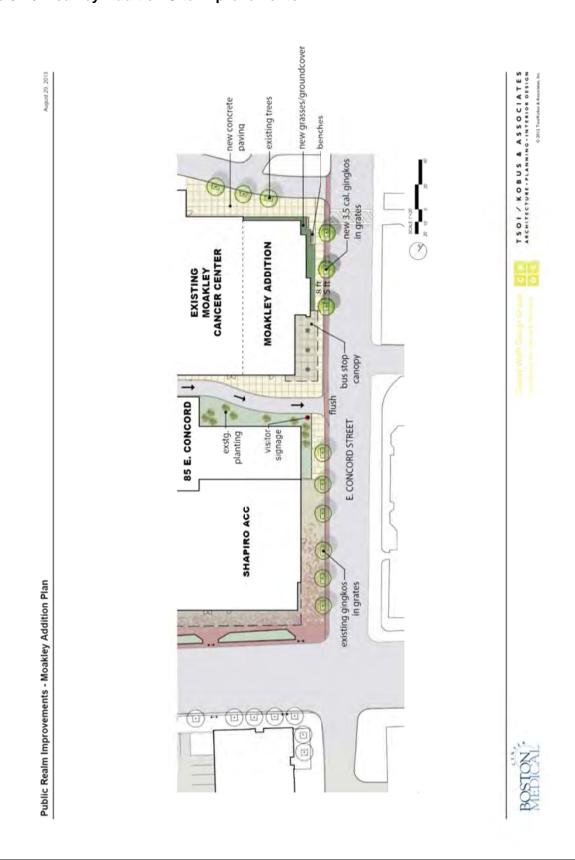


Figure 3-16 Moakley Addition Site Improvements



#### 3.1.3 Urban Design – New Inpatient Building Phase 1

#### New Inpatient Building Phase 1 - Existing Context and Project Location

The proposed New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will be located on the West Campus along Albany Street.

The New Inpatient Building Phase 1 site is located on the north side of Albany Street and is proposed to replace the 3-story section of the existing Dowling Building and the current Emergency Department drop-off adjacent to the Menino Pavilion. Phase 1 of the New Inpatient Building is a 4-story infill project bordered directly on the north, east, and west sides by the Yawkey Ambulatory Care Center, Menino Pavilion, and remaining Dowling building respectfully. The 2-story connector wing will be located on the south edge of the Menino Pavilion over the existing Emergency Department entrance, ambulance parking, and loading area. The southern edge of the project site will engage the pedestrian streetscape and better define the building edge.

The current Albany Street edge is composed of varying building setbacks, scales and styles. As a major arrival point on the BUMC Campus the streetscape lacks a vital sense of clarity and organization. A coherent organization of spaces and buildings with a collective identity is what ultimately distinguishes a campus from its surroundings. This can be achieved through unified building architecture and overall landscape space organization, through a variety of smaller scale elements (i.e. benches, pavers, signage) or a combination of all.

As a result of the reconfiguration of the new Emergency Department and Trauma Center in the New Inpatient Building Phase 1, new and improved walk-in and drop-off entries will be created. A new Emergency Department walk-in and drop-off entry will be created at the rear of the existing Moakley Cancer Center via Shapiro Drive to separate patients from service areas and the ambulance entry.

Improvements will be made to the existing Menino Pavilion main entry facing Harrison Avenue to accommodate the new Emergency Department family waiting area. A glazed storefront system is proposed under the existing overhang to create a more inviting entry and improve way finding for patients.

At more than 50 feet deep in some areas, the overhang casts dark shadows over the entry which impedes way finding and does not provide a welcoming and calming atmosphere for drop-off or walk-in patients.

As BMC completes the shifting of inpatient and clinical functions to the West Campus, Albany Street's primary role will progress from being the functional "back door" to the campus to a major access point and entry into the campus. Establishing a more unified institutional identity along Albany Street will enhance the overall cohesiveness and organization of the streetscape, simplifying way finding and site orientation. Minor improvements made to create new entries (the new Emergency Department walk-in

entry) and improve existing entries (Menino Pavilion entry improvements) will also enhance the overall cohesiveness of the West Campus. Streetscape enhancements along Albany Street will create a sense of place within a larger context, provide a clear sense of order, and a safer pedestrian experience. See Figures 3-17, 3-18 and 3-19.

#### New Inpatient Building Phase 1 - Massing and Height

The project height and massing are primarily dictated by the available site area and necessary space requirements of the program and will have a simple rectilinear form. The New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will be approximately 74 feet in height from grade including the small mechanical penthouse and will align with the Level 4 roof of the Menino Pavilion. The small mechanical penthouse will be located to the south in order to minimize visual obstruction of existing bedrooms within Menino. The connector wing will span over the existing ambulance parking area with physical links will to Menino Pavilion Levels 2 and 3. The mass of the connector wing will be a simple rectangular form along the southern face of the Menino Pavilion.

The north, east, and west facades of the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will abut the existing Yawkey Ambulatory Care Center, Dowling Building, and Menino Pavilion. The project height and massing are consistent with the smaller scale context along Albany Street, such as the Finland and Mallory Buildings; and will provide a physical transition to the larger scale Phase 2 of the New Inpatient Building in the future. See Figures 3-20 and 3-21.

#### New Inpatient Building Phase 1 - Design, Character, and Materials

The exterior design of the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 along with the New Patient Transport Bridge will reflect Boston University Medical Center's desire to transform the Albany Street Campus image by visually strengthening connections to existing campus context and providing continuity along the street edge. The exterior treatment of the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will be predominantly composed of a glass curtain wall system and a proposed phenolic resin panel system conveying a contemporary aesthetic consistent with the modern design direction of the campus. The south façade along the street edge will sponsor a large "picture" window, providing needed light to functions within and visual connections back to the Albany streetscape. The connector wing will be composed of a channel glass curtain wall with vision glazing to provide light/views to the functions beyond. A glass depression in the south wall denotes the intersection of the patient transport bridge.

The proposed New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will draw upon certain elements from the existing campus context to support campus unity, understanding and organization. The large picture window along Albany Street is a play on the existing "cut outs" located in the Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center building's facade screen. Materially, the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 currently proposes the use of a similar terracotta panel system as the consistent in color and scale. Select portions of the building will be

composed of this terracotta system, while others will be standard glass curtain wall drawing on some of the curtain wall details seen on the Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center. While the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 curtain wall will not replicate the condition seen at Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center (i.e. same spandrel panels), it will include such elements as butt glazed vertical jointing and similar color solutions.

Although there is a slight variation among the programs on Level 2, 3 and 4, elevation uniformity can be maintained through rigorous planning and elevation design. Glass containing different non-reflective coatings and intentional patterning of mullions can also help to create a more consistent look. Furthermore, elements that are viewed at night from the street (lighting, ceiling design/color) can be maximized to reinforce a consistent image.

Programming on Level 2 lends itself to a clean and simple aesthetic. A majority of the floor is occupied by new operating rooms, but the current plan specifies an external corridor outboard of these intensive elements. This corridor will occupy a majority of the south facade and will afford doctors, surgeons, and nurses with a much needed breakout area. It also provides potential opportunity to draw light further into the building at certain areas where it may not usually penetrate. The program along the south facade of Levels 3 and 4 both consist of patient care rooms, with ICU's located on level 3 and Med/Surgery beds on Level 4. On these floors careful consideration will be given to the mullion locations as they correspond to the partition locations. In-board toilets freeing up the exterior curtain wall and automatic interior shading devices are additional approaches to help foster this uniform exterior image. See Figure 3-22.

The existing double door entry located at the rear of the Moakley building via Shapiro Drive will serve as the new Emergency Department walk-in and drop-off entry. New signage and way finding elements consistent with the BUMC Campus signage plan will be added to provide clear direction for patients. See Figure 3-26.

The new Menino Pavilion entry storefront system is proposed to be a glazed system intended to mimic the existing Yawkey Ambulatory Care Center entry system which incorporates a mix of spandrel and glass. The glazing would be clear in the public open corridors where patient privacy is not an issue. In areas where patient privacy is necessary such as the Emergency Department waiting area, fritted or translucent glass would be proposed. The gift shop is proposed to be spandrel or back painted glass.

The new glazing system may be backlit so that at night it will be luminous. The design will improve the street presence of the Menino Pavilion by reducing the shadows and improving way finding to the front entry door. See Figures 3-27 and 3-28.

#### Relationship with Phase 2 of the New Inpatient Building

The 2010 IMP proposed the New Inpatient Building as a single bed tower situated directly over a diagnostic and treatment plinth. The tower was intended to house inpatient beds while the plinth provided necessary expansion for imaging and critical

care functions. While the current proposal is separated into two phases, the overall building organization has been kept the same. With this in mind, Phase 1 was designed specifically to allow for the extension of the architectural expression into Phase 2 to provide Albany Street with a clear sense of hierarchy and organization. While Phase 2 warrants further design study, it furnishes an appropriate response to the proposed future program and to its site location.

Phase 2 will be sited on the prominent corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Albany Street, currently occupied by the Dowling building. As you approach the campus from the south the segmented glass tower instantly creates a gateway into the city and campus. The extension of the Phase 1 expression into Phase 2 establishes a unified datum along the street which acts to organize the bed tower above and draw you further into the Boston Medical Center campus. Extending this vocabulary along Albany Street creates a simplified organizational understanding of the street as a whole; limiting potential confusion caused by introducing another architectural expression. Extended streetscape features and a distinct front door will further emphasize this connection and provide a clear sense of order. See Figure 3-23.

#### New Inpatient Building Phase 1 - Vehicle Access and Circulation

Normal staff and non-emergency patient access for the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will be via the existing Menino Pavilion entrances located along the drop-off to the north of the building. Service access will be provided thru the connector wing via the new Bridge.

Construction of the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will necessitate the relocation of the Emergency Department walk-in entrance and drop-off to the rear of the Moakley Cancer Center, where emergency patient and vehicular access will be provided via Shapiro Drive. The current loading truck dock will be relocated to the south side of Albany Street along the north face of the existing Power Plant.

#### **New Inpatient Building Phase 1 - Site Improvements**

The New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will infill current gaps in the Albany Street face and better define circulation paths by engaging the public street zone. The scale and materiality of the proposed architecture both relate directly to existing campus and neighborhood context. By maintaining a sensible setback along Albany Street, space along the building facade will be allocated to a new planter area and a modest walkway lined with trees.

Shade trees will be placed in raised planter curbs and be flanked by a field of special paving that compliments the adjacent Shapiro pedestrian paving to the east. A 8'-10" wide concrete sidewalk with saw cut joints will provide the accessible route, and will exceed the 8' requirement set forth by the Harrison Albany Corridor Strategic Plan. The 7'-6" furnishing zone at the curb edge will contain street trees in raised planters that align with the angular planters at the Shapiro building to the east. The furnishing zone will

also contain City of Boston double acorn style street lights, hydrants, and other surface utilities.

Flush transitions between paving materials will afford universal access from one end of the street to the other. These improvements will create a visual link promoting a unified campus image, establishing a much needed visual order to the street edge. This order will contribute to a heightened experience through easier patient way finding and an enhanced entry image as viewed from Massachusetts Avenue. Additionally replacing the existing utilities tube with the new patient transport bridge will provide further visual clarity to a congested and confusing street corridor. See Figures 3-24 and 3-25.

## Figure 3-17 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Context Photos

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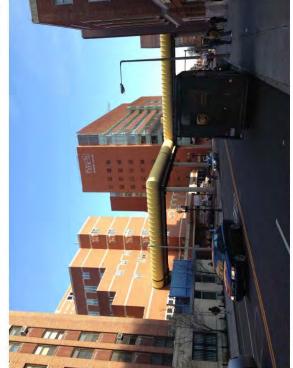


Photo 2: View from Albany St. looking east.
Yellow utilities tube over Albany St. connecting to Menino Pavilion.
Shapiro ACC in background.

Dowling Building on the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and Albany St. with Yellow utilities tube and Shapiro ACC in background.

Photo 1: View from Albany St. looking east.



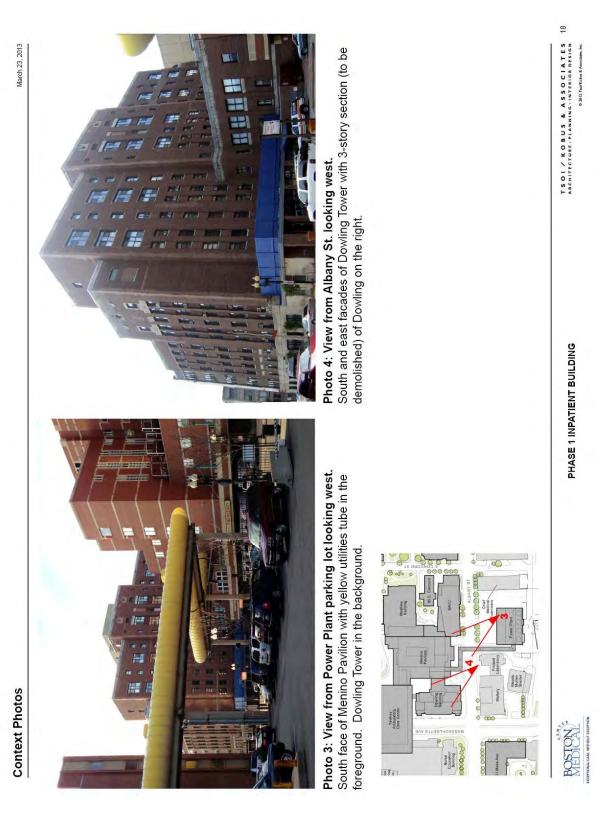
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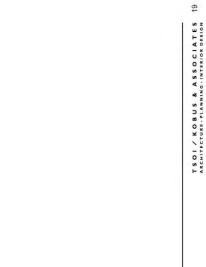
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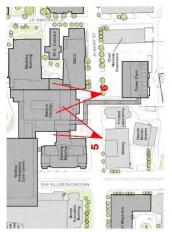


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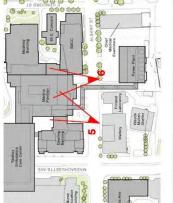
Truck Loading Dock at south face of Menino Pavilion with Shapiro ACC to the right. Photo 6: View from Albany St. looking east. Emergency Department drop-off and entrance at south face of Menino Pavilion. Photo 5: View from Albany St. looking east.







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Figure 3-20 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Aerial B Looking Southwest



Figure 3-21 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Aerial Looking Northwest



Figure 3-22 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Albany Street Elevation

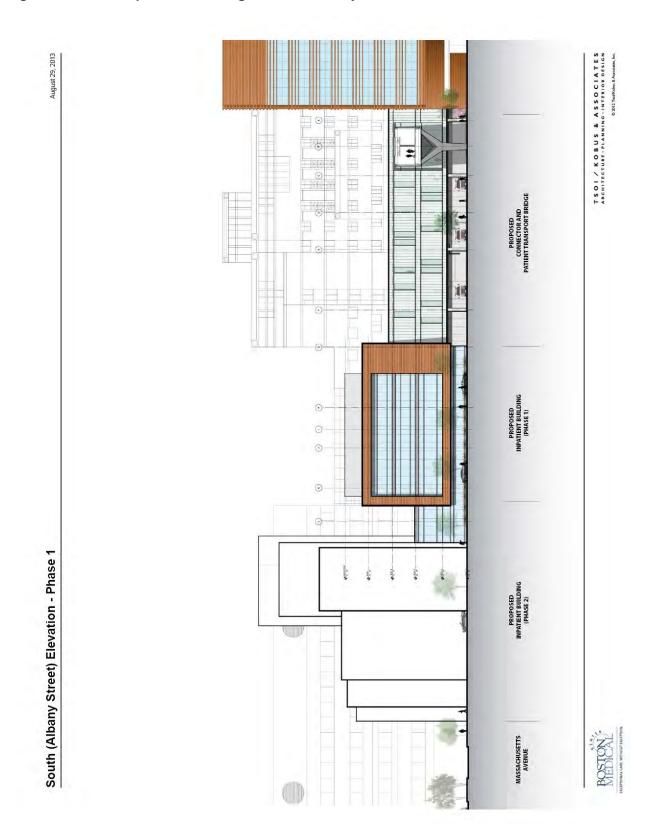


Figure 3-23 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 & Future Phase 2 Albany Street Elevation



Figure 3-24 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Existing Site Plan

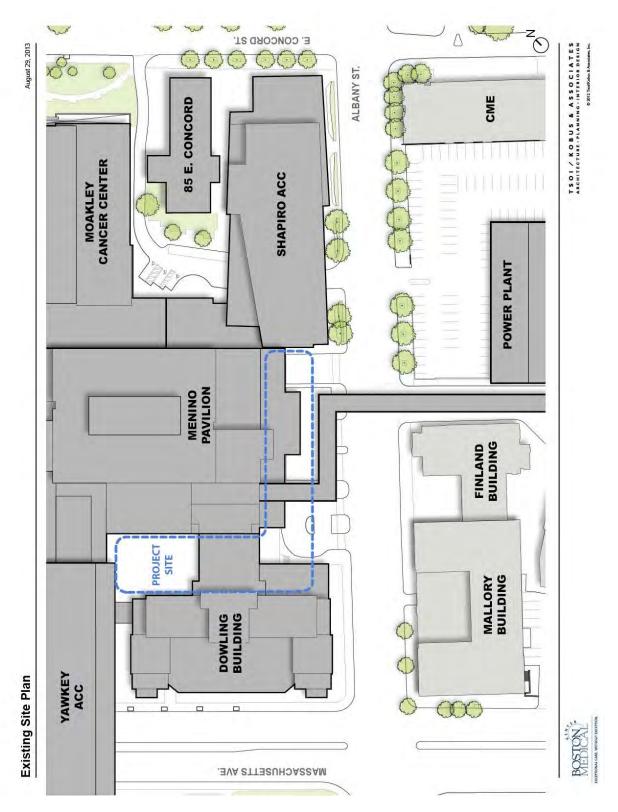


Figure 3-25 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Site Improvements

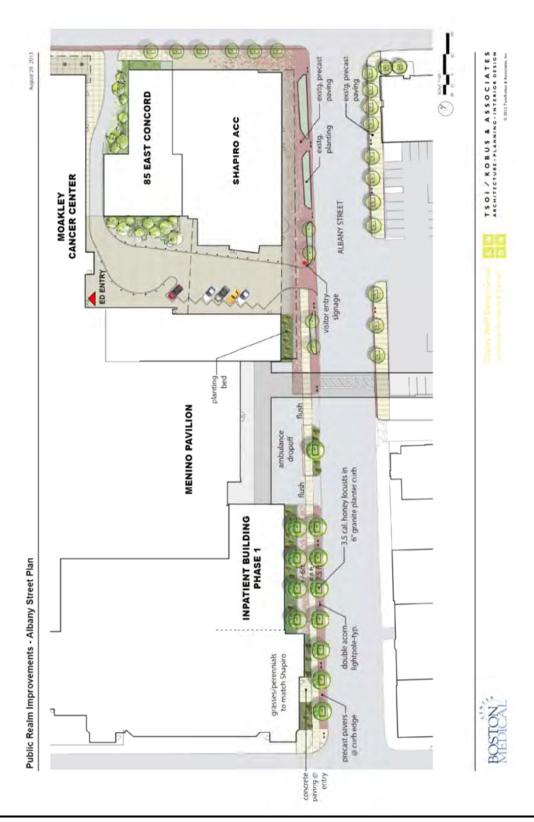


Figure 3-26 Relocated Emergency Department Walk-in / Drop-off Entry

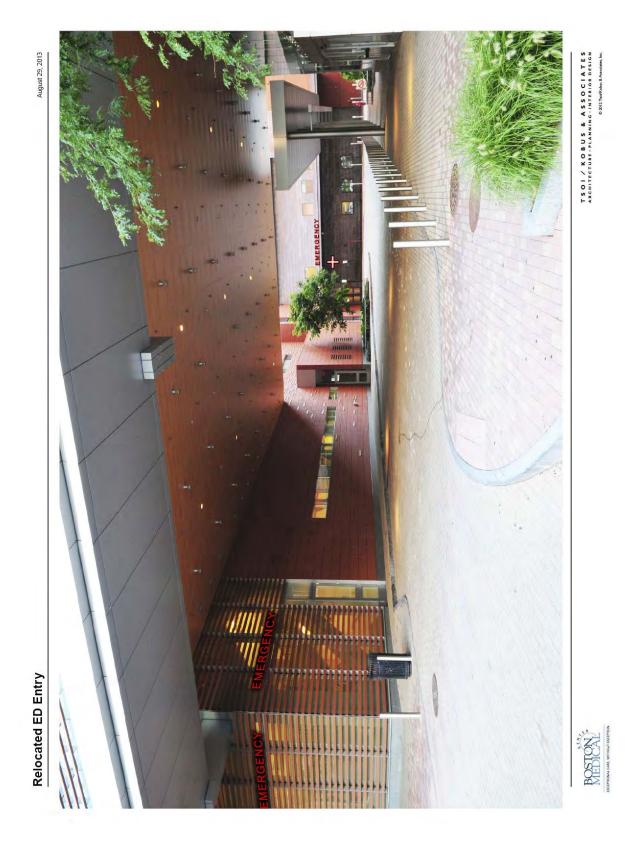


Figure 3-27 Menino Pavilion Entry Improvements – Existing

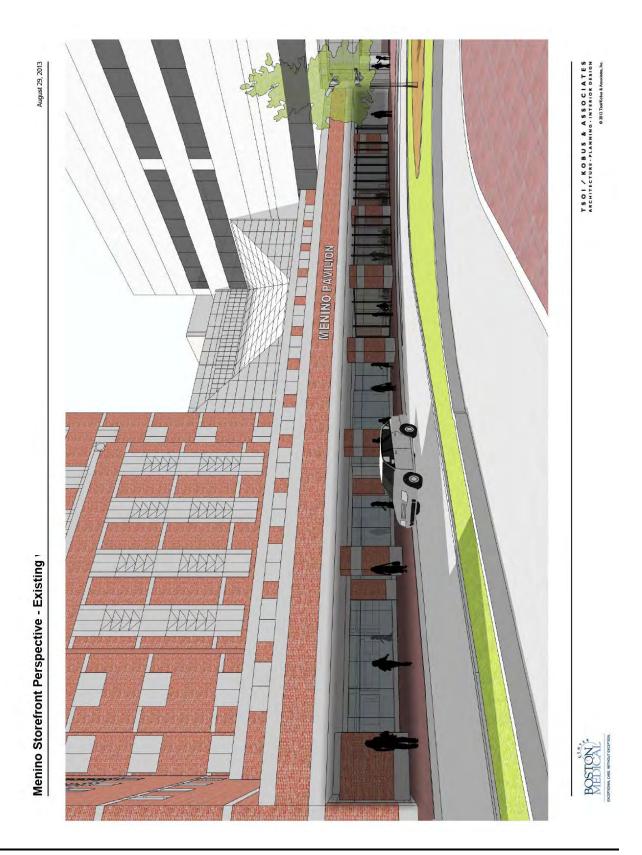
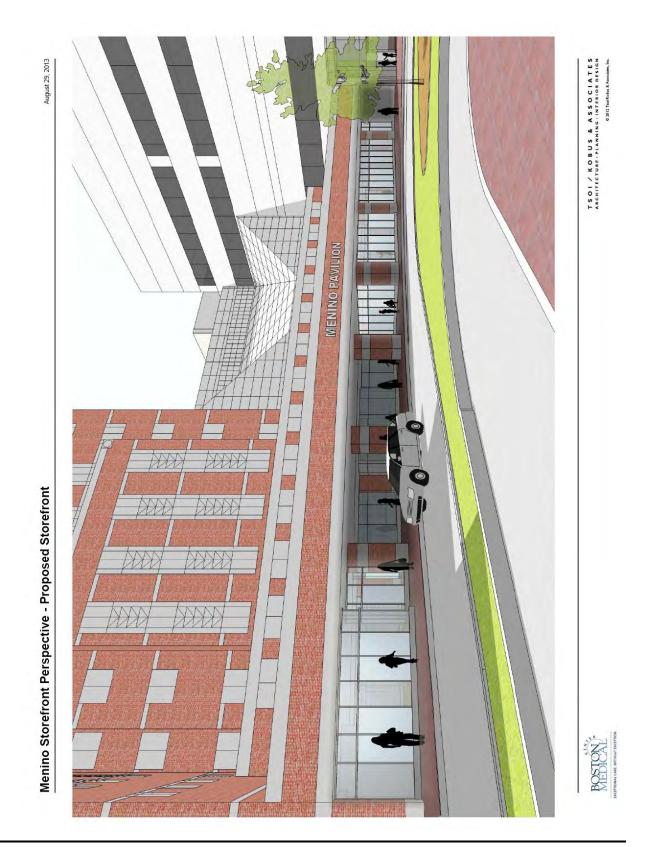


Figure 3-28 Menino Pavilion Entry Improvements – Proposed



### 3.1.4 Urban Design – New Patient Transport Bridge

### New Patient Transport Bridge - Existing Context and Project Location

The proposed new Bridge will be located within the Boston University Medical Center West Campus spanning over Albany Street.

Currently Albany Street is composed of varying building setbacks, scales and styles. As a major arrival point on the BUMC Campus the streetscape lacks a vital sense of clarity and organization. This project in conjunction with the proposed New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will begin to better define the north edge of Albany Street and align with Boston University Medical Center's strategic urban design goals stated previously.

The project site is located both on the south and north sides of Albany Street. The project is proposed to cross south to north over Albany Street in the approximate location of the existing yellow utility tube connecting to the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 over the existing Emergency Department Entrance, Ambulance parking, and loading area. See Figures 3-29 and 3-30.

### **New Patient Transport Bridge - Massing and Height**

The project is consistent with the surrounding contextual scale and desired contemporary aesthetic of the institution. A simplified form and a minimal material palette provide the visual clarity and consistency currently absent from the Albany Street Corridor.

The new Bridge is proposed as a simple rectilinear form spanning from the existing Power Plant on the south of Albany Street to New Inpatient Building Phase 1 on the north side. In an effort to create a lighter form and minimize the massing, the design team has made design advancements since the filing of the PNF. As a result, campus utilities have been relocated into the ceiling from the floor allowing for the simplification of the underside expression. The new Bridge will now be constructed of a truss system spanning from two structural supports on either side of Albany Street. The metal clad structural supports have been reduced in size and rotated 90 degrees to optimally support the truss structure, while diminishing visual impact from a distance. The overall width has been reduced approximately 2 feet to 25 feet wide. On the north side of Albany Street, vehicular movement at the ambulance drop off dictates the space available to site the vertical support. The southern structural support has been located to match the condition found on the north side of the street. The footprints of these structural supports have been reduced to minimize disruption to both pedestrian and ambulance circulation.

The new Bridge will have a clear height of approximately 27 feet above Albany Street. The new Bridge is approximately 16 feet tall (approximately 43 feet in height from grade) and has a roofline consistent with the connector wing of the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 and the Menino Pavilion. The new elevator and stair tower in the new Bridge

will rise above the roof of the new Bridge to accommodate the elevator overrun. The overall building height including the elevator overrun will be approximately 55 feet in height from grade. A 1-story corridor approximately 16 feet in height will be located at grade to the west of the existing Power Plant providing access from the helipad for Med Flight patients to the new Bridge and to the Emergency Department. See Figure 3-31.

### New Patient Transport Bridge - Design, Character and Materials

Simple massing and a minimal material palate are proposed for the project in order to reduce its visual impact on the Albany Street Corridor.

A simple curtain wall system is preferred to highlight a portion of the thin steel structure and to promote the idea of lightness. Special consideration will be given to mullion profiles and all components detailing of the glazing system in order to limit sight and shadow lines. Although programmatic constraints have limited the idea of an entirely transparent bridge, the intent is to continue the glass expression to part of the roof, providing visual transparency at the upper corners (utilities to be located in center of ceiling). A subtle lighting solution will be employed at key locations to accent portions of the bridge's structure and underside. The 1 story corridor at grade will feature a consistent material palate of metal panel and glazing. At night, the Bridge will be strategically lit to create a luminous beacon providing a new way-finding element for the Albany Street Corridor. See Figures 3-32, 3-33, 3-34, 3-35, and 3-36.

### **New Patient Transport Bridge - Vehicle Access and Circulation**

The Bridge will facilitate new Med Flight patient transport by providing access from the existing helipad located on the south side of Albany Street to the Emergency Department within the Menino Pavilion. This new transport will provide safer and more efficient patient care while reducing operational costs associated with current ambulance patient movement.

The existing loading truck dock along the south face of the Menino Pavilion will be relocated to the existing loading dock on south side of Albany Street along the north face of the existing Power Plant. Materials will be provided to the hospital functions north of Albany Street via the new Bridge, where they will be transported to the Menino Pavilion and then distributed accordingly.

#### **New Patient Transport Bridge - Site Improvements**

Streetscape alterations will occur with the new Bridge and New Inpatient Building Phase 1 along Albany Street in order to create a simplified ambulance parking area and reduce the number of curb cuts along the north side of Albany Street. Alterations include the closing of three existing curb cuts including the removal of the curb between the existing loading dock and existing ambulance parking areas. One of the two lanes underneath the existing yellow utility tube will be closed minimizing and reducing the width of the curb cut in half. New sidewalk and urban landscaping improvements are proposed along

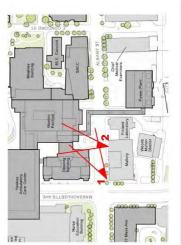
the street edge to further integrate Figures 3-37, 3-38 and 3-39.	and	enhance	the	Albany	Street	experience.	See

## **Figure 3-29 New Patient Transport Bridge Context Photos**



Photo 2: View from Albany St. looking east.
Emergency Department drop-off and entrance at south face of Menino Pavilion. Yellow utilities tube over Albany St. connecting to Menino Pavilion. Dowling Tower to the left and Shapiro ACC in background.







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Photo 1: View from Albany St. looking east.

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## Figure 3-30 New Patient Transport Bridge Context Photos (continued)



Figure 3-31 New Patient Transport Bridge Aerial Looking Northwest



Figure 3-32 New Patient Transport Bridge Albany Street Perspective - Existing

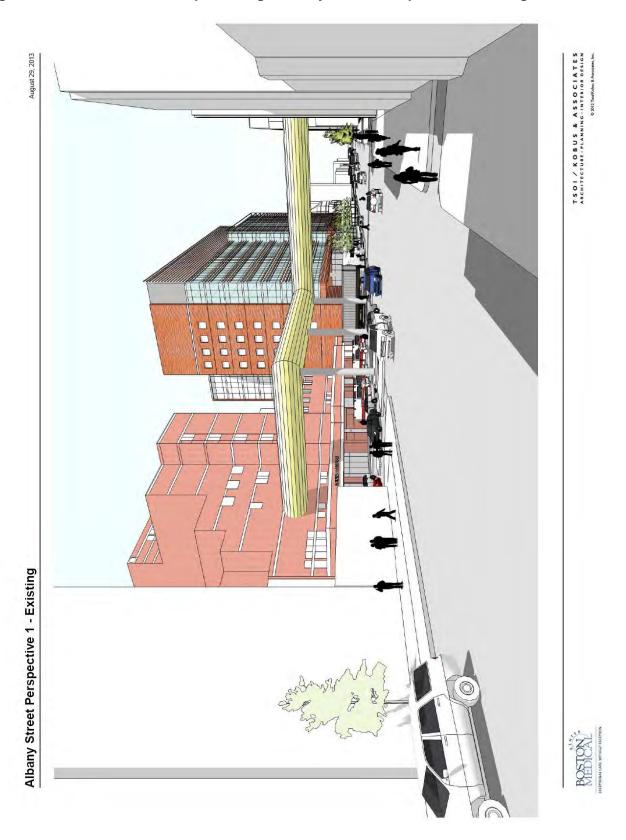


Figure 3-33 New Patient Transport Bridge Albany Street Perspective - Proposed

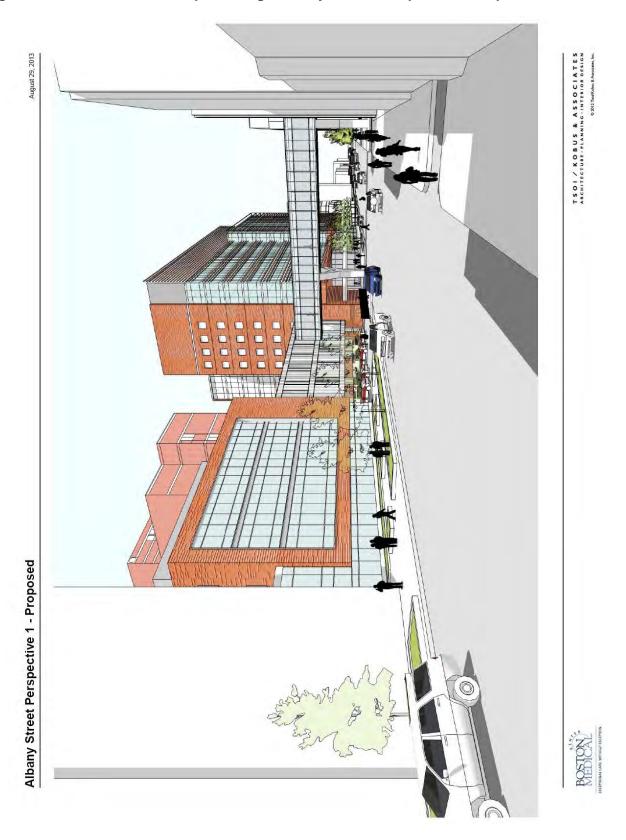


Figure 3-34 New Patient Transport Bridge Perspective 1

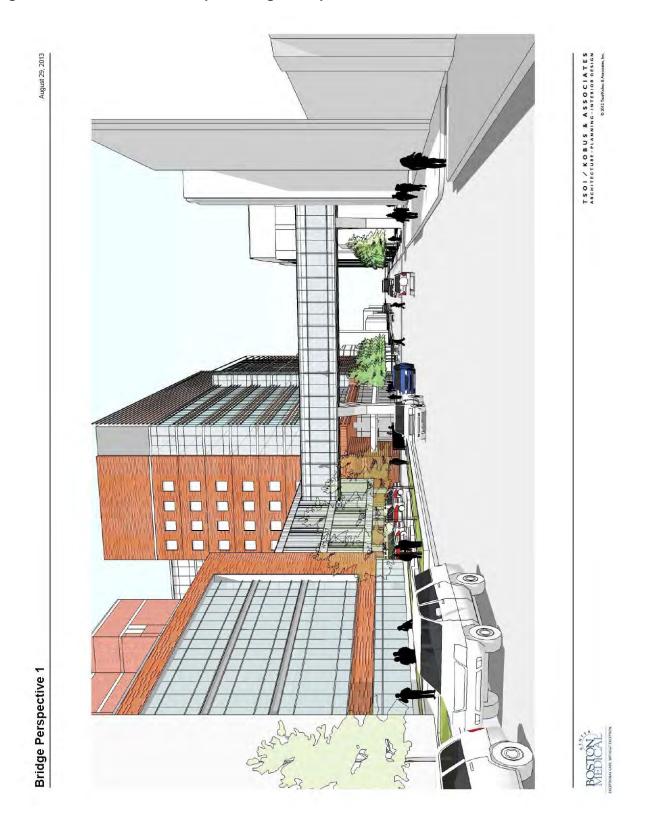


Figure 3-35 New Patient Transport Bridge Perspective 2



Figure 3-36 New Patient Transport Bridge Perspective 3



Figure 3-37 New Patient Transport Bridge Existing Site Aerial

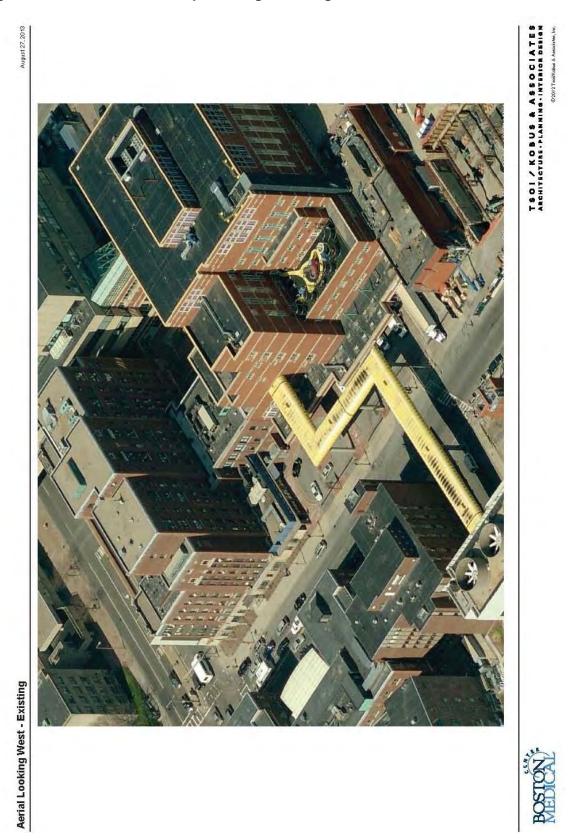


Figure 3-38 New Patient Transport Bridge Existing Site



Figure 3-39 New Patient Transport Bridge Proposed Site Area with Improvements



## 3.2 Sustainable Design

The proposed Projects include a number of environmentally protective technologies and practices incorporated into the planning, design and operations.

All of the proposed IMP projects will meet the requirements of Article 37 of the Code. The Proponent has evaluated the projects under the U.S. Green Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) system and the projects are anticipated to receive ratings of up to "Silver" LEED-HCv3 [Healthcare]. See Appendix D for LEED Checklists for each of the proposed projects demonstrating anticipated compliance with these standards.

Overall the Moakley Cancer Center and New Inpatient Building Phase 1 demonstrate the ability to meet the goal of achieving up to 55 points and being considered LEED Silver certifiable. 45 Points are listed as certain, 26 points will be further analyzed by the project team and will serve as a menu from which to pull the required 55 points as the project progresses further.

The New Patient Transport Bridge is a circulation space which does not meet LEED minimum program requirements.

The Proponent understands the City of Boston's interest in the adaptability of the City to long-term climate change. This interest has been manifested already by the Mayor's Executive Order Relative to Climate Change in Boston and the recent convening of the Mayor's Climate Action Leadership Committee. The Proponent has completed on-line questionnaires regarding the proposed Projects climate change preparedness. Copies of the completed questionnaire for the Moakley Cancer Center Addition and the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 can be found in Appendix E.

Due to its small size and use as a circulation space, the Climate Change Preparedness Questionnaire is not applicable for the New Patient Transport Bridge. However, the new Bridge will be equipped with generators and will remain operable for up to four days in the case of a utility power outage, and measures will be taken to optimize the Bridge's energy performance.

# Sustainable Sites: Moakley Cancer Center Addition (9 points), New Inpatient Building Phase 1 (10 points)

The proposed Projects are located within more than 10 "Basic Services" and all locations are linked by pedestrian infrastructure within the maximum 0.5 mile radius and also within a 0.5 mile linear footpath of the main entry to the Projects.

The Project sites provide access to multiple MBTA bus routes 1, 8, 10, 47, 170, 171, CT1, and CT3 lines. These public bus routes comply by enumerating more than two and by falling within 0.125 miles/linear footpath of the Project site entries.

New bike storage locations will be provided on Project sites. The BUMC campus also allocates bike parking within the adjacent areas throughout the campus and showers for staff are provided.

No new parking will be created as part of the proposed Projects. As indicated in the Transportation Section 4.3.2.7 there is excess capacity of parking spaces within the existing BUMC parking garages sufficient to meet the demand for the Projects. The Proponent will continue to designate preferred parking in its garages for carpool and hybrid car parking and provide electric car charging stations.

Building roofs will be designed to comply with Solar Reflectance Index (SRI) values for low-sloped roofs.

Lighting Power Density (LPD) shall be reduced for specified fixtures and times to comply with LEED. Regarding Exterior lighting strategies, the Projects are currently designated 'LZ3: Medium', and fixtures shall be specified within the compliant range for this zone.

# Water Efficiency: Moakley Cancer Center Addition (6 points), New Inpatient Building Phase 1 (6 points)

The Proponent has committed to 35% minimum potable water use reduction for new projects associated with the IMP. This can be achieved through selection of low-flow fixtures, ultra-low flow urinals, waterless urinals (where allowable), 'pint' toilets, aerators, etc.

The Proponent will implement strategies for use of rainwater and process water for irrigation. These strategies also have synergies with other potential water reduction strategies, such as use of rainwater to flush toilets.

The Proponent will sub-meter water use to comply with the City of Boston's Energy and Water Disclosure Ordinance. Applicable uses will be explored by the Proponent.

Building Equipment will be specified to specifically meet the LEED requirement for water use reduction.

# Energy and Atmosphere: Moakley Cancer Center Addition (6 points), New Inpatient Building Phase 1 (7 points)

The Proponent will hire a Commissioning Agent (CxA) for the proposed Projects for fundamental commissioning of the building systems.

High efficiency mechanical equipment will be used in combination with increased insulation and high performance glazing. Glazing will incorporate insulated units and Low-E coatings with efficient solar heat gain coefficients.

Refrigerants and HVAC&R units that minimize or eliminate the emission of compounds contributing to ozone depletion and global warming will be used.

# Materials and Resources: Moakley Cancer Center Addition (7 points), New Inpatient Building Phase 1 (7 points)

The proposed Projects will be designed with space allocated to serve as collection points for additional waste streams generated by the proposed Projects for removal and diversion.

Construction specifications shall mandate that at least 75% of construction waste be collected and diverted with separation/comingling to be determined by the future contractor.

The proposed Projects will have lighting specified to comply with PBT source reduction.

The project will incorporate materials with recycled content, materials that are fabricated or quarried locally and FSC-certified wood.

# Indoor Air Quality: Moakley Cancer Center Addition (11 points), New Inpatient Building Phase 1 (11 points)

Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) is of priority concern in a health care environment. The Proponent will implement many strategies to achieve optimal IAQ. Buildings will have mechanically ventilated spaces and will meet FGI Guidelines for Design & Construction of Healthcare Facilities. Hazardous materials management plans will be implemented for renovations. CO2 monitoring will be in place. "Sound isolation" acoustic control measures will be in place. An Construction IAQ Management Plan will be created and implemented during construction and pre-occupancy. Low-Emitting Materials will be used. Pollutant Source Control measures will be in place. Lighting and thermal comfort controls will be used. Post-occupancy evaluations will be initiated to monitor thermal comfort and providing daylight where possible. Smoking shall be prohibited within the building and within 50'-0" project's perimeter and shall be relegated to designated smoking facilities owned and maintained by BMC on its property. Signage shall reinforce this policy at entrances and shall lead smokers to designated areas.

Commissioning manuals and specifications will direct the proper implementation of MEP and Fire Protection Systems. The commissioning agent will develop and enforce a construction management plan to protect ductwork and other elements used in the delivery of fresh air. This ensures that the indoor air quality of the building is maintained and no mold or contaminates are distributed at the startup of MEP systems.

To control indoor chemical and pollutant sources, where vestibules do not meet the minimum 10'-0" clear wide in line of path of travel, regularly cleaned roll-out mats shall supplement the additional distance.

# Innovation in Design: Moakley Cancer Center Addition (4 points), New Inpatient Building Phase 1 (4 points)

The Proponent will engage an Integrated Design Team who will develop and implement alternative strategies that are not defined within the LEED checklist. Along with the guidance of a LEED Accredited Professional, the Integrated Design Team will seek to gain additional points for the Projects. Some strategies include:

- Use of a cogeneration plants Article 37 Modern Grid
- ◆ Transportation Demand Management Article 37 Modern Mobility (See Transportation Section 4.4 for more information.)
- Recharging groundwater
- ♦ Implementing green housekeeping strategies

# Regional Priority: Moakley Cancer Center Addition (2 points), New Inpatient Building Phase 1 (2 points)

A Stormwater Management Plan will be developed and implemented in accordance with City requirements including requirements for groundwater recharge in accordance with Article 32. Rainwater harvesting will be considered.

Building roofs will be designed to comply with Solar Reflectance Index (SRI)values for low-sloped roofs.

### 3.3 Environmental Protection

#### 3.3.1 Wind

A qualitative wind analysis of the pedestrian level winds was conducted for the Moakley Cancer Center Addition, the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 and the New Patient Transport Bridge. The objective of the study was to provide an evaluation of wind comfort conditions on and around the project sites and provide recommendations for minimizing potential impacts. See Appendix B.

The Moakley Cancer Center Addition is of similar height to the existing adjacent Moakley Cancer Center and is well sheltered by existing buildings of similar or greater heights. The study demonstrates that the wind conditions at sidewalks around the proposed building are expected to meet the BRA wind criteria and winds will be suitable on an annual basis. Increased wind activity is anticipated only in the winter when winds are from the northwest. The design will include options for possible landscape elements or other wind screening elements that help reduce the wind effect at the northeast corner during the winter.

The New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will be located in an area where a building currently exists and will be shorter than immediately existing adjacent buildings. The study demonstrates that the wind conditions at sidewalks around the proposed building are

expected to meet the BRA wind criteria and winds will be suitable on an annual basis. Wind conditions may increase from time to time during the winter and spring but are expected to be similar to the existing wind conditions because the proposed building massing change is minor and will have minimal effect on the local wind flows throughout the area.

The New Patient Transport Bridge is proposed to be located in generally the same location as the existing yellow utility tube and is expected to have little change over current wind conditions. The study demonstrates that the wind conditions at sidewalks around the proposed building are expected to meet the BRA wind criteria and winds will be suitable on an annual basis. Wind conditions may increase from time to time during the winter and spring, but because the bridge structure is a fairly aerodynamic structure, it is not expected to strongly redirect wind flows at grade level.

### 3.3.2 Daylight

The project sites are located within a dense urban environment surrounded by building of similar height and massing as the proposed projects. Due to the existing configuration of the project sites, minimal impacts to daylight obstruction are expected.

### 3.3.3 Shadow

The proposed project sites are located in a dense urban area on the BUMC Campus. The new Moakley Cancer Center Addition will be surrounded by and adjacent to structures of similar height and massing, therefore any shadow impact will not create significant new shadow coverage on public ways or open space in the area when compared to existing conditions during the time periods studied.

The proposed New Inpatient Building Phase 1 location is along the north side of Albany Street. Based upon the shadow study, the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will not create any new shadows on public ways or green spaces. Net new shadows created will be primarily cast back on the roof of the new Phase 1 Inpatient Building.

The scale and location of the New Patient Transport Bridge creates a small net new shadow impact that falls primarily on itself. As the Bridge will be replacing the existing "Yellow Tube" that currently spans Albany Street, there will be a minimal shadow impact on the adjacent streetscape compared to the existing condition.

See Appendix C for Shadow Study diagrams.

#### 3.3.4 Solar Glare

Building exteriors are expected to be constructed of a combination of brick, stone precast concrete and non-reflective glass. Therefore, the Projects are not expected to create solar glare impacts on area roadways and sidewalks or solar heat buildup in

nearby buildings. If the design should change significantly where reflective materials may be used, the Proponent will provide a solar glare analysis.

## 3.3.5 Air Quality

No air quality impacts are anticipated from the proposed Projects. Potential long-term air quality impacts arise as a result of emissions from mechanical equipment with combustion related emissions and pollutant emissions from vehicular traffic.

The Moakley Cancer Center Addition, New Inpatient Building Phase 1 and the New Patient Transport Bridge will not include the addition of any new mechanical equipment with any combustion related-emissions (e.g., boilers, emergency generators, cooling towers, etc.).

No traffic-related air quality impacts are anticipated from the proposed Projects. The traffic analysis shows that the Project trips will have no adverse traffic impact on local intersections or roadways. Intersection delay times will not significantly increase. Onroad traffic generated by the Moakley Cancer Center Addition and New Inpatient Phase 1 Projects will not increase by 10% or more and intersection Levels of Service (LOS) will not be degraded.

In addition, the advancement of automobile technologies has greatly reduced auto emissions. This, in turn, has virtually eliminated any monitored NAAQS exceedances of carbon monoxide concentrations at any intersection in Boston over the past 20 years. Thus, given the small increase in traffic and general advancements in auto technology, it is reasonable to expect that any microscale air quality analysis would demonstrate no adverse air quality impacts at local intersections.

Construction period air quality impacts and mitigation are discussed in Section 3.4.6.

#### 3.3.6 Noise

This section describes the noise analysis for the proposed Projects. The Moakley Cancer Center Addition and the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will have rooftop air handling units located in acoustically attenuated enclosed roof top penthouses. There is no noise generating equipment associated with the New Patient Transport Bridge. The study included a noise-monitoring program to determine existing noise levels and an estimate of future noise levels when the Projects are in operation. The scope of the analysis is consistent with BRA requirements for noise studies. The results indicate that predicted noise levels from mechanical equipment, with appropriate noise control, will comply with MassDEP noise limits as well as the most stringent City of Boston Noise Zoning requirements for nighttime and daytime residential zones.

Construction period noise impacts and mitigation are discussed in Section 3.4.5.

### 3.3.6.1 Noise Terminology and Methodology

There are several ways in which sound (noise) levels are measured and quantified. All of them use the logarithmic decibel (dB) scale. The following paragraphs describe the noise measurement terminology used in this analysis.

The decibel scale is logarithmic to accommodate the wide range of sound intensities found in the environment. One property of the decibel scale is that the sound pressure levels of two separate sounds are not directly additive. For example, if a sound of 50 dB is added to another sound of 50 dB, the total is only a three-decibel increase (to 53 dB), not the doubled value of 100 dB. Thus, every three dB change in sound levels represents a doubling or halving of sound energy. Correspondingly, a change in sound levels of less than three dB is imperceptible to the human ear.

Another property of decibels is that if one source of noise is 10 dB (or more) louder than another source, then the total sound level is simply the sound level of the higher source. For example, a source of sound at 60 dB plus another source of sound at 47 dB is 60 dB.

The sound level meter used to measure noise is a standardized instrument. It contains "weighting networks" to adjust the frequency response of the instrument to approximate that of the human ear under various conditions. There are three weighting networks: A, B, and C. The A-weighted scale (dBA) most closely approximates how the human ear responds to sound at various frequencies and, consequently, it is often used in detecting sound levels in the field. A-weighted sound levels emphasize the middle frequencies (i.e., middle pitched around 1,000 Hertz sounds) and deemphasize lower and higher frequency sounds.

Because the sounds in the natural environment vary with time, they cannot simply be described with a single number. Two methods, calculated from a large number of moment-to-moment A-weighted sound level measurements, describe variable sounds: exceedance levels and the equivalent level.

- ♦ Exceedance levels are values from the cumulative amplitude distribution of all of the sound levels observed during a measurement period. Exceedance levels are designated L<sub>n</sub>, where n can have a value of 0 to 100 percent. For example:
  - L<sub>90</sub> is the sound level in dBA that is exceeded 90% of the time during the measurement period. The L<sub>90</sub> is close to the lowest sound level observed.
     It is essentially the same as the residual sound level (the sound level observed when there are no obvious nearby intermittent noise sources).
  - L<sub>50</sub> is the median sound level that is exceeded 50% of the time during the measurement period.

- L<sub>10</sub> is the sound level in dBA that is exceeded only 10% of the time. It is close to the maximum level observed during the measurement period. The L<sub>10</sub> is sometimes called the intrusive sound level because it is caused by occasional louder noises like those from passing motor vehicles.
- L<sub>max</sub> is the maximum instantaneous sound level observed over a given period.
- ◆ Equivalent level, designated Leq, is the level of a hypothetical steady sound that would have the same energy (i.e., the same time averaged mean square sound pressure) as the actual fluctuating sound observed. The equivalent level is A-weighted and represents the time average of the fluctuating sound pressure. Because sound is represented on a logarithmic scale and the averaging is done with linear mean square sound pressure values, the Leq is mostly determined by occasional loud, intrusive noises.

By using various noise metrics it is possible to separate prevailing, steady sounds (L<sub>90</sub>) from occasional, louder sounds (L<sub>10</sub>) in the noise environment or combined average levels (L<sub>eq</sub>). This analysis of sounds expected from the Project treats all noises as though they will be steady and continuous and, therefore, the L<sub>90</sub> exceedance level was used. In the design of noise control treatments it is essential to know the frequency spectrum of the noise of interest. Noise control treatments do not function like the human ear, so simple A-weighted levels are not useful for noise-control design. The spectra of noises are usually stated in terms of octave band sound pressure levels (in dB) with the octave frequency bands being those established by standard. To facilitate the noise-control design process, the estimates of noise levels in this analysis are also presented in terms of octave band sound pressure levels.

Baseline noise levels were measured in the vicinity of the proposed Project in 2010. No new projects have been evaluated during that timeframe so there should be no increase in the ambient sound levels. The field results were compared to predicted noise levels derived from manufacturer-provided information regarding representative mechanical equipment or estimated from the equipment's capacity.

#### 3.3.6.2 Noise Regulations and Criteria

The primary applicable regulations (relating to the potential increase in noise levels) are cataloged in the City of Boston Zoning District Noise Standards:

- ◆ City of Boston Code Ordinances: Section 16–26 Unreasonable Noise; and
- ◆ City of Boston Air Pollution Control Commission Regulations for the Control of Noise in the City of Boston.

Results of the baseline ambient noise level survey and the modeled noise levels are compared to the City of Boston Zoning District Noise Standards. Separate regulations

within the Standard provide criteria to control different types of noise. Regulation 2 is applicable to the effects of the completed proposed building and is considered in this noise study. Table 3-1 (on the following page) summarizes the Zoning District Standards.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) regulates community noise by its Noise Policy: DAQC policy 90-001. The MassDEP policy limits source sound levels to a 10 dBA increase in the ambient measured noise level (L90) at the Project property line and at the nearest residences. The policy further prohibits "pure tone" conditions which occur when any octave band center frequency sound pressure level exceeds the two adjacent center frequency sound pressure levels by three decibels or more.

### 3.3.6.3 Existing Conditions

#### **Baseline Noise Environment**

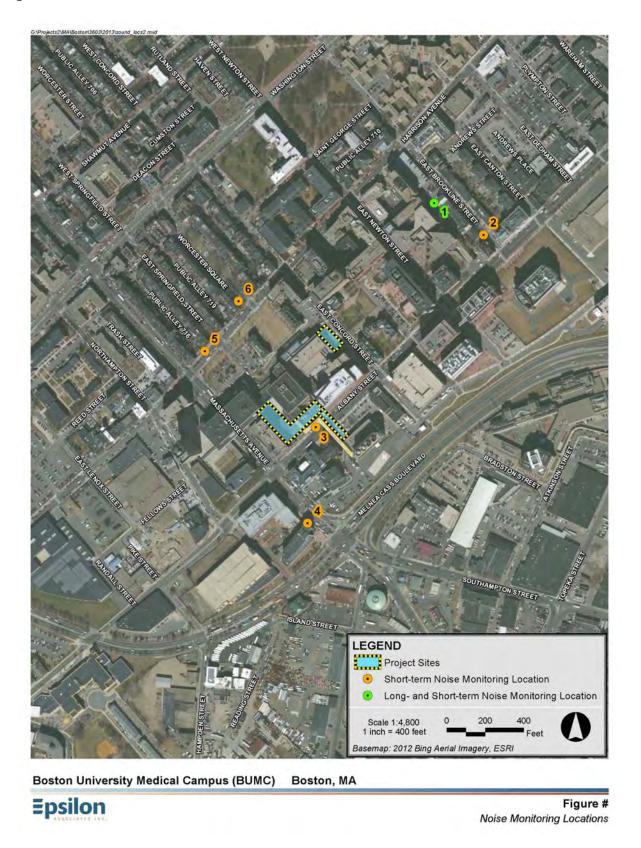
An ambient noise level survey was conducted to characterize the existing "baseline" acoustical environment in the vicinity of the Project. Existing noise sources in the vicinity of the Project include: vehicular traffic (including trucks) on the local roadways; pedestrian traffic; and mechanical equipment located on the surrounding buildings.

#### **Noise Measurement Locations**

The selection of the sound monitoring receptor locations was based upon a review of the current land use in the area of the Project Site. Noise was measured at six locations in the vicinity of the Project site to establish background noise conditions. The measurement locations are depicted on Figure 3-36 and are described below.

- ♦ Location 1 is in a Boston Medical Center parking lot on East Brookline Street. The receptor was located south of the parking lot gate, adjacent to the residential property at 81 East Brookline Street.
- ♦ Location 2 is near the residential property at 107 East Brookline Street.
- ♦ Location 3 is near the Boston Medical Center Menino Pavilion entrance on Albany Street.
- ♦ Location 4 is near the Hampton Inn at 811 Massachusetts Avenue.
- ◆ Location 5 is near the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Public Alley 716 (between Massachusetts Avenue and East Springfield Street).
- ♦ Location 6 is near the residential property at 39 Worcester Square.

Figure 3-36 **Noise Measurement Locations** 



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## **Noise Measurement Methodology**

Short-term sound level measurements were made at all six locations for 20 minutes per location during daytime hours (11:00 am to 4:00 pm) on January 07, 2010, and nighttime hours (12:00 am to 4:00 am) on January 08, 2010. Since noise impacts are greatest at night when existing noise levels are lowest, the study was designed to measure community noise levels under conditions typical of a "quiet period" for the area. Daytime measurements were scheduled to exclude peak traffic conditions.

In addition to the short-term sampling data, one continuous programmable sound level meter was placed at Location 1 on January 06, 2010. This monitor continuously measured and stored hourly sound level statistics for 36 consecutive hours in order to confirm that the short-term sampling was indeed representative of the lowest sound levels. This monitor ran from 3:00 P.M. Wednesday, January 06, 2010, until 3:00 AM on Friday, January 08, 2010. Field personnel periodically checked on the integrity of the continuous equipment, and observed and recorded the noise sources at the monitoring location.

Short-term sound levels were measured at a height of five feet above the ground while the continuous sound level was measured at a height of six feet above the ground. Both continuous and short-term sound levels were measured at publicly accessible locations. The measurements were generally made under low wind conditions and with dry roadway surfaces. Wind speed measurements were made with a Davis Instruments TurboMeter electronic wind speed indicator, and temperature and humidity measurements were made using a psychrometer. Unofficial observations about meteorology or land use in the community were made solely to characterize the existing sound levels in the area and to estimate the noise sensitivity at properties near the proposed Project.

# **Measurement Equipment**

Short-term measurements were taken with a CEL Instruments Model 593.C1 Precision Sound Level Analyzer equipped with a CEL-257 Type 1 Preamplifier, a CEL-250 half-inch electret microphone, and a four-inch foam windscreen. Both short-term broadband and octave band ambient sound pressure level data were collected. This instrument meets the "Type 1 - Precision" requirements set forth in American National Standards Institute (ANSI) S1.4 for acoustical measuring devices. The microphone was tripod-mounted at a height of five feet above ground, and the meter was set to the "slow" response. Statistical descriptors (L<sub>eq</sub>, L<sub>90</sub>, etc.) were calculated for each 20-minute sampling period. Octave band levels for this study correspond to the same data set processed for the broadband levels. The measurement equipment was calibrated in the field before and after the surveys with a CEL-110/1 acoustical calibrator, which meets the standards of IEC 942 Class 1L and ANSI S1.40-1984.

A Larson Davis model 812 Sound Level Meter was used for the continuous monitoring. This meter was equipped with a Larson Davis PRM828 Preamplifier, a PCB Piezotronics 337B02 microphone, and a foam windscreen. This instrument meets Type 1 ANSI S1.4-1983 standards for sound level meters. The microphone was mounted at a height of six feet above ground, and the meter was set to the "slow" response. This model 812 has been calibrated and certified as accurate to standards set by the National Institute of Standards and Technology by an independent laboratory within the past 12 months. The model 812 has data logging capability and was programmed to log statistical data every hour for the following parameters:  $L_1$ ,  $L_{10}$ ,  $L_{50}$ ,  $L_{90}$ ,  $L_{max}$ ,  $L_{min}$ , and  $L_{eq}$ .

## **Baseline Ambient Noise Levels**

The existing ambient noise environment is impacted primarily by mechanical equipment located on surrounding buildings and by vehicular traffic on nearby roadways, including Albany Street, Harrison Avenue, and Massachusetts Avenue. Baseline noise monitoring results are presented in Table 3-1, and summarized below.

- ◆ The daytime residual background (L<sub>90</sub>) measurements ranged from 54 to 65 dBA;
- ◆ The nighttime residual background (L<sub>90</sub>) measurements ranged from 49 to 62 dBA;
- ◆ The daytime equivalent level (L<sub>eq</sub>) measurements ranged from 61 to 74 dBA; and
- ◆ The nighttime equivalent level (L<sub>eq</sub>) measurements ranged from 51 to 67 dBA.

## 3.3.6.4 Future Ambient Noise Levels

Future noise impacts would be associated with the two new air handling units located in the penthouses of the Moakley Cancer Center Addition and the New Impatient Building Phase I. These air handling units will be located inside of acoustically treated rooftop penthouses with minimal sound level impacts. Typical sound power levels of these units are 94 dBA. The overall sound level impacts from these units would be 41 dBA at 500 feet. Adding this impact to the lowest background L90 (49 dBA) would have an overall impact of 49.6 dBA, an increase of approximately 1 dBA over ambient. This sound level impact is considered imperceptible and complies with the MassDEP noise policy.

**Table 3-1** Baseline Ambient Noise Measurements

							Octave Band Center Frequency (Hz)								
							32	63	125	250	500	100 0	200 0	400 0	800
Location and	Start	L <sub>10</sub>	La	1			1	1	L <sub>90</sub>						
Period	Time	)	L <sub>50</sub> (dBA)	L <sub>90</sub> (dBA)	L <sub>eq</sub> (dBA)	L <sub>max</sub> (dBA)	L <sub>90</sub> (dB)	L <sub>90</sub> (dB)	)	)	)	(dB)	(dB)	(dB)	(dB)
Loc 1 Day	1:47 PM	65	58	57	62	-	66	62	59	57	55	51	47	37	28
Loc 2 Day	11:25 AM	68	60	57	66	81	66	64	59	58	56	51	45	34	22
Loc 3 Day	3:02 PM	74	68	65	71	-	71	71	67	64	63	61	56	48	38
Loc 4 Day	2:30 PM	76	68	64	74	92	74	75	70	62	59	59	55	48	40
Loc 5 Day	12:31 PM	71	65	61	68	84	72	71	65	59	57	56	53	47	40
Loc 6 Day	1:12 PM	64	57	54	61	76	65	63	57	53	52	49	44	37	30
Loc 1 Night	2:39 AM	52	52	51	52	56	58	57	55	53	51	45	38	28	19
Loc 2 Night	2:09 AM	57	55	55	56	65	64	60	57	57	55	48	41	32	21
Loc 3 Night	12:19 AM	69	64	62	67	84	66	64	65	60	59	57	53	44	33
Loc 4 Night	12:47 AM	68	61	57	65	84	64	64	62	55	53	52	48	39	31
Loc 5 Night	1:15 AM	63	56	53	60	75	63	59	56	53	51	48	44	36	33
Loc 6 Night	1:41 AM	53	49	49	51	63	58	56	51	50	48	43	37	26	16

Notes:

<sup>1.</sup> Daytime weather: Temperature =  $39^{\circ}$  F, RH = 51%, skies sunny, winds 0-4 mph. Nighttime weather: Temperature =  $30^{\circ}$  F, overcast skies, winds 0-8 mph.

<sup>2.</sup> Road Surfaces were dry during all periods.

<sup>3.</sup> All sampling periods were approximately 20 minutes duration.

Daytime measurements were collected on January 07, 2010.
 Nighttime measurements were collected on January 08, 2010.

## 3.3.7 Water Quality/Wetlands

The proposed projects are located on existing developed sites. The projects are not expected to result in the introduction of any pollutants, including sediments, into the surface waters or local groundwater.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) indicates the FEMA Flood Zone Designations for the Projects' sites (City of Boston, Community Panel Number 25025C 0079G). The map shows that the Projects' sites are located outside of the 500-year flood plain. The project sites do not contain any wetlands.

## 3.3.8 Geotechnical / Groundwater

The proposed Moakley Cancer Center Addition and New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will involve some subsurface excavation for foundations and a below grade basement. The New Patient Transport Bridge will involve limited excavation for installation of structural support columns.

The proposed New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will include one below grade level. The foundation elements that are required to extend down to competent soils, below the groundwater level, will be solid, discontinuous, discrete elements that will not cause the groundwater to raise, pond or be lowered.

Subsurface conditions will be investigated as design progresses. For construction of the basement space, a temporary excavation support system that is compatible with subsurface conditions will be designed in order to provide adequate support and protection of the adjacent streets and utilities.

The proposed Projects are located within the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District (GCOD). The Project design will comply with Article 32 and City standards by establishing design and construction methodology which protects groundwater. The Projects will demonstrate that the permanent construction results in no negative impacts to groundwater levels through engineering evaluations. An engineers' certification report will be submitted to demonstrate that the standards have been met. Methods to assure these standards include use of fully waterproofed basement (walls and lowest level floor slabs) for the portion of the structure that extends below groundwater levels which will be designed to resist hydrostatic uplift pressures. Design criteria for the Project will include provision that no long term groundwater pumping will be allowed.

Please see Section 3.6.4.2 for a more detailed discussion on compliance with Article 32. Also refer to Figures 3-37 and 3-38.

## 3.3.9 Construction Waste and Disposal

Solid waste generated by construction will consist of excavated material and debris. Excavated material will be composed of miscellaneous fill and underlying natural deposits. Excavation and off-site disposition will be conducted in accordance with a Soil Management

Plan developed for the projects and included in the Construction Documents. The Soil Management Plan will describe procedures for identification, management and off-site transport of any contaminated soils. Management of soil during excavation and construction will be conducted in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

Construction dewatering will be conducted in accordance with a Groundwater Management Plan that will be included as part of the Construction Documents. The Groundwater Management Plan will describe the procedures for maintenance of groundwater levels and for treatment (if necessary) and discharge of effluent from dewatering activities.

# 3.3.10 Solid Waste Generation and Recycling

The projects will generate solid waste from employees such as wastepaper, cardboard, glass bottles, aluminum cans, etc. Recycling of this material will be encouraged and managed through Boston University Medical Center's active campus recycling program. Staging areas with recycling bins will accommodate the recyclable material from the projects.

# 3.3.11 Integrated Pest Management Plan

The Construction Management Plan will include a plan to manage pests. A rodent extermination certificate will be filed with the building permit application to the City. Rodent inspection monitoring and treatment will be carried out before, during, and at the completion of all construction work for the proposed Project, in compliance with the City's requirements. Rodent extermination prior to work start-up will consist of treatment of areas throughout the site. During the construction process, regular service visits will be made.

#### 3.3.12 Wildlife Habitat

The site is within a fully developed urban area and, as such, the proposed projects will not impact wildlife habitats as shown on the National Heritage and Endangered Species Priority Habitats of Rare Species and Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife.

# 3.4 Construction Management Plan

A Construction Management Plan (CMP) will be submitted to the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) for review and approval prior to issuance of a building permit. The CMP will define truck routes which will help minimize the impact of trucks on local streets. The construction contractor will be required to comply with the details and conditions of the approved CMP.

Construction methodologies that ensure public safety and protect nearby businesses will be employed. Techniques such as barricades, walkways, painted lines, and signage will be used as necessary. Construction management and scheduling, including plans for construction worker commuting and parking, routing plans and scheduling for trucking and deliveries, protection of existing utilities, maintenance of fire access, and control of noise and dust, will minimize impacts on the surrounding environment.

## 3.4.1 Construction Schedule and Coordination

Construction of the Moakley Cancer Center Addition is estimated to last approximately 18 months. Initial site work is expected to begin during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2013.

Construction of the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 is estimated to last approximately 18 months. Initial site work is expected to begin during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2013.

Construction of the New Patient Transport Bridge is estimated to last approximately 11 months. Initial site work is expected to begin during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2016.

The new Energy Facility will be constructed upon completion of the aforementioned projects.

Typical construction hours will be from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday, with most shifts ordinarily ending at 3:30 pm. No sound-generating activity will occur before 7:00 am. If longer hours, additional shifts, or Saturday work is required, the Construction Manager will place a work permit request to the Boston Air Pollution Control Commission and BTD in advance. Notification should occur during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. It is noted that some activities such as finishing activities could run beyond 6:00 pm to ensure the structural integrity of the finished product. (Certain components must be completed in a single pour and placement of concrete cannot be interrupted.)

Proper planning with the City, neighborhood and developers of other projects under construction in the area will be essential to the successful construction of the Projects. The construction contractor will be responsible for coordinating construction activities during all phases of construction with City of Boston agencies to minimize potential scheduling and construction conflicts with other ongoing construction projects in the area.

## 3.4.2 Construction Staging and Public Safety

Primary staging will be on-site. For each project the proposed construction staging plan will be designed to isolate the construction while providing safe access for pedestrians and vehicles during normal day-to-day activities and emergencies. The staging areas will be secured by chain-link fencing to protect pedestrians from entering these areas.

Although specific construction and staging details have not been finalized, the Proponent and its construction management consultants will work to ensure that staging areas will be located to minimize impacts to pedestrian and vehicular flow. Secure fencing and barricades will be used to isolate construction areas from pedestrian traffic adjacent to the site. In addition, sidewalk areas and walkways near construction activities will be well marked and lighted to protect pedestrians and ensure their safety. If required by BTD and the Boston Police Department, police details will be provided to facilitate traffic flow. Construction procedures will be designed to meet all Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) safety standards for specific site construction activities.

## 3.4.3 Construction Employment and Worker Transportation

The number of workers required during the construction period will vary. The Proponent will make reasonable good-faith efforts to have at least 50 percent of the total employee work hours are for Boston residents, at least 25 percent of total employee work hours are for minorities and at least 10 percent of the total employee work hours are for women. The Proponent will enter into a construction jobs agreement with the City of Boston.

To reduce vehicle trips to and from the construction site, minimal construction worker parking will be available at the site and all workers will be strongly encouraged to use public transportation and ridesharing options. The Proponent and contractor will work aggressively to ensure that construction workers are well informed of the public transportation options serving the area. Five bus routes currently service the area, and the Project site is proximate to the Silver Line. Space on-site will be made available for workers' supplies and tools so they do not have to be brought to the site each day.

#### 3.4.4 Construction Truck Routes and Deliveries

The construction team will manage deliveries to the site during morning and afternoon peak hours in a manner that minimizes disruption to traffic flow on adjacent streets. The construction team will provide subcontractors and vendors with Construction Vehicle & Delivery Truck Route Brochures in advance of construction activity. "No Idling" signs will be included at the loading, delivery, pick-up and drop-off areas.

Truck traffic will vary throughout the construction period depending on the activity. Construction truck routes to and from the Project site for contractor personnel, supplies, materials, and removal of excavations will be coordinated by the Proponent with the BTD and established in the CMP. These routes will be mandated as a part of subcontractors' contracts for the Project. Traffic logistics and routing are planned to minimize community impacts.

## 3.4.5 Construction Noise

The Proponent is committed to mitigating noise impacts from the construction of the project. However, increased community sound levels are an inherent consequence of construction activities. Construction work will comply with the requirements of the City of Boston Noise Ordinance. Every reasonable effort will be made to minimize the noise impact of construction activities.

Mitigation measures are expected to include:

- Instituting a proactive program to ensure compliance with the City of Boston noise limitation policy;
- Using appropriate mufflers on all equipment and ongoing maintenance of intake and exhaust mufflers;
- Muffling enclosures on continuously running equipment, such as air compressors and welding generators;

- Replacing specific construction operations and techniques with less noisy methods where feasible;
- Selecting the quietest alternative items of equipment where feasible;
- Scheduling equipment operations to keep average noise levels low, to synchronize the noisiest operations with times of highest ambient levels, and to maintain relatively uniform noise levels:
- Turning off idling equipment; and
- Locating noisy equipment at locations that protect sensitive locations by shielding or distance.

## 3.4.6 Construction Air Quality

Short-term air quality impacts from fugitive dust may be expected during the early phases of construction and during excavation. Plans for controlling fugitive dust during demolition, construction and excavation include mechanical street sweeping, wetting portions of the site during periods of high wind, and carefully removing debris in covered trucks. The construction contract will provide for multiple strictly enforced measures to be used by contractors to reduce potential emissions and minimize impacts. These measures are expected to include:

- Using wetting agents on areas of exposed soil on a scheduled basis;
- Using covered trucks;
- Minimizing spoils on the construction site;
- Monitoring of actual construction practices to ensure that unnecessary transfers and mechanical disturbances of loose materials are minimized;
- Minimizing storage of debris on the site; and
- Periodic street and sidewalk cleaning with water to minimize dust accumulations.

The CMP will include the retrofit of all diesel construction vehicles. Provisions will be developed and implemented for wheel washing, the covering of trucks, monitoring of actual construction practices to ensure that unnecessary transfers and mechanical disturbances of loose materials are minimized, periodic street and sidewalk cleaning with water to minimize dust accumulations. Signage for anti-idling will also be included within the CMP.

## 3.4.7 Construction Waste

The Proponents will reuse or recycle construction materials to the extent feasible. Construction procedures will allow for the segregation, reuse, and recycling of materials. Materials that cannot be reused or recycled will be transported in covered trucks by a

contract hauler to a licensed facility, per the MassDEP regulations for Solid Waste Facilities, 310 CMR 16.00.

#### 3.4.8 Protection of Utilities

Existing public and private infrastructure located within the public right-of-way will be protected during construction. The installation of proposed utilities within the public way will be in accordance with the MWRA, BWSC, Boston Public Works Department, the Dig Safe program, and the governing utility company requirements. All necessary permits will be obtained before the commencement of the specific utility installation. Specific methods for constructing proposed utilities where they are near to, or connect with, existing water, sewer and drain facilities will be reviewed by BWSC as part of its Site Plan Review Process.

# 3.5 Historic and Archaeological Resources

Boston University Medical Center is located within the South End Harrison/Albany Protection Area (Protection Area), and encompasses the "Boston City Hospital" Area, both of which are included in the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth. The Protection Area was established to protect views of the adjacent South End Landmark District, to ensure that new development or major alterations adjacent to the District are architecturally compatible in massing, setback, and height, and to protect light and air circulation within the District. Building demolitions, the height and setback of new construction, and changes to topography and landscaping within the Protection Area are subject to review by the South End Landmark District Commission (SELDC).

There are no known archaeological resources listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places or included in the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth within the Project site. The Project sites consist of a previously developed urban site; therefore, it is unlikely that the proposed Project will affect previously unidentified archaeological resources.

## 3.6 Infrastructure

This section evaluates the infrastructure systems that will support BMC's proposed projects. Based on initial investigations, the existing infrastructure systems in the area appear to be able to accommodate the incremental increase in demand associated with the proposed projects.

The design process for the proposed projects will include the required engineering analyses and will adhere to applicable protocols and design standards, ensuring that the proposed Project is properly supported by and properly uses the City's infrastructure.

The systems discussed below include those owned or managed by the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC), private utility companies, and on-site infrastructure. There will be close coordination between these entities and the project team during subsequent reviews and the design process. All improvements and connections to BWSC infrastructure will be reviewed as part of the BWSC site plan review process. This process includes a

comprehensive design review of the proposed service connections, assessment of system demands and capacity and establishment of service accounts.

## 3.6.1 Regulatory Framework

This section, in addition to a description of existing and future infrastructure connections, discusses the regulatory framework of utility connection reviews and standards. All connections will be designed and constructed in accordance with city, state and federal standards.

- In the City of Boston, BWSC is responsible for all water, sewer and stormwater systems.
- ◆ The Boston Fire Department (BFD) will review the Proposed Project with respect to fire protection measures such as siamese connections and standpipes.
- Design of the site access, hydrant locations, and energy systems (gas, steam and electric) will also be coordinated with the respective system owners.
- New utility connections will be authorized by the Boston Public Works Department through the street opening permit process, as required.
- New steam and power conduits between campus buildings, within city streets, will require permitting with the City of Boston Public Improvements Commission (PIC).

## 3.6.2 Existing Wastewater

Local sewer service in the City of Boston is provided by the BWSC. Wastewater generated at the BMC campus is collected by various sewer mains within the surrounding streets and conveyed to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) facility on Deer Island via a 66" x 68" combined sewer located in Albany Street.

## 3.6.2.1 Demand/Use

Wastewater generation from each of the projects has been calculated as described below.

## **Moakley Cancer Center Addition**

The Moakley Addition will provide additional and improved space for existing uses within the building. The proposed addition does not represent an expansion of the building's uses by increasing patient capacity, doctors or staff. Accordingly, no increase in wastewater generation from the existing Moakley building is anticipated as a result of this project.

## **New Inpatient Building Phase 1**

The New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will include in-patient rooms, radiology and surgery areas as well as an amphitheater and circulation space for vital connector to campus buildings. The estimated wastewater generation from the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 has been calculated in gallons per day (gpd) as the sum of these uses based on rates established by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Title V 310 CMR 15.203 System Sewage Flow Design Criteria and summarized in the table below.

Table 3-2 Estimate Wastewater Generation

Use	Number	Units	Rate	Averaged Daily Sewage Flow (gpd)
Floor B:	250	seats	3 gpd/seat	750
Amphitheater				
Floor 1:	16,678	sf	75 gpd/1,000	1,250
Radiology			sf	
Floor 2:	16,678	sf	75 gpd/1,000	1,250
Surgery			sf	
Floors 3 & 4:	38	Beds	200 gpd/bed	<u>7,600</u>
In-patient				
			Totals	10,850

Average daily flow is calculated from the project to be approximately 10,850 gpd. Based on a peaking factor of 3.0, peak daily flows from the project are estimated to be approximately 32,550 gpd.

# **New Patient Transport Bridge**

The new Bridge consists of patient transport and service corridors to connect hospital buildings. There is no wastewater generation associated with this use.

## 3.6.2.2 Proposed Connections

The sewer services for the proposed projects will tie into existing nearby existing sewer mains.

The Moakley Cancer Center Addition and the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will connect to BWSC sewer mains in East Concord Street and Albany Street, respectively. These addition projects may utilize existing service connections from their respective buildings or construct

new connections as appropriate based on final project design. Proposed sewer service configurations and design notes are summarized in the table below.

**Table 3-3** Proposed Sewer Service Configurations

Project	Sewer Connection	Design Notes
Moakley Cancer	27" Sewer in East	Project will likely combine with
Center Addition	Concord Street	wastewater from existing
		Moakley Building since the
		existing service connection
		passes through addition area.
New Inpatient	66"x68" Sewer in Albany	Connection to existing
Building Phase 1	Street	buildings or new service
		connection to Albany Street to
		be determined during design.
New Patient	None	No sewer service anticipated.
Transport Bridge		Incidental wastewater will
-		likely be routed to systems in
		adjacent buildings.

## 3.6.3 Domestic Water and Fire Protection

# 3.6.3.1 Existing Water Supply System

The BUMC Campus is located in the South End service area of the BWSC public water supply. Albany and East Concord Streets are served by 12-inch high and low pressure lines. Hydrant test data provided by the BWSC expressed in gallons per minute (gpm) is presented in the table below.

Table 3-4 Hydrant Test Data

Date	Location	Static Press ure (psi)	Residual Pressure (psi)	Total Flow (gpm)	Flow at 20 psi (gpm)
3/21/05	12" Low Albany Street	68	62	3,182	1,083
9/26/00	12" High Albany Street	96	88	4,388	1,479

The results of the hydrant flow tests indicate the actual amount of water (flow) available and the actual pressure (residual) flow provided. These flow metrics are analyzed to establish the quantity of water that will be delivered at 20 psi as a common evaluation point.

The data provided is the most recent test data obtained from the BWSC. Additional testing of specific hydrants in close proximity to the proposed projects will likely be performed during subsequent project phases to support design of fire protection systems.

#### 3.6.3.2 Demand/Use

The Moakley Cancer Center Addition provides additional and improved space for existing building uses and is not expected to result in an increase in water use above existing conditions. Based on the wastewater calculations provided in Section 3.6.2.1, water use for the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 is estimated to be approximately 10,850 gpd. There is no water use associated with the New Patient Transport Bridge project.

## 3.6.3.3 Proposed Connections

Proposed domestic and fire service connections for each of the projects are summarized in the table below.

Table 3-5 Proposed Domestic and Fire Service Connections

Project	Water/Fire	Design Notes
	Connection	
Moakley Cancer Center Addition	12" High and Low Services in East Concord Street	Connection to existing building water systems and/or new tap into existing Moakley service connection from East Concord Street to be determined during design.
New Inpatient Building Phase 1	12" High and Low Services in Albany Street	Connection to existing buildings or new service connection to Albany Street to be determined during design.
New Patient Transport Bridge	None	No water service anticipated.

## 3.6.4 Stormwater Management

## 3.6.4.1 Existing Conditions

The BUMC Campus is serviced by several BWSC drain lines. The proposed project sites are currently occupied by buildings, paved surfaces or landscaped areas. Runoff from these

areas flows to nearby BWSC storm drain systems which discharge to the Roxbury Canal Conduit.

# 3.6.4.2 Proposed Conditions

Stormwater from the project sites will be routed to follow existing drainage patterns to the nearby BWSC drain lines and the Roxbury Canal Conduit. Since the BUMC Campus is located in the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District (GCOD), each of the projects will be required to infiltrate one inch of runoff per square foot of new building footprint.

The proposed projects will be designed to mitigate potential increases in peak flows, pollutants, or sediments to existing drainage infrastructure. In conjunction with the BWSC site plan review and the General Service Application, the proponent will submit a stormwater management plan. Compliance with the standards for the final site design will be reviewed as part of the BWSC site plan review process. See Figures 3-40 (drawing C-001) and 3-41 (drawing C-002) for schematic plans of the proposed groundwater infiltration gallery systems.

A summary of stormwater management controls for each project site is provided in the table below.

Table 3-6 Stormwater Management Controls

Project	Approximate Footprint (sf)	Infiltration Requirement (ft <sup>3</sup> )	Design Notes
Moakley Cancer Center Addition	7,000	583	Increase in impervious surface will require stormwater management to mitigate potential increases in peak runoff. Groundwater recharge requirements will be met by expanding the existing infiltration gallery system serving the existing Moakley building as shown on Figure 3-37.
New Inpatient Building Phase 1 (including connector wing)	22,700	1,892	The project site is occupied primarily by existing buildings, streets, and other paved surfaces. The project will result in little, if any, increase in impervious surfaces.

Project	Approximate Footprint (sf)	Infiltration Requirement (ft <sup>3</sup> )	Design Notes
			Groundwater recharge requirements will be met by constructing a new infiltration gallery south of the Menino Pavilion as shown on Figure 3-38.
New Patient Transport Bridge	6,700	833	Project will be located above Albany Street and adjacent sidewalks. Given the proximity of this project to the New Inpatient Building Phase 1, stormwater will be managed collectively with the new infiltration gallery south of the Menino Pavilion as shown on Figure 3-38.

Figure 3-40 Moakley Addition Proposed Recharge System

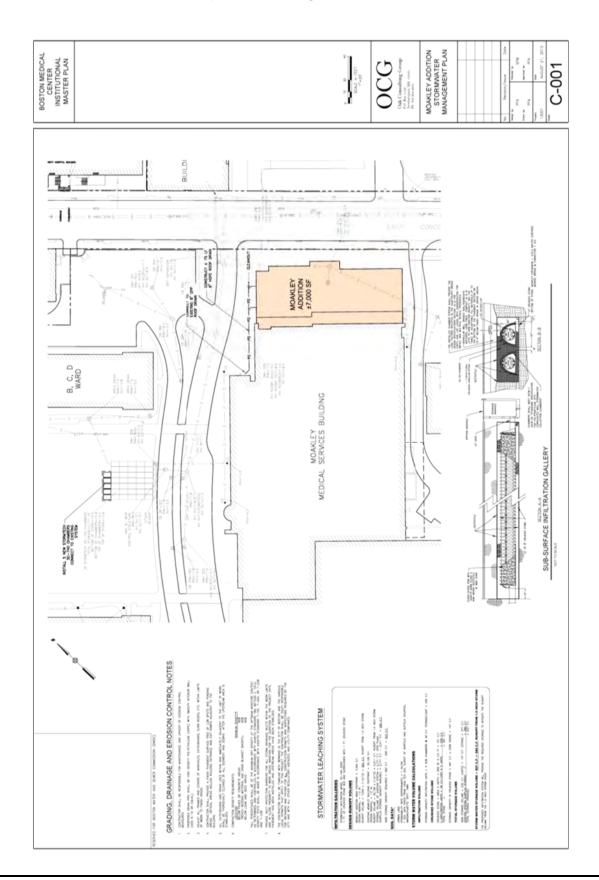
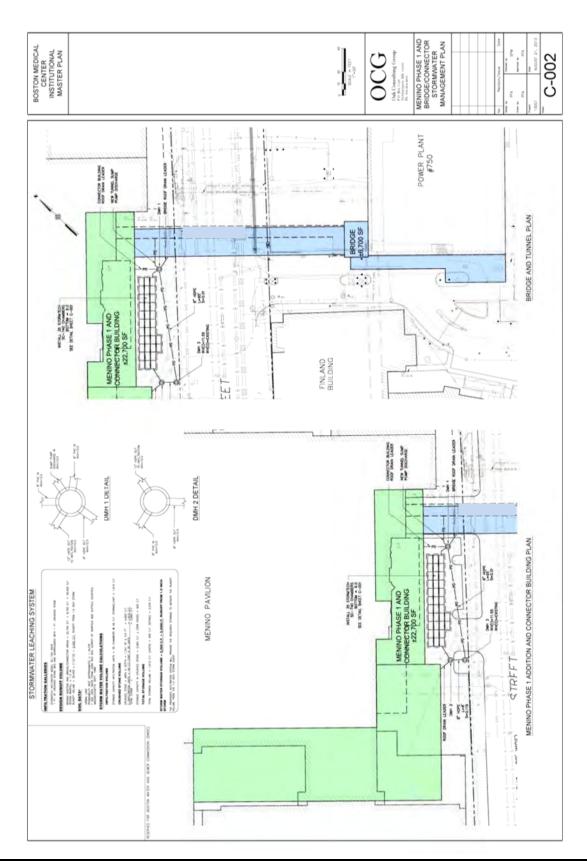


Figure 3-41 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 & Patient Transport Bridge Recharge System



## 3.6.5 Anticipated Energy Needs

#### 3.6.5.1 Natural Gas Service

Natural gas for the Proposed Project will be provided by National Grid from their existing gas mains within Albany Street. The specific gas service needs for each project will be determined and coordinated with the utility company during final design.

## 3.6.5.2 Electrical Service

Boston University Medical Center purchases electricity from NSTAR Electric in bulk and redistributes from the existing Power Plant Building to other BUMC Campus buildings. This practice will be continued for the Moakley Cancer Center Addition, the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 and other projects until the new Energy Facility is constructed.

## 3.6.5.3 Steam

Steam is currently provided by Veolia Energy and distributed to the BUMC Campus from the existing Power Plant building. This practice will continue for the proposed projects until the new Energy Facility is constructed.

## 3.6.5.4 Telecommunications

Verizon will provide telephone and telecommunication services to the proposed projects. There are existing fiber optic services located in Albany and East Newton Streets with sufficient capacity to service the proposed project.

# **Section 4**

## 4.0 TRANSPORTATION

## 4.1 Introduction

This section provides a summary of the 2013 Boston University Medical Center (BUMC) IMP Amendment/Large Project Review and the BUMC Campus from a transportation perspective, and provides an overview of the area's existing transportation infrastructure including:

- a brief discussion of the transportation characteristics of the BUMC campus and the Project;
- the existing transportation infrastructure surrounding the site, including descriptions
  of public transportation, area roadways, parking and patient valet operations,
  loading activities, and bicycle storage;
- an evaluation of future No-Build conditions and Build conditions with the Project in place, including future parking and bicycle storage, loading activities, and trip generation; and
- a discussion of anticipated transportation-related construction management actions and transportation demand management (TDM) measures that are expected to be employed in connection with the Project.

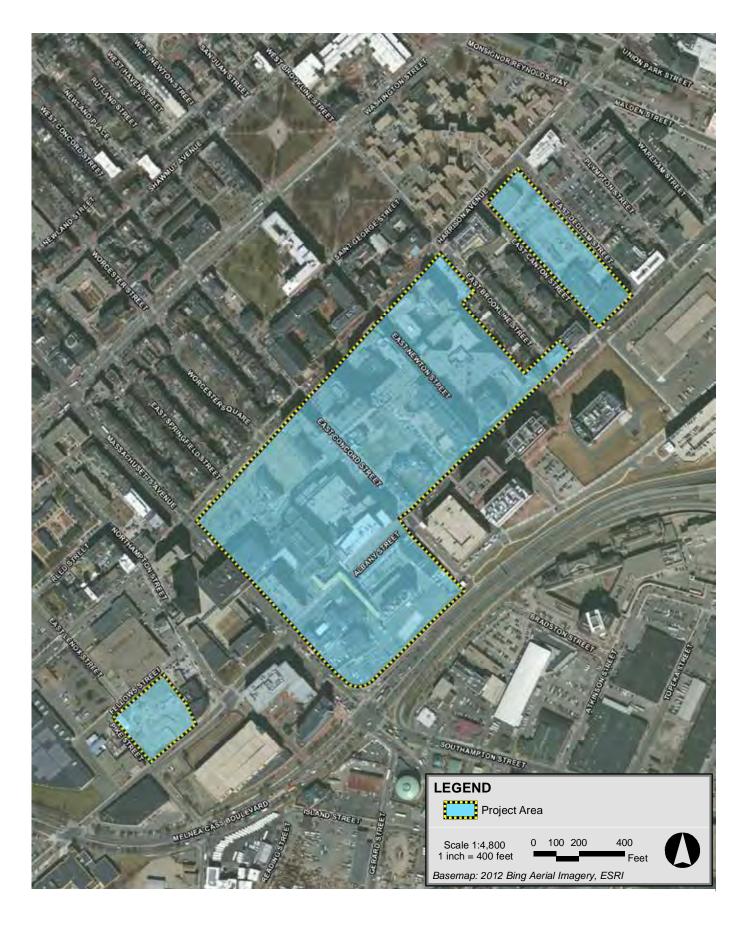
# 4.1.1 Project Description

## 4.1.1.1 Existing Campus Description

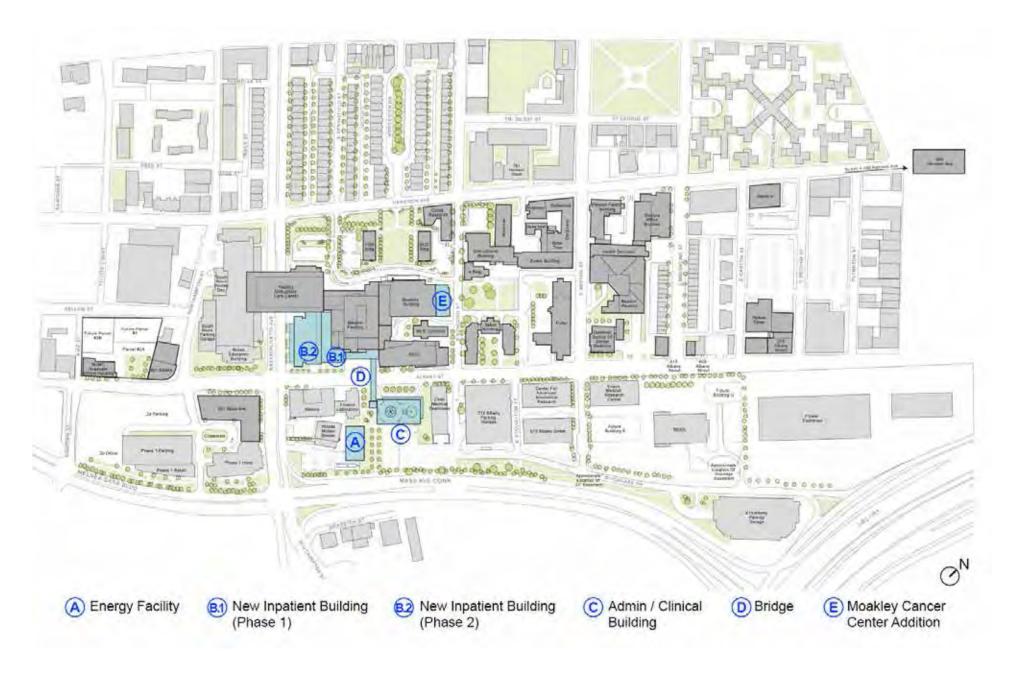
Boston University Medical Center is located in the South End neighborhood of Boston. See **Figure 4-1**. Regional vehicular access to the BUMC Campus via the north and south is provided directly via the Massachusetts Avenue Connector. At Massachusetts Avenue, the Connector joins Melnea Cass Boulevard, which provides a direct connection to the Longwood Medical and Academic Area. Local vehicular access is primarily form Harrison Avenue, Massachusetts Avenue and Albany Street. East Concord Street and East Newton Street provide connections from the primary campus parking facilities, the 710 Albany Street and 610 Albany garages, to other facilities within the campus. A campus plan is provided in **Figure 4-2**.

## 4.1.1.2 IMP Projects

As noted above, the purpose of the BUMC IMP Amendment is to obtain approval for modifications to projects previously approved in the BUMC 2010 IMP and the addition of new projects necessary for critical campus realignment and growth, to reduce the impact of ambulance and material deliveries on Albany Street and to eliminate the yellow utility tube across Albany Street.



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By 2019, the original time frame for the IMP, Boston Medical Center may:

- construct a 27,800 square foot addition to the Moakley Cancer Center on existing open space located to the east of the Moakley Cancer Center along East Concord Street;
- relocate the Emergency Room entrance for pedestrians and passenger vehicles to the northwest corner of the Shapiro Building courtyard;
- construct the proposed 38,500 sf Energy Facility previously located on the existing surface parking lot to the east of the existing Power Plant to a new location west of the existing Power Plant;
- demolish the existing yellow utility tube across Albany Street and replace it with a 7,100 sf new bridge for patient transport and materials handling including a connector corridor at grade providing covered access for Med Flighht patients from the helipad to the new bridge;
- make minor modifications to the previously approved New Inpatient Building footprint and massing, and construct Phase 1 of the New Inpatient Building totaling 78,800 square feet including a connector wing providing vital connections to adjacent campus buildings;
- change the status of the Perkin Elmer site from leased to ownership, incorporating the entire site, amounting to 92,937 additional square feet of administrative office space beyond the 36,524 sf of space that was leased by BUMC in 2010; and
- create an interim central location for materials handling at the existing Power Plant on Albany Street.

In later phases of the IMP, Boston Medical Center may:

- ◆ construct Phase 2 of the New Inpatient Building approximately 323,000 square feet:
- ◆ construct the New Administrative/Clinical Building approximately 219,000 square feet; and
- demolish the existing 64,064 sf Power Plant.

BMC is also submitting this Large Project Review filing under Article 80 with the following components:

•	Moakley Cancer Center Addition (new construction only):	27,800 sf
•	New Inpatient Building Phase 1:	78,800 sf
•	New Patient Transport Bridge:	7,100 sf
•	Energy Facility:	38,500 sf

TOTAL 152,200 sf

## 4.1.2. Study Area

As shown in **Figure 4-3**, the study area has been expanded from that of the 2010 IMP to include parking lot entrances and driveways that will be affected by internal circulation changes anticipated in association with IMP projects, as discussed under Build conditions below. The study area includes the following intersections and site driveways:

- Massachusetts Avenue/Albany Street;
- East Concord Street/Albany Street;
- ◆ East Newton Street/Albany Street;
- Massachusetts Avenue/Harrison Avenue;
- East Concord Street/Harrison Avenue;
- ◆ East Newton Street/Harrison Avenue;
- ♦ BMC entrance on Harrison Avenue and exit on East Concord Street;
- Shapiro Building Courtyard entrance on Albany Street and exit on East Concord Street;
- Power Plant entrance;
- Boston Public Health entrance; and
- Shelter entrances on Albany Street and Mass. Avenue (3 locations).

## 4.2 Existing Conditions

# 4.2.1 Roadway Network

The study area includes the following roadways, which are categorized according to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Office of Transportation Planning functional classifications:



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Massachusetts Avenue is an urban principal arterial, running north—south from Cambridge and the northwestern part of the Boston metropolitan area to Columbia Road to the southeast. Massachusetts Avenue carries about 40,000 vehicles total in both directions on an average weekday. Within the study area, Massachusetts Avenue features two travel lanes in each direction, divided by a narrow concrete median. Additional turning lanes are provided at the intersections with Harrison Avenue and Albany Street. Metered on-street parking is provided in the northbound direction between Albany Street and Harrison Avenue, while resident parking is found in both directions of Massachusetts Avenue west of Harrison Avenue. Bus stops are located regularly on both sides of Massachusetts Avenue serving several MBTA routes and the Boston University Medical Center shuttle routes within the campus. Sidewalks on each side range in width from 7 to 23 feet. Near the site, the mix of land uses includes medical, retail, office, and residential.

In early 2013, the City of Boston is nearing the end of construction on a \$14.5 million improvement program for Massachusetts Avenue from 150 feet south of Albany Street to 100 feet north of St. Botolph Street. The project includes repaving the roadway and fully modernizing all traffic signal equipment and interconnecting it with the City's traffic management center via a new fiber optic connection. Left turn bays have been installed at certain intersections to reduce congestion and improve traffic safety. New curbing, sidewalks, street lighting and trash receptacles are being installed and landscaping enhanced with trees and shrubbery. A critical element of the plan, as discussed below, is bike accommodations in the corridor.

As signal timing improvements have not been finalized by the City, analyses below are based on the existing signal timings.

Albany Street is an urban minor arterial roadway that runs east-west parallel to Harrison Avenue within the study area from Herald Street in the east to Eustis Street in the west. Albany Street provides one travel lane in each direction near the site with no median. Approximately 11,500 vehicles use Albany Street east of Massachusetts Avenue daily, according to March 2013 ATR data, reduced from about 16,000 vehicles per day counted in 2008. Parking is allowed on both sides of the street, with various uses from metered to special use vehicles only (e.g., EMS vehicles) to no restrictions. The BUMC Campus is located on the north side of the street and the BioSquare site on the south side. Sidewalks on each side range in width from 8 to 35 feet. Land uses along Albany Street include a mix of research, educational, city services, medical uses, and in and outpatient medical uses. Field observations showed that due to congestion in the BUMC Campus driveways, some cars drop off or pick up patients in the through lanes on Albany Street.

**East Concord Street** is a local street running one-way south. Parking is prohibited on both sides of the street. Two bus shelters—one near Harrison Avenue and one near Albany Street—serve several MBTA routes and the Boston University Medical Center shuttle routes within the campus. Sidewalks on each side range in width from 8 to 24 feet. BUMC Campus buildings are located along both sides of the street.

**East Newton Street** is an urban minor arterial running one-way north, with parking on both sides of the street. Bus stops are located along East Newton Street with a bus shelter on

Atrium Plaza on the north side of the street between Harrison Avenue and Albany Street. Sidewalks on each side range in width from 8 to 30 feet. BUMC Campus buildings are located along both sides of the street.

Harrison Avenue is an urban minor arterial running northeast-southwest, providing access between Essex Street in the east to Warren Street in Roxbury. Harrison Avenue provides one travel lane in each direction near the BUMC Campus. Parking is permitted on both sides of the street, and additional travel lanes are provided at the intersection with Massachusetts Avenue. Bus stops are located regularly on both sides of Harrison Avenue. Sidewalks on each side range in width from 9 to 11 feet. Harrison Avenue is a boundary between the BUMC Campus on its south side and the primarily residential areas along the north side.

**East Springfield Street** is a local street running one-way south from Washington Street to Harrison Avenue where it turns into Boston Medical Center Place. There is 8 foot designated residential parking on both sides of the road. Sidewalks on each side range in width from 8 to 9 feet. Residential buildings are located along both sides of the street.

**Boston Medical Center Place** is a 20-foot wide local street running one-way south-southeast from Harrison Avenue to East Concord Street. There is no parking on either sides of the road and sidewalks ranging in width from 7 to 8 feet. Boston Medical Center Place provides access to the BUMC Campus with a bus stop located on the southeast corner of Harrison Avenue and Boston Medical Center Place. BUMC Campus buildings and green space are located along both sides of the street.

**Boston Health Commission Driveway** is a gated 17.5-foot wide exit only driveway. This driveway accesses a parking lot for the Boston Health Commission with the entrance located on Public Health Building Street off Albany Street.

**Woods-Mullen Service Driveway** is a 27-foot wide service driveway. It services the Woods-Mullen Shelter and functions as two lanes, one in each direction.

**Public Health Building Roadway** is a two lane, one in each direction, driveway separated by a median, which contains the structural support for the overhead utility tube. Each roadway is 16-feet wide. There is no parking permitted or sidewalks on either side of the driveway.

**Power Plant Driveway** is a gated 30-foot wide entrance and exit driveway. This driveway gives access to the surface lot for the Power Plant Building and the Chief Medical Examiner's Office. The signage specifies that permit/authorized parking only and No Trespassing. There are no parking permitted or sidewalks on either side of the driveway.

**Shapiro Driveway** is a 20-foot wide entrance only driveway for the Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center. The 18-foot wide exit driveway is located on East Concord Street. The signage specifies that this is a drop-off and pick-up only driveway and mentions that parking is available at the 710 Albany Garage. There is no parking on either side of the

driveway; sidewalks range in width from a narrow point of about 12' at the building entrance to about 35 feet at the rear of the building. The Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center is located on the east and the Menino Pavilion along the west of the driveway.

#### 4.2.2 Intersection Conditions

The following intersections are included in the study area:

## 4.2.2.1 Signalized Intersections

Massachusetts Avenue/Albany Street is a four-approach signalized intersection. The eastbound approach on Albany Street provides an 11-foot shared left-turn/through lane, a 12-foot exclusive through lane, and a 12-foot exclusive right-turn lane. The westbound approach on Albany Street provides an 11-foot left-turn-only lane, a 12-foot through lane, and a 12-foot shared through/right-turn lane. The northbound Massachusetts Avenue approach provides two 12-foot through lanes and one 11-foot right-turn-only lane. The southbound Massachusetts Avenue approach provides one 10-foot left-turn-only lane, one 11-foot through lane, and one 11-foot shared through/right-turn lane. Crosswalks, wheelchair ramps, pedestrian pushbuttons and indications are provided on all approaches.

**Public Health Driveway/Albany Street** is a four-approach signalized intersection. The eastbound Albany Street approach provides one 12-foot shared left-turn/through lane and one 15-foot shared through/right-turn lane. The westbound Albany Street approach provides one 11-foot shared left-turn/through lane and one 10-foot shared through/right-turn lane. The northbound and southbound approaches are both driveways. The northbound approach is approximately a 31-foot driveway to the Public Health building with one 16-foot accepting lane and one 15-foot left-turn/through/right turn lane. These two lanes are separated by a raised median which accommodates the structural support for the overhead utility tube. The southbound approach is a 28-foot driveway for ambulances only to enter the emergency room. Crosswalks and wheelchair ramps are provided for the northbound, southbound, and westbound approaches with pedestrian pushbuttons and indications on the northbound and westbound approaches only.

**East Concord Street/Albany Street** is a four-approach signalized intersection. The eastbound Albany Street approach provides one 12-foot through lane and one 12-foot exclusive right-turn lane. The westbound Albany Street approach provides one 11-foot shared left-turn/through lane and one 11-foot exclusive through lane. East Concord Street is one-way southbound and operates with one exclusive left-turn lane and one through/right-turn lane. Wheelchair ramps and crosswalks are provided for all approaches. Pedestrian pushbuttons and indicators are provided across the eastbound, westbound, and southbound approaches. An exclusive pedestrian phase is provided.

**East Newton Street/Albany Street** is a four-approach signalized intersection. At this intersection, the eastbound approach on Albany Street provides one 10-foot left-turn-only lane and 12-foot one through lane. The westbound Albany Street approach provides one 11-foot through lane and one 16-foot exclusive right-turn lane. East Newton Street, which runs one-way northbound, provides one 12-foot exclusive left-turn lane and one 13-foot

through/right-turn lane. Crosswalks, wheelchair ramps, pedestrian pushbuttons and indications are provided on all approaches. Both pedestrian phases are concurrent with vehicular movements and exclusive.

**East Newton Street/Harrison Avenue** is a four-approach signalized intersection. The eastbound approach on Harrison Avenue provides one 12-foot shared left-turn/through lane. The westbound Harrison Avenue approach provides one 12-foot through/right-turn lane. East Newton Street is one-way in the northbound direction, with one 16-foot shared left-turn/through/right-turn lane. Crosswalks, wheelchair ramps, pedestrian pushbuttons and indications are provided on all approaches.

**East Concord Street/Harrison Avenue** is a four-approach signalized intersection. The eastbound approach on Harrison Avenue provides one 12-foot through/right-turn lane. The westbound Harrison Avenue approach provides one 12-foot left-turn/through lane. East Concord Street is one-way in the southbound direction with one 16-foot left-turn/through/right-turn lane. Crosswalks, wheelchair ramps, pedestrian pushbuttons and indications are provided on all approaches.

Massachusetts Avenue/Harrison Avenue is a four-approach signalized intersection. The eastbound approach on Harrison Avenue provides one 20-foot left-turn/through/right-turn lane that functions as one 10-foot left-turn/through lane and one 10-foot through/right-turn lane. Both the northbound and southbound Massachusetts Avenue approaches provide three travel lanes; a 10-foot exclusive left-turn lane, a 12-foot exclusive through lane, and an 18-foot shared through/right-turn lane. Crosswalks, wheelchair ramps, pedestrian pushbuttons and indications are provided on all approaches.

## 4.2.2.2 Unsignalized Intersections

Shapiro Entrance Driveway/Power Plant Driveway is a four-approach unsignalized intersection. The northbound Power Plant stop-controlled approach provides a 15-foot accepting and a 15-foot exiting lane. Both lanes are gated and are accessed via a permit only. The southbound Shapiro Entrance approach provides a 20-foot accepting lane for drop-off and pick-up of patients only. The eastbound and westbound Albany Street approaches both have two 11-foot through lanes with 5-foot bicycle lanes on both sides of the roadway. There is metered parking on the south side of Albany Street but it ends at the Power Plant driveway. There are no crosswalks at this intersection but field observations showed that multiple pedestrians cross this roadway. Field observations also showed that cars used the outside through lane and bicycle lane in both directions as pick-up and drop-off of patients.

Shapiro Exit Driveway/East Concord Street is an unsignalized T intersection. East Concord Street is one-way free control southbound with metered parking on both sides of the 18-foot through lane. The eastbound Shapiro Exit approach is a stop controlled one-way exiting driveway that measures 12-feet wide and tapers to 18-feet. There are no crosswalks at this intersection, although field observations showed that multiple pedestrians cross at this location.

**Boston Medical Center Place /East Concord Street** is an unsignalized T intersection. The westbound Boston Medical Center Place driveway is a stop controlled one-way out driveway that measures 17-feet wide. The southbound East Concord Street approach is a one-way street that provides one 18-foot through lane with free control and metered parking on both sides of the roadway. A 12.5-foot wide raised crosswalk is provided on the south side of the intersection crossing East Concord Street and an 8-foot wide crosswalk is provided across Boston Medical Center Place.

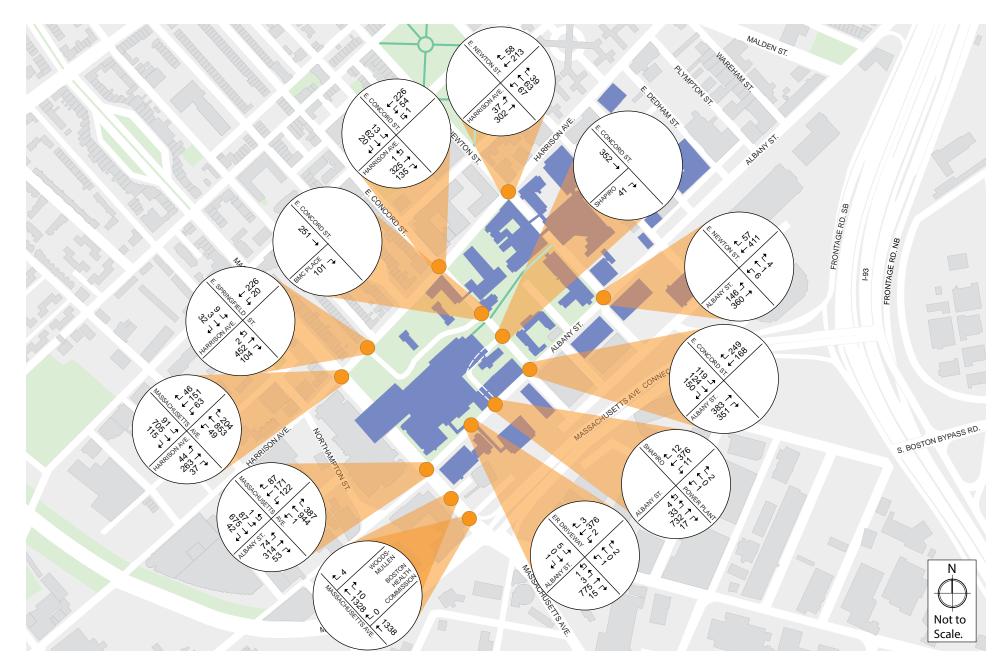
East Springfield Street/Boston Medical Center Place/Harrison Avenue is a four-approach unsignalized intersection. The eastbound Harrison Avenue approach provides a 20-foot left-turn/through/right-turn lane. The westbound Harrison Avenue approach provides one 13-foot left-turn/through/right-turn lane with metered parking. East Springfield Street is a one-way in the southbound direction; one 18-foot left-turn/through/right-turn lane is provided. A crosswalk is provided on the north and east side of the intersection crossing Harrison Avenue, 7-foot and 11-foot respectively. Wheelchair ramps are provided on all approaches.

Woods-Mullen Service Driveway/Massachusetts Avenue is an unsignalized two approach intersection. The eastbound Woods-Mullen approach provides a 27-foot wide unstriped driveway, which operates as a right-in/right-out. The northbound Massachusetts Avenue approach has two 10-foot through lanes, a 5-foot bicycle lane and an 11-foot through lane that turns into a right-turn lane after the Woods-Mullen Service Driveway.

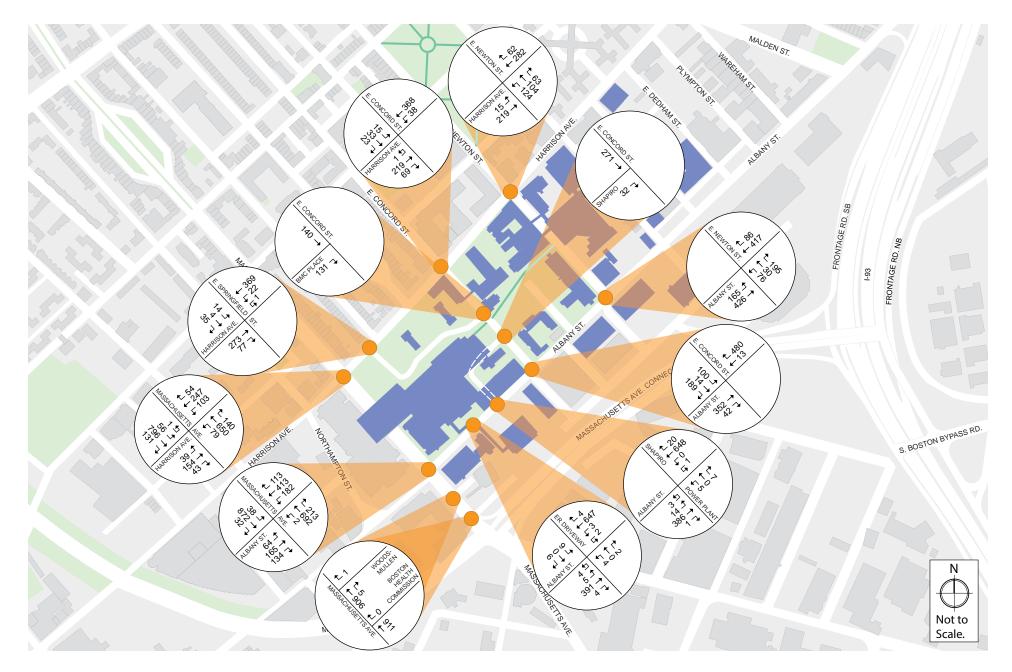
**Boston Health Commission Exit Driveway/Massachusetts Avenue** is an unsignalized two approach intersection. The eastbound Boston Health Commission approach provides a gated 17.5-foot wide driveway, which operates as an exit only. The northbound Massachusetts Avenue approach has two 10-foot through lanes, a 5-foot bicycle lane and an 11-foot through lane that turns into a right-turn lane after the Woods-Mullen Service Driveway.

#### 4.2.3 Traffic Volumes

Howard/Stein-Hudson Associates (HSH) collected a 48-hour Automatic Traffic Recorder (ATR) count on Albany Street as well as morning (7:30–9:30 a.m.) and afternoon (3:30–5:30 p.m.) manual turning movement count data at the study area intersections in March, 2013. Based on these data, HSH determined the morning and evening peak one-hour traffic volumes for analysis are 7:45–8:45 a.m. and 3:30–4:30 p.m. See **Figure 4-4** and **Figure 4-5**.



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# 4.2.4 Traffic Operations

Traffic operations are determined through an analysis of intersection Level of Service (LOS). LOS and delay at the intersections were analyzed using the Synchro software developed by Trafficware. Synchro 6 was used to evaluate the effects that closely spaced intersections may have on one another. Synchro is based on the traffic operational analysis methodology of the Transportation Research Board's 2000 Highway Capacity Manual (HCM); LOS and delay (in seconds) are determined based on intersection geometry and available traffic data for each intersection. Signal timings and phasing used in this analysis were provided by BTD. **Table 4-1,** derived from the HCM, provides LOS criteria for signalized and unsignalized intersections. LOS A defines the most favorable condition, with minimum traffic delay. LOS F represents the worst condition (unacceptable), with significant traffic delay. LOS D is generally considered acceptable in an urban environment.

Table 4-1: Level of Service (LOS) Criteria (HCM Excerpt)

Level of	Average Stopped Delay (sec./veh.)					
Service	Signalized Intersection	Unsignalized Intersection				
A	≤10	≤10				
В	> 10 and ≤ 20	> 10 and ≤ 15				
С	> 20 and ≤ 35	>15 and ≤25				
D	>35 and ≤55	> 25 and ≤ 35				
E	>55 and ≤80	>35 and ≤50				
F	>80	>50				

The *v/c ratio* is a measure of congestion at an intersection approach. A v/c ratio of one or greater indicates that the traffic volume on the intersection approach exceeds capacity.

The **95th percentile queue length**, measured in feet, represents the farthest extent of the vehicle queue (to the last stopped vehicle) upstream from the stop line during 5% of all signal cycles. The 95th percentile queue will not be seen during each cycle. The queue would be this long only 5% of the time and would typically not occur during off-peak hours.

Field observations were performed by Howard/Stein-Hudson Associates, Inc. (HSH) to establish intersection geometry (i.e., number of turning lanes, lane length, and lane width). Signal timing and phasing used in this analysis were obtained from BTD and through field observations conducted by HSH.

To evaluate existing intersection operations, the study team calibrated the level of service analysis based on field observations of actual queues and delays on March 18, 2013. Uncalibrated, the analysis can show exaggerated queues and delays. **Table 4-2** and **Table 4-3** summarize the existing morning and evening intersection LOS, delay, v/c ratio, and 95th percentile queue length analysis results for the Project. Detailed Synchro reports are provided in **Appendix B**.

Table 4-2: Existing Conditions (2013) LOS Summary, a.m. Peak Hour (7:45-8:45 a.m.)

		Delay		95% Queue
Intersection	LOS	(seconds)	V/C Ratio	Length (ft)
	d Intersections			
Massachusetts Avenue/Albany Street	С	32.0		
Albany EB left/thru   thru	D	43.8	0.67	211
Albany EB right	D	35.2	0.24	68
Albany WB left	F	>80.0	0.82	#205
Albany WB thru   thru/right	В	12.2	0.28	92
Mass Ave NB thru   thru	D	35.5	0.75	453
Mass Ave NB right	С	20.8	0.49	293
Mass Ave SB left	Е	67.3	0.61	129
Mass Ave SB thru   thru/right	В	18.0	0.43	228
Albany Street/Public Health Driveway	Α	9.6		
Albany EB left/thru /right	В	12.0	0.57	598
Albany WB left/thru   thru/right	A	4.6	0.17	6691
Public Health NB left/thru/right	D	38.7	0.06	319
ER Driveway SB	N/A	-	-	-
Albany Street/East Concord Street	C	21.0		
Albany EB thru	C	25.8	0.54	352
Albany EB right	В	11.2	0.54	175
Albany WB left/thru   thru	A	7.1	0.43	43
E. Concord SB left	E	63.4	0.65	149
E. Concord SB thru	D	54.9	0.54	157
E. Concord SB right	В	13.6	0.60	25
Albany Street/East Newton Street	В	16.1		
Albany EB left	В	19.0	0.47	106
Albany EB thru	Α	9.6	0.32	214
Albany WB thru   thru/right	В	18.4	0.31	233
E. Newton NB left	D	47.8	0.13	11
E. Newton NB thru/right	С	23.6	0.17	22
Harrison Avenue/East Newton Street	В	19.4		
Harrison EB left/thru	Α	<i>7</i> .5	0.34	88
Harrison WB thru/right	В	10.0	0.28	165
E. Newton NB left/thru/right	D	51.0	0.80	124
Harrison Avenue/East Concord Street	В	11.0		
Harrison EB thru/right	Α	6.2	0.40	230
Harrison WB left/thru	Α	3.7	0.35	m66
E. Concord SB left/thru/right	D	45.7	0.62	94
Massachusetts Avenue/Harrison Avenue	С	31.8		
Harrison EB left/thru/right	E	60.6	0.92	#408
Harrison WB left/thru/right	E	70.1	0.94	#339
Mass Ave NB left	Α	9.6	0.21	26
Mass Ave NB thru   thru/right	C	25.2	0.79	390
Mass Ave SB left	В	11.3	0.33	45
Mass Ave SB thru   thru/right	В	17.1	0.52	254

Intersection	LOS	Delay	V/C Ratio	95% Queue
	ed Intersection	,	V/C Katio	Length (ft)
Albany Street/Shapiro Entrance Driveway/Power	eu mersection	15		
Plant Driveway				
Albany EB left/thru   thru/right	Α	1.1	0.24	6
Albany WB left/thru   thru/right	Α	0.5	0.14	2
Power Plant NB left/thru/right	D	29.7	0.08	6
East Concord Street/Shapiro Exit Driveway				
Shapiro EB right	В	11.6	0.10	8
E. Concord SB thru	Α	0.0	0.24	0
East Concord Street/Boston Medical Center Place				
Boston Medical EB right	С	16.5	0.29	30
E. Concord SB thru	Α	0.0	0.17	0
Harrison Avenue/East Springfield Street				
Harrison EB thru/right	Α	0	0.36	0
Harrison WB left/thru	Α	1.4	0.04	3
E. Springfield SB left/thru/right	С	17.6	0.21	19
Massachusetts Avenue/Woods-Mullen Service				
Driveway				
Woods-Mullen WB right	С	17.0	0.03	2
Mass Ave NB thru   thru   thru/right	Α	0.0	0.34	0
Massachusetts Avenue/Boston Health Commission				
Exit Driveway				
Boston Health Commission WB right	-	-	-	-
Mass Ave NB thru   thru   thru	Α	0.0	0.28	0

Grey shading indicates LOS below D.

<sup># = 95</sup>th percentile volume exceeds capacity. Queue may be longer. Queue shown is the maximum after 2 cycles.

m = Volume for the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile queue is metered by the upstream signal.

N/A = The ER Driveway SB does not operate with the signal timing. The ambulances exiting the driveway have their emergency lights on therefore stopping all conflicting traffic. There is no signal head facing the SB traffic.

Table 4-3: Existing Conditions (2013) LOS Summary, p.m. Peak Hour (3:30-4:30 p.m.)

		Delay		95% Queue
Intersection	LOS	(seconds)	V/C Ratio	Length (ft)
Signa	lized Intersections			
Massachusetts Avenue/Albany Street	С	30.7		
Albany EB left/thru   thru	D	40.0	0.50	122
Albany EB right	D	41.9	0.49	154
Albany WB left	E	66.2	0.72	205
Albany WB thru   thru/right	A	7.8	0.38	56
Mass Ave NB thru   thru	D	37.6	0.63	358
Mass Ave NB right	В	15.8	0.28	151
Mass Ave SB left	Е	55.6	0.29	67
Mass Ave SB thru   thru/right	С	27.8	0.63	408
Albany Street/Public Health Driveway	A			
Albany EB left/thru /right	A	9.2	0.36	230
Albany WB left/thru   thru/right	A	1.5	0.30	m10
Public Health NB left/thru/right	D	38.2	0.06	25
ER Driveway SB	N/A	-	-	-
Albany Street/East Concord Street	С	25.3		
Albany EB thru	В	17.2	0.48	264
Albany EB right	В	12.3	0.10	42
Albany WB left/thru   thru	A	9.9	0.36	50
E. Concord SB left	D	41.9	0.37	121
E. Concord SB thru	С	35.0	0.06	23
E. Concord SB right	Е	70.0	0.84	231
Albany Street/East Newton Street	С	30.8		
Albany EB left	С	34.7	0.54	18 <i>7</i>
Albany EB thru	С	23.8	0.40	374
Albany WB thru   thru/right	С	30.6	0.46	#312
E. Newton NB left	D	44.8	0.34	86
E. Newton NB thru/right	С	34.8	0.85	33
Harrison Avenue/East Newton Street	С	24.7		
Harrison EB left/thru	A	9.1	0.30	103
Harrison WB thru/right	В	12.0	0.38	249
E. Newton NB left/thru/right	D	53.0	0.88	197
Harrison Avenue/East Concord Street	A	8.2		
Harrison EB thru/right	A	4.4	0.27	127
Harrison WB left/thru	A	3.8	0.34	m109
E. Concord SB left/thru/right	D	39.5	0.52	72
Massachusetts Avenue/Harrison Avenue	D	38.9		
Harrison EB left/thru/right	D	35.0	0.63	232
Harrison WB left/thru/right	F	>80.0	>1.00	#548
Mass Ave NB left	В	12.5	0.36	41
Mass Ave NB thru   thru/right	В	18.6	0.55	239
Mass Ave SB left	A	10.0	0.21	32
Mass Ave SB thru   thru/right	В	19.6	0.62	310

Intersection	LOS	Delay	V/C Ratio	95% Queue Length (ft)	
Unsignalized Intersections					
Albany Street/Shapiro Entrance Driveway/Power					
Plant Driveway					
Albany EB left/thru   thru/right	Α	0.8	0.13	3	
Albany WB left/thru   thru/right	Α	0.1	0.23	0	
Power Plant NB left/thru/right	С	19.0	0.07	6	
East Concord Street/Shapiro Exit Driveway					
Shapiro EB right	В	10.8	0.08	6	
E. Concord SB thru	Α	0.0	0.19	0	
East Concord Street/Boston Medical Center Place					
Boston Medical EB right	В	14.8	0.33	36	
E. Concord SB thru	Α	0.0	0.09	0	
Harrison Avenue/East Springfield Street					
Harrison EB thru/right	Α	0.0	0.24	0	
Harrison WB left/thru	Α	0.9	0.03	2	
E. Springfield SB left/thru/right	С	15.6	0.20	18	
Massachusetts Avenue/Woods-Mullen Service					
Driveway					
Woods-Mullen WB right	С	20.5	0.02	1	
Mass Ave NB thru   thru   thru/right	Α	0.0	0.25	0	
Massachusetts Avenue/Boston Health Commission					
Exit Driveway					
Boston Health Commission WB right					
Mass Ave NB thru   thru   thru	Α	0.0	0.21	0	

<sup># = 95</sup>th percentile volume exceeds capacity. Queue may be longer. Queue shown is the maximum after 2 cycles.

Grey shading indicates LOS below D.

With existing volumes and existing geometry, during the a.m. and p.m. peak hours, typically LOS D or better is considered acceptable in an urban environment such as this Project. During the peak periods, all of the signalized and unsignalized intersections operate at an overall LOS D or better. The following descriptions explain specifically which approaches operate at LOS E or worse.

Albany Street/Massachusetts Avenue operations are actually improved from conditions documented in the 2010 IMP, probably due to the Massachusetts Avenue improvement project. At that time, the intersection operated at LOS F both morning and evening. Although the overall intersection operates today at a much improved LOS C both morning and evening, the westbound Albany Street approach at Massachusetts Avenue operates at a LOS F in the a.m. peak and a LOS E in the p.m. peak. The approach of Massachusetts Avenue southbound left operates at a LOS E in the a.m. peak and the p.m. peak. This is due to the new signal phasing which limits SB left turns to one protected phase. Currently Massachusetts Avenue

 $m\,=\,Volume$  for the  $95^{th}$  percentile queue is metered by the upstream signal.

N/A = The ER Driveway SB does not operate with the signal timing. The ambulances exiting the driveway have their emergency lights on therefore stopping all conflicting traffic. There is no signal head facing the SB traffic.

traffic signals are still being optimized at the end of the improvement contract, although no completion time has been determined.

- Overall LOS at Massachusetts Avenue/Harrison Avenue has improved from LOS D in 2009 to C in the a.m. peak hour and from LOS E in 2009 to D in the p.m. peak hour. However, the Harrison Avenue eastbound and westbound left/thru/right approaches continue operate at LOS E during the a.m. peak hour. The approach of Harrison Avenue westbound left/thru/right operates at a LOS F during the p.m. peak hour. This is due to the high number of vehicles traveling northbound and southbound on Massachusetts Avenue taking away green time from the Harrison Avenue eastbound and westbound phase. Currently, as noted above, Massachusetts Avenue traffic signals are being optimized, although no completion time has been determined.
- At Albany Street, the East Concord southbound left operates at a LOS E during the a.m. peak and the approach of East Concord southbound right operates at a LOS E during the p.m. approach, unchanged from 2009 existing conditions. Overall, LOS at this location has improved from LOS D to C in the a.m. peak and from LOS E to D in the p.m. peak.

# 4.2.5 Parking

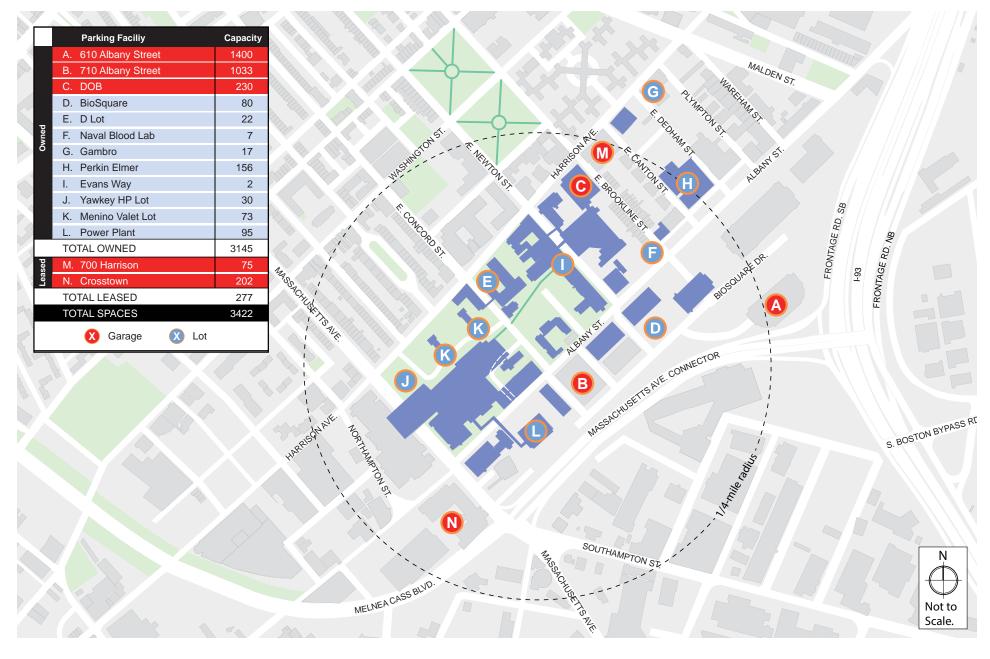
This section documents the existing on-street and off-street parking facilities in the study area. The parking inventory comprises off-street parking on the BUMC campus, distinguished between spaces for Boston University Medical Center employees and Boston University Medical Center visitors and patients.

### 4.2.5.1 Existing Off-Street Parking

**Figure 4-6** illustrates the locations of the existing off-street Boston University Medical Center owned and leased parking garages and surface lots. Currently, Boston University Medical Center owns three (3) parking garages and four (4) surface parking lots and leases parking in two (2) parking garages and one (1) surface parking lot.

In March 2013, HSH studied supply and midday (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) occupancy of all parking facilities on the campus. Capacities and occupancies were verified by Boston University Medical Center's Office of Parking Transportation Services. The study determined an overall occupancy rate of 85%. Approximately 500 spaces were available mid-day, according to the data. Capacity and occupancy of each facility are shown in **Table 4-4.** 

As shown, Boston University Medical Center operates 3,422 spaces today, of which almost all – 92% – are owned, and only 8% leased off-site. Of the total, 2,940 spaces are found in garages, and 482 in lots. Over the years, BUMC has transitioned its parking lots into garages as buildings have replaced the surface parking. The parking facilities serve a total of 3,643,516 square feet of space, including 520,000 square feet of occupied BioSquare space.



The on-campus parking ratio is 0.94 spaces per 1,000 square feet, in line with suggested BTD ratios of 0.75 to 1.0 spaces per 1,000 square feet.

Of the owned, on-campus spaces, approximately 941 are currently public spaces, available for patients and visitors of the campus. The Doctors' Office Building and the 710 Albany Garage are open to the public on a market rate, hourly basis, although around 325 staff permits are issued for spaces in those garages as well. The 610 Albany Garage is for medical center employees who pay market rate for spaces on a monthly basis.

**Table 4-4** Campus Parking Supply and Occupancy

Мар		Lot/	Own/	Existing	Midday			
Key	Facility	Garage	Lease	Spaces	Occupancy	<b>%Occupied</b>	User	
,	Owned Parking							
Α	610 Albany	G	Ο	1,400	1,329	95%	Staff	
В	710 Albany (including 14 reserved spaces outside garage)	G	0	1,033	859	83%	Primarily patients.	
С	DOB	G	О	230	157	68%	Patients. Staff after 5:30 p.m.	
D	BioSquare Lot E	L	О	80	36	45%	Staff	
E	D Lot	L	Ο	22	10	45%	Staff	
F	Naval Blood Lab	L	О	7	6	86%	Staff	
G	Gambro	L	Ο	17	7	41%	Staff	
Н	Perkin Elmer	L	О	156	119	76%	Staff	
I	Evans Way	L	0	2	2	100%	BUMC Provost, BU Senior Faculty	
J	Yawkey HP Lot	L	О	30	25	83%	НР	
K	Menino Valet Lot	L	О	73	54	74%	Patient/Valet	
L	Power Plant	L	Ο	95	83	87%	Staff	
	<b>Leased Parking</b>							
М	700 Harrison	G	L	<i>7</i> 5	51	68%	Staff	
N	Crosstown	G	L	202	184	91%	Staff	
	Summary Total Owned			Existing Spaces 3,145	Occupied Spaces 2,687	Occupancy 85%		
	Total Off-site Leased			277	235	85%		
	Total Parking			3,422	2,922	85%		

Source: BUMC 3-13

Boston University Medical Center issues 2,916 staff permits for the 3,422 total spaces. The largest staff garage at 610 Albany Street accommodates 2028 employee permits within its 1,400 space capacity, due to part-time schedules, shift workers, etc. which allow each space to serve more than one employee over the course of the day. Other garages accommodate fewer employee permits, freeing up spaces for patients and visitors. At the 710 Albany Garage, for example, only 297 permits are issued for the 1,019 total spaces, allowing for patient parking.

A midday (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) occupancy check of off-street on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 indicated that overall occupancy of all facilities was 85% -- with a surplus of only 500 spaces. As shown in the table above, however, several facilities did have available spaces, primarily those geared toward patient/visitor parking. As a matter of policy, patients and visitors have priority in this hospital setting.

### 4.2.5.2 Existing On-street Parking

**Figure 4-7** illustrates the City of Boston on-street parking supply in the study area along with regulations within the campus.

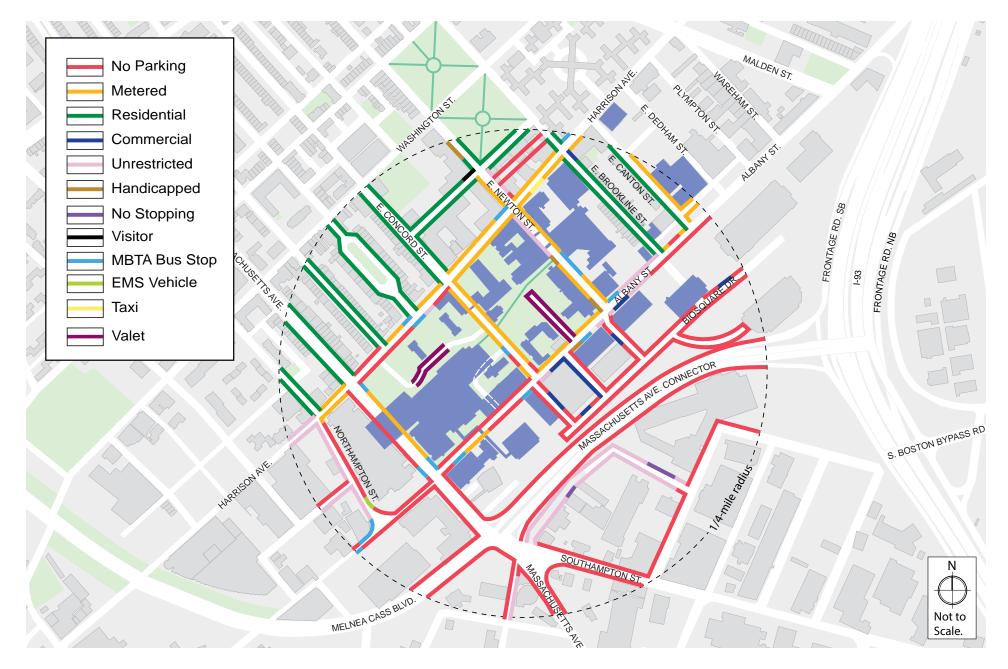
As shown, parking in the quarter-mile surrounding the project site can be thought of in three large segments. The segment between Harrison Avenue and Washington Street is composed primarily of South End resident parking. The segment between Harrison Avenue and Albany Street consists primarily of metered and unrestricted parking. East Brookline Street and East Canton Street are signed for South End Resident Parking. There are several areas within this zone that cannot be used for parking for a variety of reasons including MBTA bus stops, loading zones and construction. The third segment, south of Albany Street is dominated by Melnea Cass Boulevard and the Massachusetts Avenue Connector. Parking is not permitted on either of these major roads.

#### 4.2.6 Public Transportation

This section highlights the transportation routes, schedules, and capacity of public transportation within the medical center.

### 4.2.6.1 MBTA Bus Service

As shown in **Table 4-5** and **Figure 4-8**, seven Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) bus route and the Silver Line Bus Rapid Transit currently provide public transit service to the site and the medical area as a whole. The bus and bus rapid transit routes connect the BUMC Campus area with Cambridge, Longwood Medical and Academic Area (LMA), South Boston, Back Bay/South End, Lower Roxbury, and Downtown, as well as with MBTA subway stations, including the Red Line (Broadway, Andrew, and JFK/UMass) and the Orange Line (Massachusetts Avenue, Back Bay, and Ruggles). Major bus stops with shelters on the BUMC Campus are located on East Newton Street and East Concord Street between Harrison Avenue and Albany Street. Buses also stop along Albany Street, Harrison Avenue, and Massachusetts Avenue.



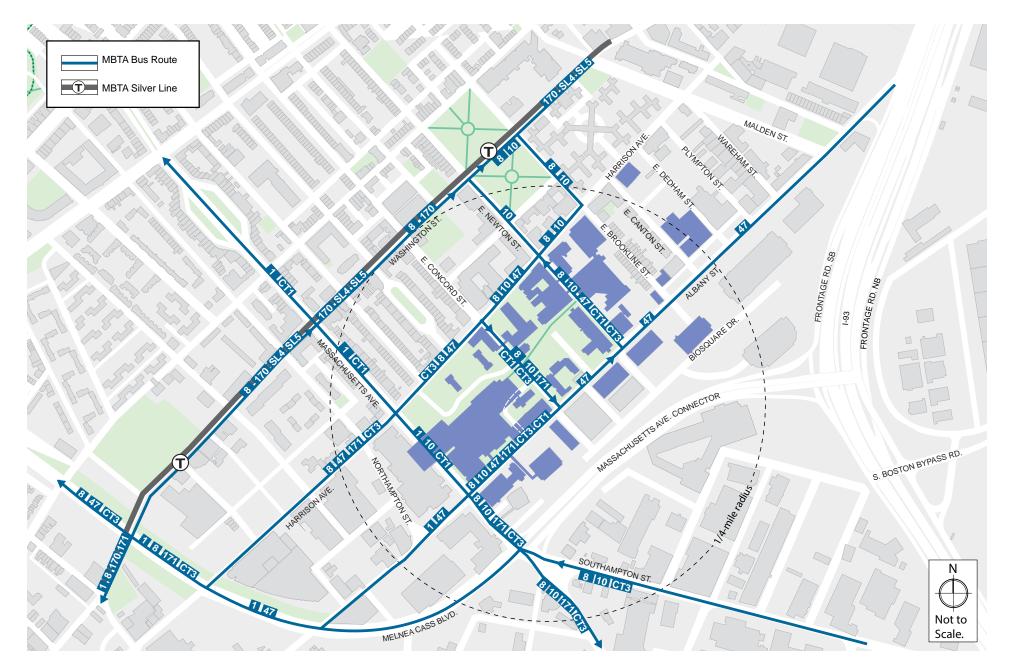


Table 4-5 Existing MBTA Bus Service in the Study Area

<b>Bus Route</b>	Origin-Destination	Rush-hour Frequency (min)
CT #1	Central Square (Cambridge)-BUMC	20
CT #3	Beth Israel Hospital-Andrew Station	20
1	Harvard-Dudley Square	8-11
8	UMass-Kenmore	15–20
10	City Point–Copley Square	20
47	Central Square–Broadway	8-10
170 (PM)	Central Sq., Waltham – Dudley Square	60
171 (AM)	Dudley Station - Logan Airport via Andrew Station	30

Sources: www.mbta.com

#### 4.2.6.2 MBTA Silver Line

In July 2002, Boston's first Bus Rapid Transit service, the "Silver Line", opened along Washington Street between Dudley Square and Downtown Crossing. In the fall of 2009, the route was extended and now runs between Dudley Square, Downtown Crossing, and South Station. A transit priority lane is provided in each direction between Melnea Cass Boulevard and the Massachusetts Turnpike along Washington Street (the lane is shared with general traffic turning right). The Silver Line replaces the existing Route #49 bus, which previously operated on Washington Street, and operates at 8-10minute headways during peak periods. The Silver Line stop closest to the campus is on Washington Street at East Newton Street, approximately a five-minute (one-quarter mile) walk, or two blocks from the intersection of Albany Street and East Newton Street.

#### 4.2.6.3 MBTA Commuter Rail Service

The closest existing commuter rail station to the medical area is found at South Station. However, the MBTA is in the process of upgrading the Fairmount commuter rail line, which runs from Readville in Hyde Park into South Station, with a new stop under construction at NewMarket Square. According to the MBTA website, the proposed NewMarket Station will be located just north of the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge and directly adjacent to the South Bay Shopping Center. The actual site location is between the bridges at Southampton Street and Massachusetts Avenue. Given its proximity to jobs within NewMarket Square as well as Boston University Medical Center the NewMarket Station has a unique characteristic of being considered a destination station.

The station will consist of approximately 800-foot long high-level platforms in order to facilitate direct platform-to-coach boarding. The platforms will include detectable warning strips, new canopies, passenger shelters, benches/windscreens, wayfinding signage, graphic panels, and a train approach warning system, variable message signs, and high non-glare lighting. The station will also be equipped with closed circuit television (CCTV) video surveillance cameras, police emergency call box systems, and public telephones. There are no available parcels of land in the immediate area so parking and a drop-off/pickup area are not incorporated into the design. Constructing new concrete ramps and sloped walkways will provide full access to both the inbound and outbound platforms for all passengers.

The construction work commenced in January 2011 and is expected to be completed by Summer, 2013. The opening of this station will enhance public transportation options for the Boston University Medical Center community, particularly from neighborhoods to the south.

#### 4.2.6.4 TranSComm Shuttle Services

Founded in 1991 as one of the first organizations of its kind in Boston, Boston University Medical Center's Transportation Management Association (TMA) is called Transportation Solutions for Commuters, Inc. (TransComm). TransComm's members include the Boston University Medical Campus (the BU Schools of Medicine, Public Health, Graduate Medical Science and Dental Medicine), Boston Medical Center, BioSquare, and Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program.

TranSComm works to bring more frequent and accessible public transportation to the Medical Center community and provides information on transportation services in the area (see <a href="www.transcomm.org">www.transcomm.org</a>). Additional information on TranSComm programs is found in Section 4.6.

With its dedicated bus and shuttle program Boston University Medical Center through TranSComm can significantly reduce the number of inter campus vehicle trips. The radial routes can reduce the number of vehicle trips made by patients.

TranSComm operates the following 15- to 30-passenger shuttles:

- ◆ VA Shuttle for employees and students travels from Boston Veterans Administration Medical Center (VA) in Jamaica Plain to the BUMC Campus several times per day on the hour, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., leaving the BUMC Campus.
- ♦ Evening Shuttle travels on request from a central stop at 710 Albany Street on the BUMC Campus to MBTA subway stations at Andrew, Broadway, Ruggles, Back Bay and Copley stations, nearby South End neighborhood locations, and Boston University Medical Center parking lots and garages from 5:15 p.m. to 12:15 a.m.
- ♦ Inner Campus Shuttle, primarily for patients, travels on a continuous loop between institutions from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Arrival and departure times vary according to the number and disposition of patients taking the shuttle. Specific pick-up times can be scheduled by phone.
- ◆ Healthnet Shuttle, a free service primarily for patients, travels from Boston neighborhoods to Boston Medical Center (for patients only). Centers served include the Mattapan Community Health Center, Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, Greater Roslindale Medical & Dental Center, Whittier Street Health Center, Roxbury Comprehensive Health Center, South End Community Health Center, Codman Square Health Center, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and Uphams Corner Health Center.

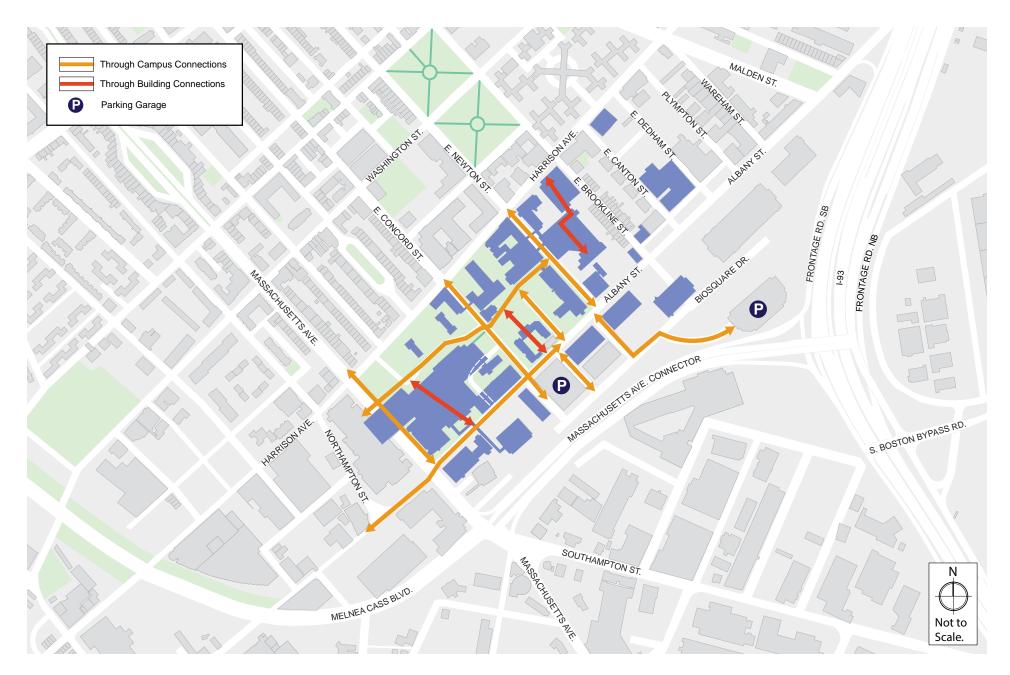
- ◆ Charles River Campus Shuttle travels from the BU Charles River Campus hourly from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and hourly at 10:00 and 11:00. This schedule is modified during the summer months.
- ◆ TranSComm allows South End residents to use its shuttle services at no cost. This includes the all-day campus shuttle stopping at St. Helena House, a facility for elderly and disadvantaged South End residents.

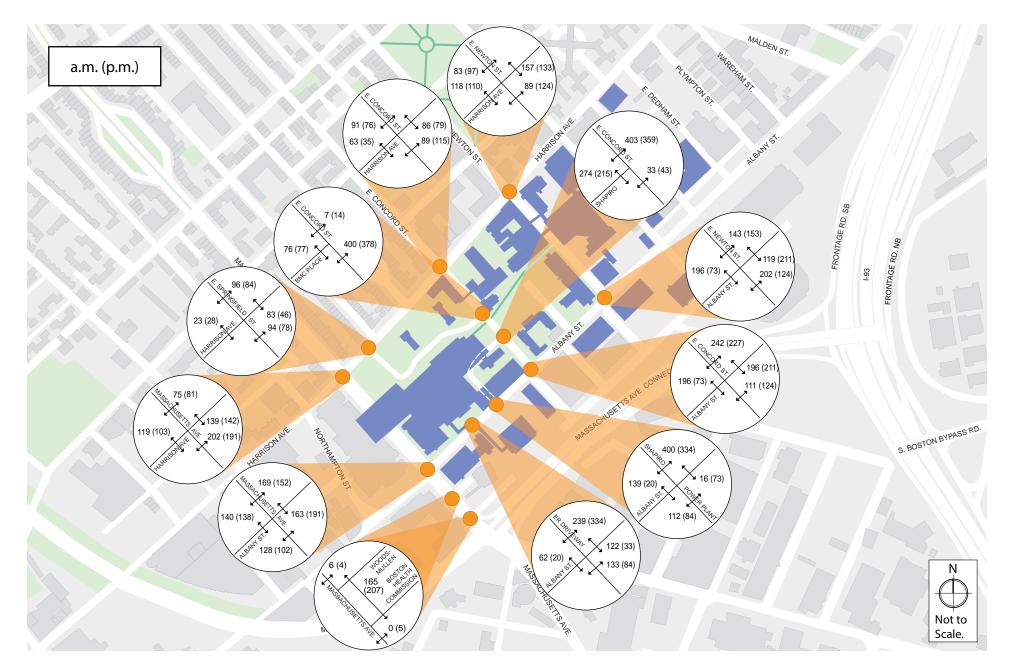
#### 4.2.7 Pedestrian Conditions

The medical campus, with its treatment and academic functions, generates a significant number of pedestrian trips throughout the study area, including trips along and across many of the study area roadways. Generally speaking, the sidewalks on Albany Street are in good condition and are of adequate width. Most sidewalks are 8–10 feet wide.

Pedestrian conditions within the medical center are acceptable along the most heavily traveled roadways; Massachusetts Avenue, Harrison Avenue, Albany Street, and the midblock East Concord Street crossing that connects the Moakley Building to the educational programs of the medical center. Four study area intersections have exclusive pedestrian phases: East Concord Street/Albany Street, East Newton Street/Albany Street, East Concord Street/Harrison Avenue, and East Newton Street/Harrison Avenue. During the exclusive pedestrian phase, all vehicular traffic is stopped to allow pedestrians to cross.

Pedestrian pathways are shown in **Figure 4-9**. A.m. and p.m. peak hour pedestrian volumes are shown **in Figure 4-10**.





# 4.2.8 Bicycle and Scooter Facilities

Albany Street, Massachusetts Avenue, Harrison Avenue, and East Newton Street are generally considered on-street bicycle routes in this area. In recent months, the City of Boston has created marked bike lanes and marked shared-travel bike lanes (where space does not allow an exclusive bike lane) between parked cars and the outside travel lanes on Massachusetts Avenue between Albany Street and St. Botolph Street as part of a major improvement project, extending lanes already in place from Huntington Avenue across the Harvard Bridge into Cambridge. The Southwest Corridor bike path can be reached via Massachusetts Avenue or Melnea Cass Boulevard. According to a 2002 survey of Boston University Medical Center employees conducted by TransComm, about 1% of employees rode bicycles to work at Boston University Medical Center (most of the cyclists are likely students). TransComm continues to encourage cycling as a healthy, inexpensive, and environmentally positive alternative to driving alone and provides many amenities and programs, including:

- ◆ Installing three secure, weather protected bike cages. The first one, installed in March, 2006, is located on East Newton Street between the Newton Pavilion and the School of Dental Medicine and houses approxinmately132 bicycles. The second one, installed in October 2006, is located at the Menino Pavilion. It was expanded in 2012 from 87 to 138 spaces. Both cages are well utilized. As a result, a third bike cage with room for 70 bicycles was added early in 2013 in the 710 Albany garages, bringing the total spaces in bike cages up to 340 spaces. In 2012 there were 376 registered bike cage cyclists.
- Providing a bicycle lock loan program for cyclists;
- Providing showers for cyclists in the basement of the School of Medicine building;
- Providing umbrellas for walkers and cyclists if it rains;
- Organizing free bike safety and mechanical check-ups, twice per year: TransComm works with local bike shops to bring this popular event to the Medical Center to encourage cyclists to bike to work/school.
- Registering bikes on-line: For students and Boston University Medical Center employees, bike registration continues to be offered on-line.
- Installing new racks and repairing existing bike racks located throughout the campus.
- Boston University Medical Center will work with Boston's Director of Bike Programs to identify ways to improve bicycle use.
- Motorcycles may park at the BUMC Campus garages at regular parking rates.

- ♦ Six gas-powered scooter parking spaces are provided for employees in the 610 Albany Garage. All gas powered scooters must have a \$20 annual Boson University Medical Center sticker issued by TranSComm.
- Electric scooters must park in the bike cages located at the Menino and East Newton Pavilions for a \$20 annual fee. The scooters must park along the sides of the bike cages so that they do not take up additional bike parking spaces or obstruct movement of other bicycles/scooters.

Hubway, a bicycle sharing system in Metro Boston launched in July 2011, now has more than 100 stations with 1,000 bicycles available throughout Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, and Somerville. Hubway bicycles are available during the spring, summer, and fall seasons (the system is shut down in the winter). Near the Project site, there are four Hubway stations:

- at the Boston Medical Center FGH Building at 820 Harrison Avenue;
- at the corner of Washington Street and Rutland Street;
- at the corner of Washington Street and Lenox Street; and
- at the corner of Washington Street and Waltham Street.

Each Hubway station accommodates between 15 and 20 bicycle docks. All four stations are within a half-mile of the BUMC Campus.

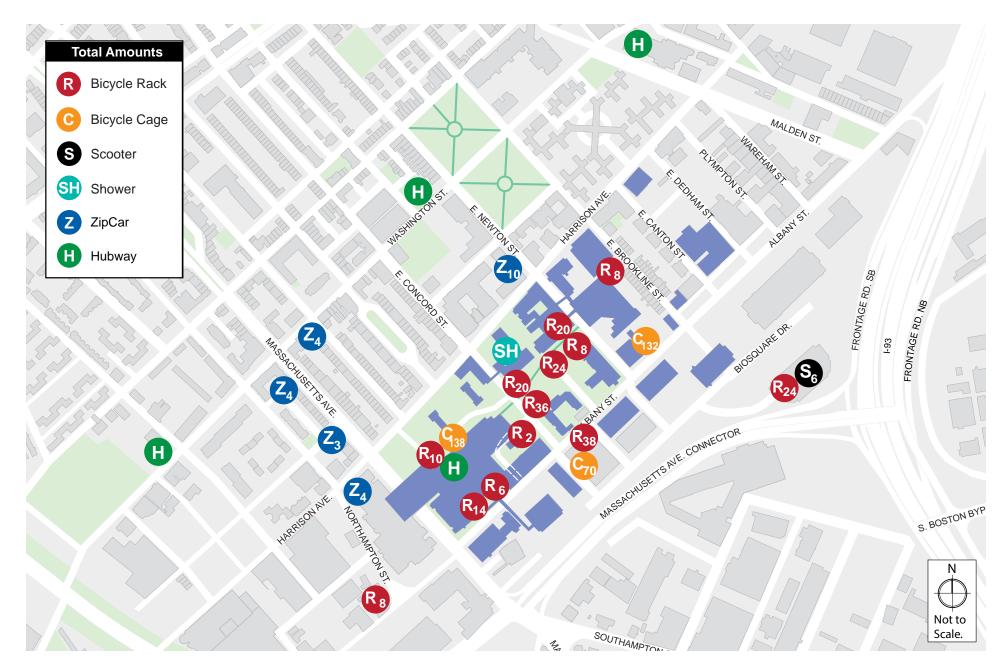
# 4.2.9 Car Sharing Availability

Car sharing, predominantly provided by Zipcar in the Boston area, supplies easy short-term access to vehicular transportation for those who do not own cars. Vehicles are rented on an hourly or daily basis with all vehicle costs (gas, maintenance, insurance, and parking) included in the rental fee. Vehicles are checked out for a specific time period and returned to their designated location. Approximately twenty-six Zipcars are located at six locations within one-quarter mile of the Project site. Also, Hertz On-Demand car sharing options are available on the Northeastern Campus, which is located outside of the one-quarter mile radius. In 2012 there were 521 students and 146 employees enrolled in the Zipcar program – 667 total members.

Bicycle, Scooter, and Zipcar facilities on campus are shown in **Figure 4-11. Figure 4-12** shows a.m. and p.m. peak hour bicycle volumes.

### 4.2.10 Loading and Service

Boston University Medical Campus is served by two primary loading docks, serving the west and east sides of the campus. A weekly schedule of deliveries at each location was provided by BMC. Truck activity at each location is summarized in **Table 4-6.** Only one delivery per day at each loading dock is made by a 53' truck, at either 9:00 or 10:00 a.m.



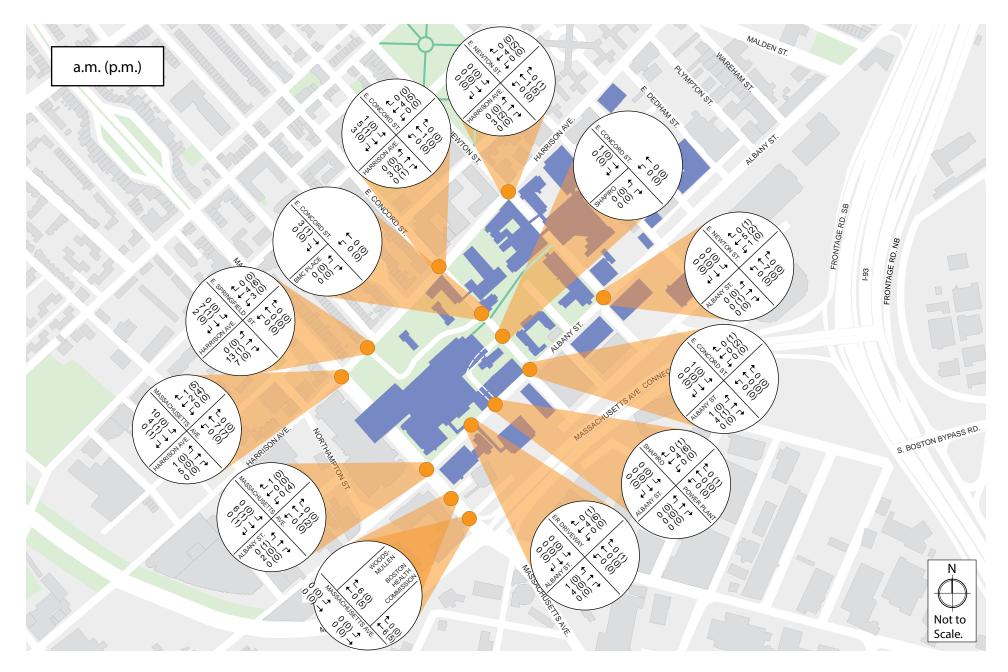


Table 4-6 Existing (2013) Average Weekday Truck Activity: Menino and Newton Loading Docks

	Menino Dock	Newton Dock	Total
Vehicle Type	Vehicles Observed	Vehicles Observed	
Car/Van/Pick-up	9	5	14
27' Truck	17	7	24
48' Truck	4	5	9
53' Truck (Tractor Trailer)	1	1	2
Total	31	18	49

A graph showing weekday activity at each loading dock by hour is provided in **Figure 4-13.** As shown, the peak hour for deliveries at Newton is 8:00 to 9:00 AM, when six vehicles enter. At Menino, the peak hours occur at 5:00-6:00 AM, 6:00-7:00 AM and 10:00-11:00 AM, when four vehicles enter.

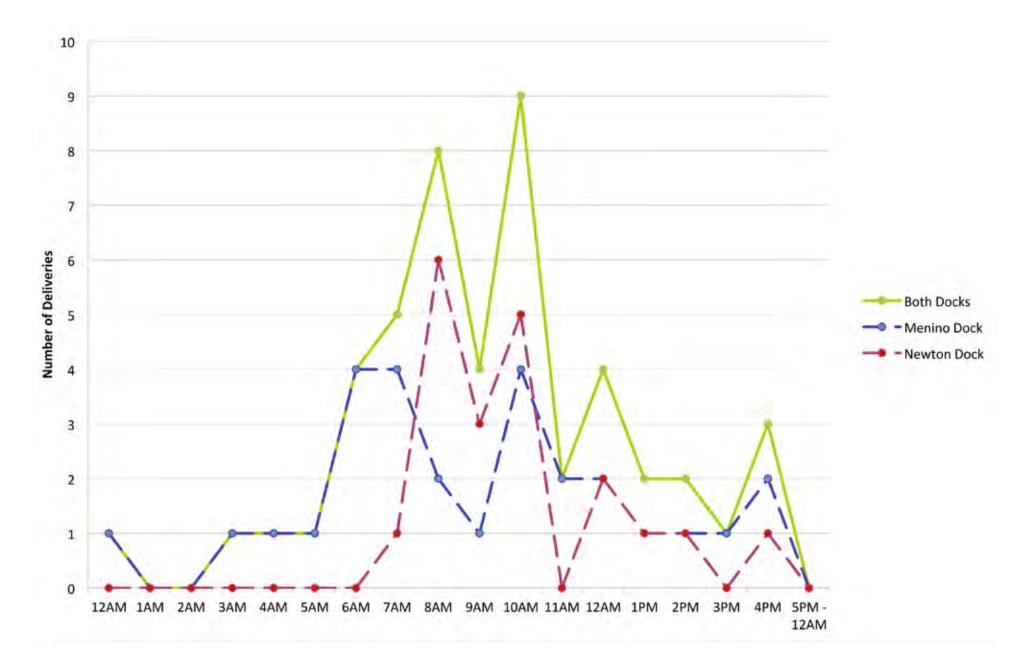
### 4.2.10.1 Menino Loading Dock

The main campus loading dock at 751 Albany Street (Menino dock) has three dedicated bays, with occasional loading for small vehicles occurring in front of the trash compactors. Trucks access the loading dock from Albany Street; larger trucks must back in from the street. This facility serves the BMC West Campus – the Menino Pavilion, the Yawkey Ambulatory Care Center, the Dowling Building, and the Moakley Building. Its operating hours are 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, although there are three deliveries at 12:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Menino dock accommodates vehicles ranging from a small van to a 53' truck. The docks carry approximately 31 vehicles on an average weekday day; the typical duration at the dock is 36 minutes, according to a nine-hour survey conducted on September 27, 2012.

The peak hour for deliveries is 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays, when 4 vehicles arrive at the loading dock.

### 4.2.10.2 Newton Loading Dock

The Newton Pavilion loading dock, serving 88 E. Newton Street, is located on Albany Street midblock between East Newton and East Brookline Streets, with three dedicated bays. This facility serves the east side of the campus, including the Newton Pavilion, the Evans Building and the Doctors Office Building. This loading dock is open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday, although there are two deliveries per day at 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Again, most of the deliveries are made by smaller vehicles. This dock accommodates 18 vehicles per average weekday. The peak hour for deliveries is Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m., when 5 vehicles arrive at the loading dock.



# 4.3 Evaluation of Long-term Impacts

Long-term transportation impacts were estimated for 2019, to reflect the initial term of the Institutional Master Plan.

#### 4.3.1 No-Build Scenario 2019

The no-build scenario models traffic operations for a horizon year without considering any IMP project traffic estimates. No-Build traffic volumes were developed by applying a general traffic growth factor, along with specific study area traffic added to the street network by individual projects.

### 4.3.1.1 Background Growth Factor

A background growth factor of 1% per year is assumed for the project, consistent with BTD approved rates for current development projects in the area. All existing traffic volumes are increased by 1% per year for a period of 6 years. Given the fact that trips from projects nearby are specifically included in the network, this is extremely conservative.

### 4.3.1.2 Projects Included in the No-Build Scenario

To provide a conservative analysis, the no-build scenario also adds traffic contributions from specific projects approved and/or under construction. These projects are shown in **Figure 4-14.** Traffic volumes from the following projects were specifically traced through the study area traffic network:

- ◆ BioSquare Building E The proposed project includes 160,000 square feet of research and development space. Although its traffic has been added to the No-Build network, it is not anticipated that this project will be built within the 10-year term of the IMP.
- ♦ BioSquare Building G The proposed project includes 215,000 square feet of research and development space (approved, not constructed). Although its traffic has been added to the No-Build network, it is not anticipated that this project will be built within the 10-year term of the IMP.
- NEIDL Building The proposed project includes 250 additional employees (built, not fully occupied).
- ◆ 275 Albany Street The proposed project includes the redevelopment of the former Teradyne parking lot into a hotel consisting of 325 hotel rooms and 220 apartments. Most of the vehicle trips will be accessing the regional roadways north of East Berkeley Street.



- ♦ 35 Northampton Street The proposed project includes the rehabilitation of the existing 29-story, 165,000 square feet residential building. The existing office space within the building will be converted to 11 handicap accessible residential units, for a total of 245 affordable units.
- ◆ Ink Block (300 Harrison Avenue) The proposed project includes 471 units, 85,000 square feet of retail, including a supermarket and 411 parking spaces.

In addition, traffic added from the projects below was considered to be reflected in the area-wide growth factor of 1% per year:

- ♦ Albany Fellows Phase 2 to encompass approximately 358,500 square feet of above-grade building space and up to 322 parking spaces. Potential uses for these future facilities may include: housing ground level retail, office, backstreets, research & development, and academic space.
- ♦ 5-10 St. George Street The proposed project includes 33 residential units and approximately 22 underground parking spaces. Traffic from this project was included in the overall growth factor.
- ♦ 199 West Brookline Street The proposed project includes an adaptive reuse and rehabilitation of the existing Concord Baptist Church, which will include approximately nine residential units and 21 below grade parking spaces. Traffic from this project was included in the overall growth factor.
- ♦ Alexandra Hotel Rehab The proposed project includes renovating the existing building to accommodate the Church of Scientology's new 45,000 square foot headquarters including ground floor retail. Traffic from this project was included in the overall growth factor.

In addition, the following infrastructure improvements were taken into account in developing the No-Build network:

**Southbound Frontage Road Connection.** The BioSquare Phase II project permitting included a connection from BioSquare Drive to the Frontage Road Southbound, which was approved, and also included a long-term goal of a connection to the Massachusetts Avenue Connector from East Concord Street.

Currently, BioSquare Drive has been constructed just short of its intersection of Frontage Road Southbound and the right-turn in/right-turn out intersection is anticipated to be completed prior to the completion of IMP projects. Although traffic generally operates at an acceptable level without either connection, the Frontage Road connection is expected to relocate traffic from Albany Street to BioSquare Drive and improve the roadway capacity and traffic operations within Boston University Medical Center. For this project, we have estimated that 17% of employee vehicle trips are expected to access the site from the Frontage Road Southbound Connection, as well as 29% of employee exiting vehicle trips.

MBTA Urban Ring. As noted in prior filings, Boston University Medical Center is located within the corridor of the MBTA's planned "Urban Ring" or circumferential transit project. At the present time, bus routes CT1 and CT3 serve as circumferential routes through the campus. Boston University Medical Center has worked with the MBTA over the years on long-term plans for the Urban Ring. At present, the locally preferred alternative for the Urban Ring Phase 2 is outlined in the November 2008 Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS) and expanded upon in a June, 2009 Notice of Project Change (NPC). This option calls for Bus Rapid Transit in both mixed traffic and exclusive lanes travelling through the BUMC Campus on Albany Street between Broadway Station and a new Crosstown Station. A new BU Medical Center Station would also be provided between E. Newton Street and E. Concord Street. In January 2010, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation notified the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs that it was suspending further environmental review of the Urban Ring Phase 2 project. Thus, no changes to MBTA transit services were assumed to be implemented by 2019.

MBTA Indigo Line. The MBTA is improving the Fairmount Branch of the commuter rail that runs from South Station to Readville in Hyde Park, calling it the "Indigo Line." BUMC and TransComm have been advocating with the MBTA to build a new station at NewMarket Square, which will increase transit options to BMC for a densely populated area in Boston. Construction of Phase 1 of the "Indigo Line" is under construction now. This will rebuild Uphams Corner and Morton St stations so they are ADA compliant, with high level platforms, and better shelter from the elements. Phase 2 will construct new stations along the route at NewMarket, Five Corners, Talbot Ave, and Blue Hill Ave. The MBTA estimates that service to the new NewMarket Station will begin in Summer, 2013. No increased transit mode share was estimated as a result of this new service in the interest of a conservative analysis.

City of Boston Melnea Cass Boulevard Improvement Project. The Boston Transportation Department is working with the Roxbury community to redesign Melnea Cass Boulevard with the goal of making it a neighborhood friendly corridor. The scope includes the development of roadway and streetscape designs that create a pedestrian friendly environment, ensure efficient traffic flow, accommodate transit vehicles and bicycles and promote economic development. The redesign plans will include dedicated bus lanes that can accommodate existing transit and future BRT service. As a final design has not yet been adopted, traffic analyses reflect current geometry and signal timing.

The design is progressing in collaboration with Roxbury and other surrounding communities and with all relevant City and state agencies, neighborhood groups and corridor abutters. The BTD, as lead agency on the project, aims to incorporate the city's new "Complete Streets" strategy as well as the goals of the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan (RSMP) and the state-devised Urban Ring project. The Complete Streets approach focuses on the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users as well as drivers, and on environmentally sustainable design.

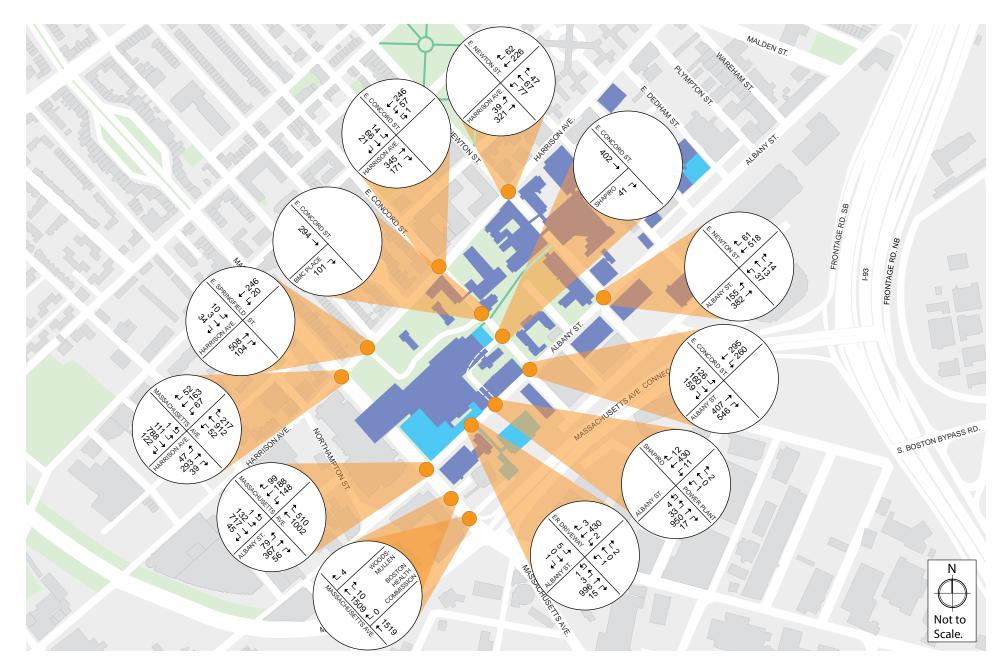
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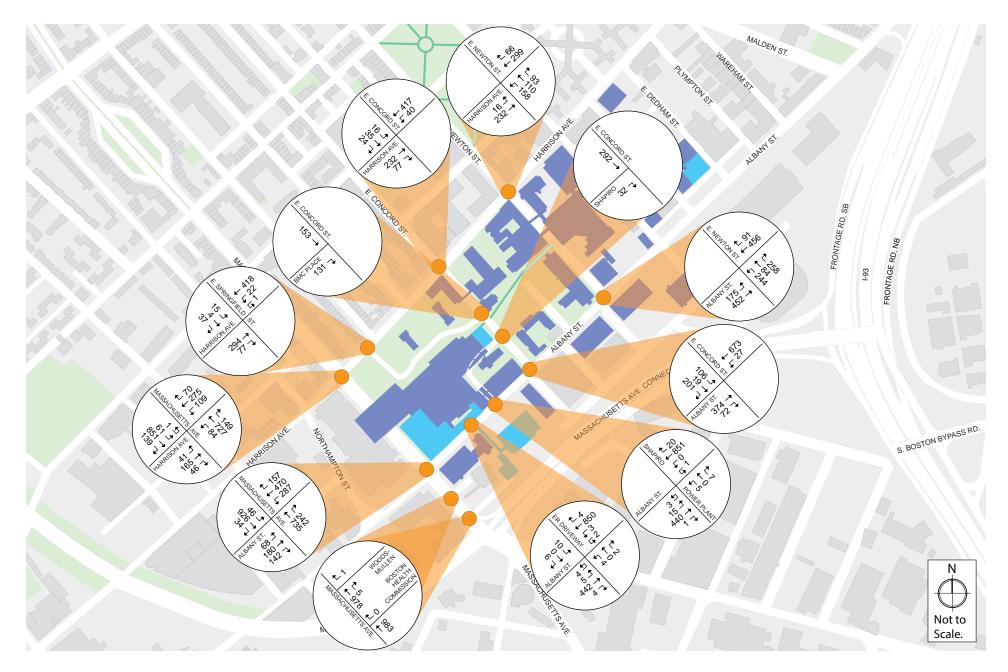
No-Build traffic volumes were calculated by factoring the existing volumes up by a .05 percent annual growth rate over 10 years and totaling the project-added trips for each development described above. The No-Build street networks, shown in **Figure 4-15** and **Figure 4-16**, include the Frontage Road Southbound connection to BioSquare Drive east of Albany Street, which has been approved by the City. Morning peak hour overall intersection traffic operations under No-Build conditions are shown in **Table 4-7**.

Evening peak hour overall intersection traffic operations under No-Build conditions are shown in **Table 4-8.** 

Under No-Build Conditions, most signalized intersections continue to operate at the same overall level of service in both the morning and afternoon peak hours as the Existing Conditions. The intersections and approaches that decreased to an LOS E or worse are listed below:

- ♦ At Massachusetts Avenue/Albany Street, the LOS for Massachusetts Avenue southbound left turn decreased from LOS E to LOS F during the a.m. peak hour. However, the overall LOS, while reduced from LOS C to LOS D, is still within the acceptable range.
- At Albany Street/East Concord, LOS for the East Concord Street southbound through movement decreased from LOS D to LOS E during the a.m. peak hour, although overall LOS remains at C.
- At Albany Street/East Newton Street, the LOS for East Newton Street northbound decreased from LOS C to LOS E during the a.m. peak hour, although overall LOS remains at LOS D.
- At Albany Street/Shapiro Entrance Driveway/Power Plant Driveway, the Power Plant approach decreased from LOS D to LOS E during the a.m. peak hour. This decrease is due mainly to the increased volume on Albany Street making it difficult to make an unsignalized left turn out of the driveway.





p.m. Peak Hours

Table 4-7: No-Build Conditions (2019) LOS Summary, a.m. Peak Hour (7:45 – 8:45 a.m.)

		Delay		95% Queue		
Intersection	LOS	(seconds)	V/C Ratio	Length (ft)		
Signalized Intersections						
Massachusetts Avenue/Albany Street	D	31.8				
Albany EB left/thru   thru	D	46.8	0.69	232		
Albany EB right	С	34.6	0.21	73		
Albany WB left	F	>80.0	0.91	#25 <i>7</i>		
Albany WB thru   thru/right	С	23.6	0.27	113		
Mass Ave NB thru   thru	D	37.4	0.80	491		
Mass Ave NB right	С	27.6	0.66	446		
Mass Ave SB left	F	>80.0	0.84	#227		
Mass Ave SB thru   thru/right	В	18.9	0.48	266		
Albany Street/Public Health Driveway	В	17.3				
Albany EB left/thru /right	С	22.5	0.75	#1127		
Albany WB left/thru   thru/right	Α	4.9	0.18	103		
Public Health NB left/thru/right	D	38.0	0.03	11		
ER Driveway SB	N/A	-	-	-		
Albany Street/East Concord Street	С	23.3				
Albany EB thru	С	27.4	0.52	382		
Albany EB right	В	16.7	0.67	335		
Albany WB left/thru   thru	В	11.0	0.56	97		
E. Concord SB left	Е	62.8	0.66	160		
E. Concord SB thru	E	57.6	0.63	191		
E. Concord SB right	В	12.4	0.53	62		
Albany Street/East Newton Street	В	18.0				
Albany EB left	С	21.1	0.48	m126		
Albany EB thru	В	10.2	0.35	250		
Albany WB thru   thru/right	В	19.8	0.36	287		
E. Newton NB left	D	49.9	0.21	58		
E. Newton NB thru/right	С	32.0	0.22	37		
Harrison Avenue/East Newton Street	В	18.0				
Harrison EB left/thru	Α	6.90	0.34	81		
Harrison WB thru/right	Α	9.20	0.29	163		
E. Newton NB left/thru/right	D	5.19	0.78	165		
Harrison Avenue/East Concord Street	Α	9.20				
Harrison EB thru/right	Α	6.00	0.44	265		
Harrison WB left/thru	Α	3.40	0.35	m66		
E. Concord SB left/thru/right	D	42.7	0.54	100		
Massachusetts Avenue/Harrison Avenue	С	31.6				
Harrison EB left/thru/right	E	60.5	0.92	#407		
Harrison WB left/thru/right	E	66.2	0.92	#330		
Mass Ave NB left	Α	9.60	0.20	29		
Mass Ave NB thru   thru/right	С	27.3	0.83	430		
Mass Ave SB left	В	13.4	0.41	58		
Mass Ave SB thru   thru/right	В	17.6	0.57	300		

				95% Queue		
Intersection	LOS	Delay	V/C Ratio	Length		
Unsignaliz	Unsignalized Intersections					
Albany Street/Shapiro Entrance Driveway/Power						
Plant Driveway						
Albany EB left/thru   thru/right	Α	0.7	0.31	4		
Albany WB left/thru   thru/right	Α	0.4	0.15	2		
Power Plant NB left/thru/right	E	437.6	0.03	2		
East Concord Street/Shapiro Exit Driveway						
Shapiro EB right	В	11.6	0.18	6		
E. Concord SB thru	Α	0.0	0.26	0		
<b>East Concord Street/Boston Medical Center Place</b>						
Boston Medical EB right	С	16.5	0.26	26		
E. Concord SB thru	Α	0.0	0.19	0		
Harrison Avenue/East Springfield Street						
Harrison EB thru/right	Α	0.0	0.39	0		
Harrison WB left/thru	Α	1.1	0.03	2		
E. Springfield SB left/thru/right	С	16.4	0.14	12		
Massachusetts Avenue/Woods-Mullen Service						
Driveway						
Woods-Mullen WB right	С	18.2	0.02	1		
Mass Ave NB thru   thru   thru/right	Α	0.0	0.39	0		
Massachusetts Avenue/Boston Health Commission						
Exit Driveway						
Boston Health Commission WB right	-	-	-	-		
Mass Ave NB thru   thru   thru	Α	0.0	0.32	0		

<sup># = 95</sup>th percentile volume exceeds capacity. Queue may be longer. Queue shown is the maximum after 2 cycles.

m = Volume for the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile queue is metered by the upstream signal.

N/A = The ER Driveway SB does not operate with the signal timing. The ambulances exiting the driveway have their emergency lights on therefore stopping all conflicting traffic. There is no signal head facing the SB traffic.

Grey shading indicated decreased LOS from existing conditions.

Table 4-8: No-Build Conditions (2019) LOS Summary, p.m. Peak Hour (3:30 – 4:30 p.m.)

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Intersection	LOS	Delay (seconds)	V/C Ratio	95% Queue Length (ft)		
Signalized Intersections						
Massachusetts Avenue/Albany Street	С	33.6				
Albany EB left/thru   thru	D	39.5	0.47	130		
Albany EB right	D	41.4	0.47	162		
Albany WB left	Е	79.5	0.85	#363		
Albany WB thru   thru/right	Α	9.6	0.43	5 <i>7</i>		
Mass Ave NB thru   thru	D	40.6	0.69	382		
Mass Ave NB right	В	16.2	0.31	170		
Mass Ave SB left	E	56.8	0.33	78		
Mass Ave SB thru   thru/right	С	30.7	0.69	448		
Albany Street/Public Health Driveway	Α	5.4				
Albany EB left/thru /right	Α	9.4	0.40	273		
Albany WB left/thru   thru/right	Α	3.1	0.40	59		
Public Health NB left/thru/right	D	40.0	0.03	16		
ER Driveway SB	N/A	-	-	-		
Albany Street/East Concord Street	С	24.6				
Albany EB thru	В	17.6	0.51	290		
Albany EB right	В	12.0	0.12	69		
Albany WB left/thru   thru	В	14.1	0.51	m146		
E. Concord SB left	D	42.4	0.37	127		
E. Concord SB thru	С	35.0	0.06	33		
E. Concord SB right	E	68.6	0.82	245		
Albany Street/East Newton Street	D	45.2				
Albany EB left	D	46.2	0.61	205		
Albany EB thru	С	34.6	0.58	432		
Albany WB thru   thru/right	D	47.0	0.70	#358		
E. Newton NB left	D	38.1	0.51	244		
E. Newton NB thru/right	E	60.8	0.95	#379		
Harrison Avenue/East Newton Street	С	26.9				
Harrison EB left/thru	Α	9.30	0.26	94		
Harrison WB thru/right	В	13.1	0.40	256		
E. Newton NB left/thru/right	D	52.9	0.90	#325		
Harrison Avenue/East Concord Street	A	6.90				
Harrison EB thru/right	Α	3.90	0.26	121		
Harrison WB left/thru	Α	4.10	0.37	m128		
E. Concord SB left/thru/right	D	35.9	0.43	74		
Massachusetts Avenue/Harrison Avenue	D	40.6				
Harrison EB left/thru/right	С	34.5	0.61	259		
Harrison WB left/thru/right	F	>80.0	>1.00	#579		
Mass Ave NB left	В	12.6	0.36	44		
Mass Ave NB thru   thru/right	С	20.0	0.62	282		
Mass Ave SB left	В	10.3	0.23	34		
Mass Ave SB thru   thru/right	С	20.2	0.65	332		

Intersection	LOS	Delay	V/C Ratio	95% Queue Length	
Unsignalized Intersections					
Albany Street/Shapiro Entrance Driveway/Power					
Plant Driveway					
Albany EB left/thru   thru/right	Α	0.7	0.14	3	
Albany WB left/thru   thru/right	Α	0.0	0.28	0	
Power Plant NB left/thru/right	С	22.1	0.06	5	
East Concord Street/Shapiro Exit Driveway					
Shapiro EB right	В	11.0	0.05	4	
E. Concord SB thru	Α	0.0	0.19	0	
<b>East Concord Street/Boston Medical Center Place</b>					
Boston Medical EB right	В	14.2	0.27	37	
E. Concord SB thru	Α	0.0	0.10	0	
Harrison Avenue/East Springfield Street					
Harrison EB thru/right	Α	0.0	0.24	0	
Harrison WB left/thru	Α	0.7	0.03	2	
E. Springfield SB left/thru/right	С	15.4	0.15	13	
Massachusetts Avenue/Woods-Mullen Service					
Driveway					
Woods-Mullen WB right	С	20.4	0.00	1	
Mass Ave NB thru   thru   thru/right	Α	0.0	0.25	0	
Massachusetts Avenue/Boston Health Commission					
Exit Driveway					
Boston Health Commission WB right	-	-	-	-	
Mass Ave NB thru   thru   thru	Α	0.0	0.21	0	

<sup># = 95</sup>th percentile volume exceeds capacity. Queue may be longer. Queue shown is the maximum after 2 cycles.

Grey shading indicated decreased LOS from existing conditions.

# 4.3.2 Build Conditions

## 4.3.2.1 Projects Analyzed

As previously described, the Build Scenario transportation analysis estimates the cumulative impacts of the proposed Institutional Master Plan projects. A summary of projects for which traffic analysis has been conducted by category of space for this IMP is found in **Table 4-9.** 

m = Volume for the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile queue is metered by the upstream signal.

N/A = The ER Driveway SB does not operate with the signal timing. The ambulances exiting the driveway have their emergency lights on therefore stopping all conflicting traffic. There is no signal head facing the SB traffic.

**Table 4-9. BUMC Projects for 2013 IMP** 

Project	SF	Analyze as:
Moakley Cancer Center Addition	27,280	ITE 610 Hospital
New Inpatient Building Phase 1	67,888	ITE 610 Hospital
New Inpatient Building Phase 2	322,600	ITE 610 Hospital
Total Hospital	417,768	
Admin/Clinical building	219,600	
Admin	175,680	ITE 715 Single Tenant Office
Clinical	43,920	ITE 720 Medical-Dental Office
Perkin Elmer (added space)	92,937	ITE 715 Single Tenant Office
Total Office/Medical Office	312,537	
TOTAL SPACE	730,305	
Patient Transport Bridge	7,100	
New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Connector Wing	10,800	
Energy Facility	38,500	
Power Plant demolition	(64,064)	
TOTAL: Additional Projects with No Impacts	(7,664)	

## 4.3.2.2 Additional IMP Projects

The following projects will be undertaken to improve traffic operations along Albany Street and to create a significantly improved pedestrian environment for patients, employees and visitors to Boston University Medical Center. Traffic impacts for the following projects were not specifically analyzed as they will not have any noticeable impact on area traffic operations.

- New Patient Transport Bridge. It is of note that the new Bridge and will have a positive effect on area traffic operations and the pedestrian environment. Creation of this new connector will eliminate the need for ambulance trips to transfer patients across Albany Street between the helipad and the hospital emergency room. The curb cut that currently exists under the yellow utility tube will be reduced in half, minimizing vehicle conflicts on Albany Street. Shuttle buses from the Woods Mullen Shelter that now use the driveway will be relocated to new oneway entrance and exit driveways on Massachusetts Avenue and use right-in/right-out only curb cuts. These shuttles typically run early in the morning and later in the evening, with no peak period impacts.
- Energy Facility/Power Plant Demolition. The Energy Facility and Power Plant demolition similarly will have no traffic impacts, as these buildings are predominantly mechanical space, with very few employees involved.
- Relocation of Emergency Department Entrance. The relocation of the Emergency Department entrance for pedestrians and passenger vehicles will not affect traffic

volumes but will change local circulation patterns. Passenger vehicles headed for the Emergency Department will now be directed to the Shapiro Courtyard instead of the wide curb openings along Albany Street. At the new entrance, drivers will be met by a valet who will transfer their vehicle via East Concord Street and across Albany Street to a valet-only parking lot to be created in adjacent to the Power Plant.

The relocation of the passenger vehicle pick-up and drop-off along with modifications to campus loading will enable closure of three curb cuts in front of the current Emergency Department entrance. The resulting one-way circulation scheme will reduce traffic conflicts on the north side of Albany Street and will enlarge the space available for ambulances.

◆ Interim Facility for Consolidation of Loading Operations. One of the primary goals of the BUMC IMP is to begin the effort to relocate all campus loading from its current locations on the north side of Albany Street— locations that negatively impact traffic operations and affect pedestrians. Boston Medical Center will create consolidated materials management facilities in proximity to the existing Power Plant. The new facilities will utilize the proposed Bridge to efficiently distribute materials for the entire campus. As planning for the facilities continues, Phase 1 of the IMP will provide an interim loading dock at the Power Plant to realize the traffic benefits of the final materials management configuration. The interim loading dock will be a significant improvement because it will allow trucks to enter from Albany Street and maneuver to and from the loading dock on campus property. Currently trucks sometimes queue and often have to back into the loading dock from Albany Street

#### 4.3.2.3 Mode Use

Separate mode shares were developed for patients and employees. This approach provides a more accurate representation because of the extremely low auto use by Boston University Medical Center employees and students. Sources for the mode share assumptions are discussed below.

### **Patient Trips**

Boston Transportation Department (BTD) mode split data for the Medical Area (BTD Area 15) The "All Purposes" category was used to capture the travel patterns of patients. Daily mode shares, shown in **Table 4-10**, vary during peak hours.

Table 4-10 BTD Area 15 Daily Mode Shares

Mode	Percentage
Auto	56%
Public Transportation	17%
Walk/Bike/Other	27%
Total	100%

# **Employee/Student Trips**

Boston University Medical Center employee and student mode shares, derived from 2012 Rideshare Survey data of its employees and students are shown below in **Table 4-11**. The survey is conducted to determine travel patterns at Boston University Medical Center, as required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. As the table indicates, existing employees and students have a significantly lower auto use than reflected by the BTD mode share rates—only approximately 28%. Overall employee vehicle occupancy, taking into account the 5% of commuters on campus who rideshare, is 1.2.

**Table 4-11.** Boston University Medical Center Employee Daily Mode Shares

Mode	Percentage
Auto	28%
Public Transportation	52%
Walk/Bike/Other	20%
Total	100%

The survey results reflect the strong transportation demand management program and low auto use in effect at Boston University Medical Center.

### 4.3.2.4 Trip Generation

It is important to note that although standard methodology for trip generation estimates has been employed for the IMP, a significant amount of the construction will be to right-size and update outdated building space for existing programs. Therefore, some of the building area to be constructed will not generate additional traffic and the actual transportation impact may be less.

#### Land Use Codes

The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) *Trip Generation* 9<sup>th</sup> *Edition* (2012) was used as the basis for trip generation estimation. The following ITE land use codes were used:

*ITE Land Use Code 610 - Hospital*. A hospital is any institution where medical or surgical care and overnight accommodations are provided to non-ambulatory and ambulatory patients. This code was applied to the Moakley and Menino additions.

**ITE Land Use Code 715 – Single Tenant Office Building.** A single tenant office building generally contains offices, meeting rooms and space for file storage and data processing of a single business or company and possibly other service functions including a restaurant or cafeteria. This code was applied to the administrative space in the Administrative/Clinical Building.

ITE Land Use Code 720 - Medical Office Building. A medical-dental office building is a facility that provides diagnoses and outpatient care on a routine basis, but is unable to provide prolonged in-house medical and surgical care. One or more private physicians or dentists generally operate this type of facility. This code was applied to the clinical space in the Administrative/Clinical Building.

Using the ITE *Trip Generation* 7<sup>th</sup> edition and applying the mode share, **Table 4-12** summarizes the total projected trip generation estimates for the IMP projects within the 2019 time frame.

**Table 4-12 IMP Project Trip Generation Summary** 

	Vehicle Trips	Transit Trips	Bike/Walk Trips			
Daily						
Total	4,482	4,992	3,749			
In	2,241	2,496	1,875			
Out	2,241	2,496	1,875			
	a.m. Peak Hour					
Total	409	634	330			
In	298	500	243			
Out	111	134	87			
	p.m. Peak Hour					
Total	431	550	354			
In	133	86	107			
Out	298	463	246			

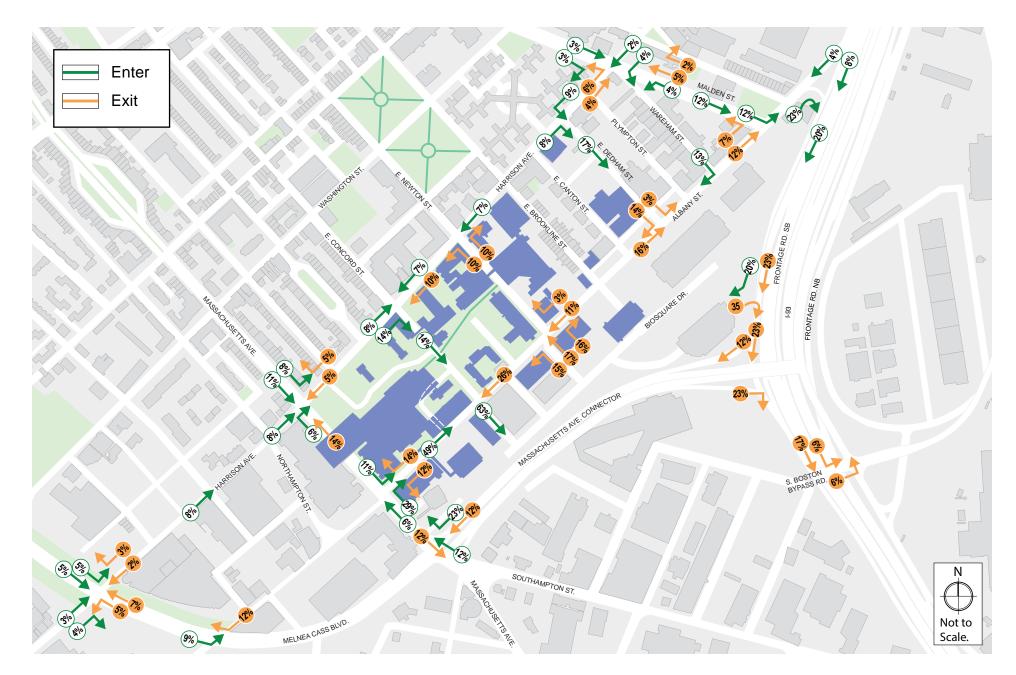
### 4.3.2.5 Trip Distribution

Trip distribution describes the different roadways used for trips originating or destined to Boston University Medical Center. The roadways that vehicles are assigned to are based on BTD trip origin/destination information for this district and from Boston University Medical Center employee data.

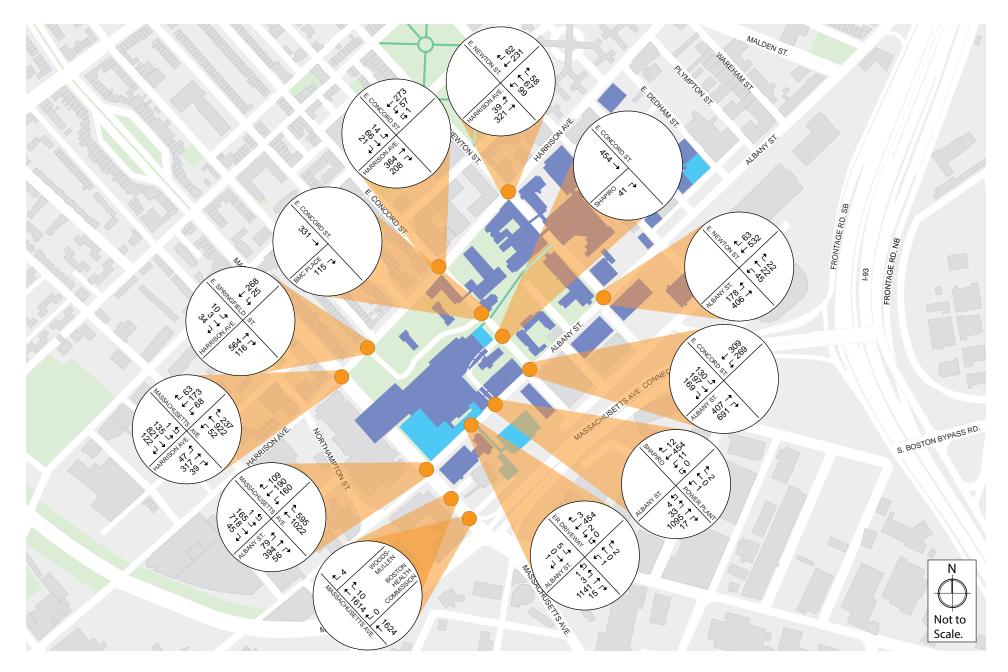
With the exception of employee trips associated with space in the Perkin Elmer building, employee trips were assigned to the 610 Albany garage, and all patient/visitor trips were assigned to the 710 Albany garage. Trip distribution for employee and patient/visitor vehicle trips entering and leaving the campus is shown in **Figure 4-17** and **Figure 4-18** 

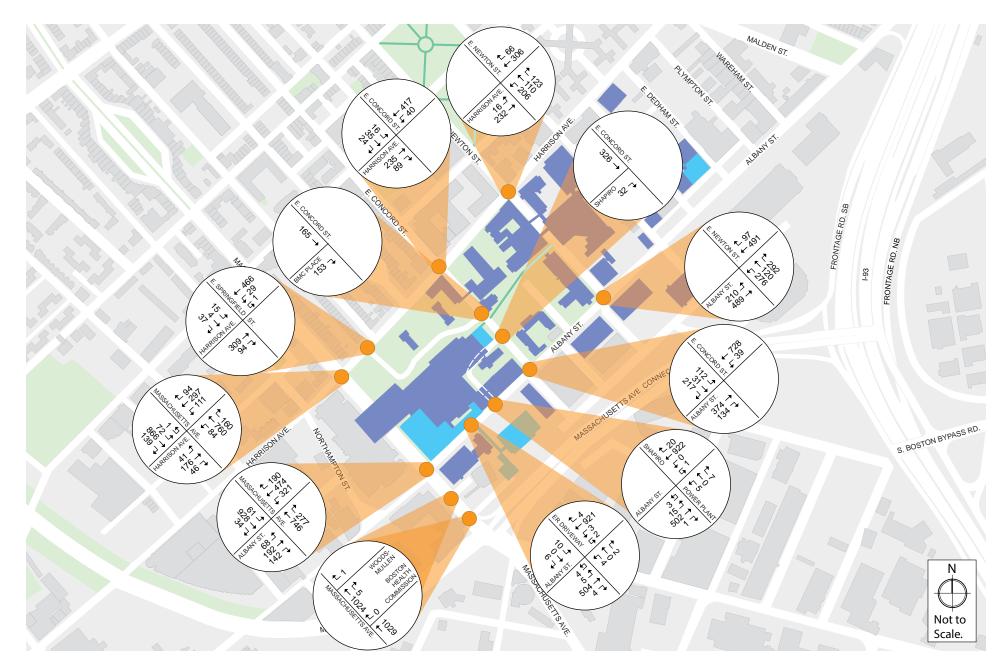
#### **4.3.2.6 Build Conditions Traffic Operations**

Build conditions turning movement counts are illustrated in **Figures 4-19** and **4-20**. Intersection levels of service for the a.m. and p.m. peak hours are summarized in **Tables 4-13** and **4-14**, below.









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Table 4-13: Build Conditions (2019) LOS Summary, a.m. Peak Hour (7:45-8:45 p.m.)

		Delay		95% Queue
Intersection	LOS	(seconds)	V/C Ratio	Length (ft)
Signaliz	ed Intersections	;		
Massachusetts Avenue/Albany Street	D	49.0		
Albany EB left/thru   thru	D	51.2	0.72	247
Albany EB right	С	34.6	0.21	73
Albany WB left	F	>80.0	0.98	#283
Albany WB thru   thru/right	С	23.7	0.28	11 <i>7</i>
Mass Ave NB thru   thru	D	38.5	0.82	506
Mass Ave NB right	D	48.9	0.78	578
Mass Ave SB left	F	>80.0	>1.00	#298
Mass Ave SB thru   thru/right	В	19.0	0.49	267
Albany Street/Public Health Driveway	С	29.9		
Albany EB left/thru /right	D	39.7	0.86	#1387
Albany WB left/thru   thru/right	Α	4.90	0.19	109
Public Health NB left/thru/right	D	38.0	0.03	11
ER Driveway SB	N/A	-	-	-
Albany Street/East Concord Street	С	27.1		
Albany EB thru	С	28.9	0.53	388
Albany EB right	С	26.9	0.83	#576
Albany WB left/thru   thru	В	12.6	0.88dl	100
E. Concord SB left	Е	58.0	0.62	163
E. Concord SB thru	Е	59.9	0.71	229
E. Concord SB right	В	11.5	0.53	62
Albany Street/East Newton Street	В	19.8		
Albany EB left	С	25.2	0.55	156
Albany EB thru	В	11.0	0.37	292
Albany WB thru   thru/right	С	20.7	0.38	296
E. Newton NB left	D	50.7	0.26	68
E. Newton NB thru/right	С	34.2	0.33	51
Harrison Avenue/East Newton Street	С	20.1		
Harrison EB left/thru	Α	8.20	0.35	90
Harrison WB thru/right	В	10.6	0.30	179
E. Newton NB left/thru/right	D	51.5	0.81	187
Harrison Avenue/East Concord Street	Α	9.60		
Harrison EB thru/right	Α	6.70	0.50	318
Harrison WB left/thru	Α	4.60	0.43	m85
E. Concord SB left/thru/right	D	42.7	0.54	100
Massachusetts Avenue/Harrison Avenue	С	33.8		
Harrison EB left/thru/right	E	62.9	0.94	#449
Harrison WB left/thru/right	E	70.5	0.95	#365
Mass Ave NB left	Α	9.80	0.21	29
Mass Ave NB thru   thru/right	С	28.9	0.86	#451
Mass Ave SB left	C	20.7	0.56	#94
Mass Ave SB thru   thru/right	В	18.7	0.61	315

Intersection	LOS	Delay	V/C Ratio	95% Queue Length	
	ed Intersection	•		U	
Albany Street/Shapiro Entrance Driveway/Power					
Plant Driveway					
Albany EB left/thru   thru/right	Α	0.90	0.36	4	
Albany WB left/thru   thru/right	Α	0.50	0.15	2	
Power Plant NB left/thru/right	E	42.5	0.04	3	
East Concord Street/Shapiro Exit Driveway					
Shapiro EB right	В	12.2	0.08	7	
E. Concord SB thru	Α	0.00	0.29	0	
<b>East Concord Street/Boston Medical Center Place</b>					
Boston Medical EB right	С	18.0	0.31	33	
E. Concord SB thru	Α	0.00	0.21	0	
Harrison Avenue/East Springfield Street					
Harrison EB thru/right	Α	0.00	0.43	0	
Harrison WB left/thru	Α	1.40	0.04	3	
E. Springfield SB left/thru/right	С	19.2	0.17	15	
Massachusetts Avenue/Woods-Mullen Service					
Driveway					
Woods-Mullen WB right	С	19.1	0.02	1	
Mass Ave NB thru   thru   thru/right	Α	0.00	0.41	0	
Massachusetts Avenue/Boston Health Commission					
Exit Driveway					
Boston Health Commission WB right	-	-	-	-	
Mass Ave NB thru   thru   thru	Α	0.00	0.35	0	

<sup># = 95</sup>th percentile volume exceeds capacity. Queue may be longer. Queue shown is the maximum after 2 cycles.

m = Volume for the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile queue is metered by the upstream signal.

N/A = The ER Driveway SB does not operate with the signal timing. The ambulances exiting the driveway have their emergency lights on therefore stopping all conflicting traffic. There is no signal head facing the SB traffic.

Grey shading indicated decreased LOS from No-Build conditions.

Table 4-14: Build Conditions (2019) LOS Summary, p.m. Peak Hour (3:30-4:30 p.m.)

		Delay		95% Queue
Intersection	LOS	(seconds)	V/C Ratio	Length (ft)
Signalize	d Intersections			-
Massachusetts Avenue/Albany Street	D	35.7		
Albany EB left/thru   thru	D	40.0	0.49	137
Albany EB right	D	41.3	0.47	162
Albany WB left	F	>80.0	0.89	#437
Albany WB thru   thru/right	Α	8.70	0.45	54
Mass Ave NB thru   thru	D	42.7	0.74	388
Mass Ave NB right	В	16.7	0.35	197
Mass Ave SB left	Е	60.4	0.43	97
Mass Ave SB thru   thru/right	С	32.0	0.72	448
Albany Street/Public Health Driveway	Α	6.30		
Albany EB left/thru /right	Α	9.90	0.44	92
Albany WB left/thru   thru/right	Α	4.00	0.43	93
Public Health NB left/thru/right	D	40.0	0.03	10
ER Driveway SB	N/A	-	-	-
Albany Street/East Concord Street	С	25.4		
Albany EB thru	В	18.1	0.52	304
Albany EB right	В	13.5	0.24	122
Albany WB left/thru   thru	В	15.4	0.61	m154
E. Concord SB left	D	42.0	0.38	134
E. Concord SB thru	D	35.2	0.09	47
E. Concord SB right	E	30.6	0.85	#286
Albany Street/East Newton Street	D	54.3		
Albany EB left	E	64.3	0.83	#278
Albany EB thru	С	34.8	0.70	400
Albany WB thru   thru/right	E	56.4	0.85	#396
E. Newton NB left	С	34.6	0.49	270
E. Newton NB thru/right	F	>80.0	>1.00	#518
Harrison Avenue/East Newton Street	С	32.7		
Harrison EB left/thru	Α	9.5	0.28	89
Harrison WB thru/right	В	14.8	0.44	263
E. Newton NB left/thru/right	E	60.9	0.96	#444
Harrison Avenue/East Concord Street	В	11.9		
Harrison EB thru/right	Α	5.30	0.30	145
Harrison WB left/thru	Α	6.80	0.40	m162
E. Concord SB left/thru/right	D	47.1	0.63	125
Massachusetts Avenue/Harrison Avenue	D	46.1		
Harrison EB left/thru/right	D	35.9	0.65	#243
Harrison WB left/thru/right	F	>80.0	>1.00	#619
Mass Ave NB left	В	14.9	0.46	54
Mass Ave NB thru   thru/right	С	20.6	0.65	297
Mass Ave SB left	В	11.0	0.27	38
Mass Ave SB thru   thru/right	С	21.8	0.68	340

Intersection	LOS	Delay	V/C Ratio	95% Queue Length	
	ed Intersection	,	V/C Ratio	Length	
Albany Street/Shapiro Entrance Driveway/Power					
Plant Driveway					
Albany EB left/thru   thru/right	Α	0.60	0.16	3	
Albany WB left/thru   thru/right	Α	0.00	0.31	0	
Power Plant NB left/thru/right	D	25.1	0.07	5	
East Concord Street/Shapiro Exit Driveway					
Shapiro EB right	В	10.9	0.05	4	
E. Concord SB thru	Α	0.00	0.21	0	
East Concord Street/Boston Medical Center Place					
Boston Medical EB right	С	15.0	0.32	34	
E. Concord SB thru	Α	0.00	0.11	0	
Harrison Avenue/East Springfield Street					
Harrison EB thru/right	Α	0.00	0.25	0	
Harrison WB left/thru	Α	0.90	0.03	2	
E. Springfield SB left/thru/right	С	18.3	0.18	17	
Massachusetts Avenue/Woods-Mullen Service					
Driveway					
Woods-Mullen WB right	С	20.9	0.00	0	
Mass Ave NB thru   thru   thru/right	Α	0.00	0.26	0	
Massachusetts Avenue/Boston Health Commission					
Exit Driveway					
Boston Health Commission WB right	-	-	-	-	
Mass Ave NB thru   thru   thru	Α	0.00	0.22	0	

<sup># = 95</sup>th percentile volume exceeds capacity. Queue may be longer. Queue shown is the maximum after 2 cycles.

m = Volume for the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile queue is metered by the upstream signal.

N/A = The ER Driveway SB does not operate with the signal timing. The ambulances exiting the driveway have their emergency lights on therefore stopping all conflicting traffic. There is no signal head facing the SB traffic.

Grey shading indicated decreased LOS from No-Build conditions.

Under Build Conditions, all new and relocated driveways affected by the various curb cut closures and relocations will operate at acceptable Levels of Service.

Most of the signalized intersections will continue to operate at the same overall level of service in both the morning and afternoon peak hours as the Existing and No-Build Conditions. Three intersection approaches show reductions in LOS, including:

- ◆ At Albany Street/Massachusetts Avenue, the Albany Street left turns went from LOS E to LOS F, with a slight increase in delay, although the overall intersection continues to operate at LOS D.
- ◆ At Albany Street/East Newton Street, the LOS for Albany Street eastbound left turns and the Albany Street westbound approach decreased from LOS D to LOS E during the p.m. peak hour, and the East Newton northbound through/right approach decreased from LOS E to LOS F, although overall operations remained at LOS D.
- ◆ At Harrison Avenue/East Newton Street, the E. Newton northbound approach decreased from LOS D to LOS E, although overall operations remained at LOS C.

A summary of traffic operations under Existing, No-Build and 2019 IMP Build conditions is included in **Tables 4-15** and **4-16**, below.

Table 4-15: LOS Comparison Table, a.m. Peak Hour (7:45-8:45 a.m.)

Intersection	Existing	No-Build	Build				
Signalized Inters	ections		•				
Massachusetts Avenue/Albany Street C D							
Albany EB left/thru   thru	D	D	D				
Albany EB right	D	С	С				
Albany WB left	F	F	F				
Albany WB thru   thru/right	В	С	С				
Mass Ave NB thru   thru	D	D	D				
Mass Ave NB right	С	С	D				
Mass Ave SB left	E	F	F				
Mass Ave SB thru   thru/right	В	В	В				
Albany Street/Public Health Driveway	A	В	С				
Albany EB left/thru /right	В	С	D				
Albany WB left/thru   thru/right	A	Α	Α				
Public Health NB left/thru/right	D	D	D				
ER Driveway SB	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Albany Street/East Concord Street	С	С	С				
Albany EB thru	С	С	С				
Albany EB right	В	В	С				
Albany WB left/thru   thru	A	В	В				
E. Concord SB left	Е	E	E				
E. Concord SB thru	D	E	Е				
E. Concord SB right	В	В	В				
Albany Street/East Newton Street	В	В	В				
Albany EB left	В	С	С				
Albany EB thru	A	В	В				
Albany WB thru   thru/right	В	В	С				
E. Newton NB left	D	D	D				
E. Newton NB thru/right	С	С	С				
Harrison Avenue/East Newton Street	В	В	С				
Harrison EB left/thru	A	Α	Α				
Harrison WB thru/right	В	Α	В				
E. Newton NB left/thru/right	D	D	D				
Harrison Avenue/East Concord Street	В	Α	A				
Harrison EB thru/right	A	Α	Α				
Harrison WB left/thru	A	Α	Α				
E. Concord SB left/thru/right	D	D	D				
Massachusetts Avenue/Harrison Avenue	С	С	С				
Harrison EB left/thru/right	E	Ε	E				
Harrison WB left/thru/right	E	Ε	Ε				
Mass Ave NB left	А	Α	Α				
Mass Ave NB thru   thru/right	С	С	С				
Mass Ave SB left	В	В	С				
Mass Ave SB thru   thru/right	В	В	В				

Intersection	Existing	No-Build	Build
Unsignalized Intersection	18		
Albany Street/Shapiro Entrance Driveway/Power Plant			
Driveway			
Albany EB left/thru   thru/right	Α	Α	Α
Albany WB left/thru   thru/right	Α	Α	Α
Power Plant NB left/thru/right	D	E	Ε
East Concord Street/Shapiro Exit Driveway			
Shapiro EB right	В	В	В
E. Concord SB thru	Α	Α	Α
East Concord Street/Boston Medical Center Place			
Boston Medical EB right	С	С	С
E. Concord SB thru	Α	Α	Α
Harrison Avenue/East Springfield Street			
Harrison EB thru/right	Α	Α	Α
Harrison WB left/thru	Α	Α	Α
E. Springfield SB left/thru/right	С	С	С
Massachusetts Avenue/Woods-Mullen Service Driveway			
Woods-Mullen WB right	С	С	С
Mass Ave NB thru   thru   thru/right	Α	Α	Α
Massachusetts Avenue/Boston Health Commission Exit			
Driveway			
Boston Health Commission WB right	-	-	-
Mass Ave NB thru   thru   thru	Α	Α	Α

N/A = The ER Driveway SB does not operate with the signal timing. The ambulances exiting the driveway have their emergency lights on therefore stopping all conflicting traffic. There is no signal head facing the SB traffic. Grey shading indicates decreased LOS from prior condition.

Table 4-16: LOS Comparison Table, p.m. Peak Hour (3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Intersection	Existing	No-Build	Build				
Signalized Intersections							
Massachusetts Avenue/Albany Street C C							
Albany EB left/thru   thru	D	D	D				
Albany EB right	D	D	D				
Albany WB left	E	Ε	F				
Albany WB thru   thru/right	Α	Α	Α				
Mass Ave NB thru   thru	D	D	D				
Mass Ave NB right	В	В	В				
Mass Ave SB left		E	Е				
Mass Ave SB thru   thru/right	С	С	С				
Albany Street/Public Health Driveway	Α	Α	Α				
Albany EB left/thru /right	Α	Α	Α				
Albany WB left/thru   thru/right	Α	Α	Α				
Public Health NB left/thru/right	D	D	D				
ER Driveway SB	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Albany Street/East Concord Street	С	С	С				
Albany EB thru	В	В	В				
Albany EB right	В	В	В				
Albany WB left/thru   thru	Α	В	В				
E. Concord SB left	D	D	D				
E. Concord SB thru	С	С	D				
E. Concord SB right	E	Ε	Ε				
Albany Street/East Newton Street	С	D	D				
Albany EB left	С	D	E				
Albany EB thru	С	С	С				
Albany WB thru   thru/right	С	D	E				
E. Newton NB left	D	D	С				
E. Newton NB thru/right	С	E	F				
Harrison Avenue/East Newton Street	С	С	С				
Harrison EB left/thru	Α	Α	Α				
Harrison WB thru/right	В	В	В				
E. Newton NB left/thru/right	D	D	E				
Harrison Avenue/East Concord Street	Α	Α	В				
Harrison EB thru/right	Α	Α	Α				
Harrison WB left/thru	Α	Α	Α				
E. Concord SB left/thru/right	D	D	D				
Massachusetts Avenue/Harrison Avenue	D	D	D				
Harrison EB left/thru/right	D	С	D				
Harrison WB left/thru/right	F	F	F				
Mass Ave NB left	В	В	В				
Mass Ave NB thru   thru/right	В	С	С				
Mass Ave SB left	Α	В	В				
Mass Ave SB thru   thru/right	В	С	С				

Intersection	Existing	No-Build	Build	
Unsignalized Intersections				
Albany Street/Shapiro Entrance Driveway/Power Plant				
Driveway				
Albany EB left/thru   thru/right	Α	Α	Α	
Albany WB left/thru   thru/right	Α	Α	Α	
Power Plant NB left/thru/right	С	С	D	
East Concord Street/Shapiro Exit Driveway				
Shapiro EB right	В	В	В	
E. Concord SB thru	Α	Α	Α	
East Concord Street/Boston Medical Center Place				
Boston Medical EB right	В	В	С	
E. Concord SB thru	Α	Α	А	
Harrison Avenue/East Springfield Street				
Harrison EB thru/right	Α	Α	Α	
Harrison WB left/thru	Α	Α	Α	
E. Springfield SB left/thru/right	С	С	С	
Massachusetts Avenue/Woods-Mullen Service Driveway				
Woods-Mullen WB right	С	С	С	
Mass Ave NB thru   thru   thru/right	Α	Α	Α	
Massachusetts Avenue/Boston Health Commission Exit				
Driveway				
Boston Health Commission WB right		-	-	
Mass Ave NB thru   thru   thru	Α	Α	Α	

N/A = The ER Driveway SB does not operate with the signal timing. The ambulances exiting the driveway have their emergency lights on therefore stopping all conflicting traffic. There is no signal head facing the SB traffic. Grey shading indicates decreased LOS from prior condition.

As shown, all overall intersection LOS remains at acceptable levels under Build conditions, with minimal changes from No-Build conditions.

#### 4.3.2.7 Build Conditions Parking Supply and Demand

The IMP projects will result in a net addition of 730,305 square feet to the campus. At the current on-campus parking ratio of 0.86 parking spaces per 1,000 sf, this new space would result in a potential added demand for 628 total employee and patient/visitor parking spaces. The Moakley Cancer Center Addition and the Phase 1 New Inpatient Building will add 95,168 square feet in the short-term, with an added potential demand of 82 spaces.

At current peak occupancy, there are 500 available owned and leased off-street spaces available for Boston University Medical Center parking, sufficient to meet added short-term demand. At present, no new on-campus parking is anticipated to be added. As a result, the overall on-campus ratio in the short-term will decline to 0.84 spaces per 1,000 square feet, within the BTD recommended range. In the long-term at full-build, if no new parking is built on-campus, the on-campus ratio will decline to 0.72 spaces per 1,000 square feet, slightly below BTD's minimum recommended ratio of 0.75 spaces per 1,000 square feet for this area.

Over the years, the parking ratio for Boston University Medical Center and BioSquare has steadily decreased as development has increased. At the same time, BUMC has employed active parking management to monitor space use and preserve patient/visitor parking availability, as well as a hierarchy of employee parking fees that makes the most convenient spaces the most expensive. The combination of the constrained supply and increased fees, along with transit service improvements and active demand management, has allowed the medical area to accommodate growth while limiting project-generated traffic increases.

The existing 710 and 610 Albany garages will continue to operate as the major parking facilities for the campus, supplemented by off-site leased parking spaces as needed. Valet parking will continue to be provided in the Menino Valet lots; valet parking for the relocated passenger vehicle emergency room entrance in the Shapiro Courtyard will be provided in the reconfigured L lot in front of the power plant.

As the IMP period unfolds, Boston University Medical Center will continue to actively manage both its on-campus owned spaces and its off-campus leased supply in order to meet new demand, while continually working to encourage the use of alternate modes such as transit, walking and bicycling. In the short-term, about 500 existing spaces are vacant at peak occupancy today. In the longer term, the total parking demand for up to 628 spaces will be met through a combination of on-campus spaces and leased off-site facilities. As each project is advanced, Boston University Medical Center will continue its parking management strategies, and, if needed, evaluate off-site employee parking options to preserve the most convenient spaces for patients and visitors on the campus.

#### 4.3.2.8 Build Conditions Transit, Pedestrian and Bicycle Impacts

The IMP projects will generate about 2,580 patient, visitor and employee transit riders entering and leaving the campus over the course of a day and almost 2,000 people who come and go by walking or cycling. Added transit riders, cyclists and pedestrians will use existing pathways along Melnea Cass Boulevard and the Southwest Corridor Park as well as improved sidewalks and pathways through the campus. In the long-term, the South Bay Harbor Trail will provide a new shared-use path along the outer perimeter of the BioSquare site. New transit service by the MBTA in the area and the improvements planned along Melnea Cass Boulevard will continue to improve transit access to Boston University Medical Center.

#### 4.3.2.9 **Build Conditions Loading and Service**

As noted above, the current loading facility for the West Campus is located close to the Emergency Department and Trauma Center entrance at the Menino Pavilion and is not large enough to allow trucks to maneuver off-street (trucks currently have to back in from Albany Street). This disrupts Albany Street vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The Newton Pavilion loading facility involves a wide curb cut along Albany Street as well. The IMP includes consolidation of these loading areas into a single loading dock to be located in front of the existing Power Plant on the opposite site of Albany Street. This will have the benefit of shortening existing curb cuts and moving truck activity further away from the

hospital buildings and the residential neighborhood. It also will have the benefit of allowing direct truck access from the Southbound Frontage Road via BioSquare Drive. Accommodated by the proposed new Bridge, materials will be transferred across the street from the loading facility to the campus. These improvements will improve existing loading operations and provide the capacity to support future growth.

Until the Administrative / Clinical Building is constructed, Boston Medical Center is proposing an interim relocation of the consolidated Menino and Newton Pavilion loading docks to a site in front of the existing Power Plant, as discussed above. The new location will enable trucks to be accommodated without the need to back up into Albany Street, improving safety for pedestrians and traffic and removing vehicular conflicts. It will also enable expansion of the ambulance area behind the Menino Building, reducing the need for ambulances to wait on-street or maneuver within the lot.

#### 4.3.2.10 Removal of Ambulance Trips

When the new Bridge is constructed, patients arriving at the helipad will no longer need to be transported by ambulance across Albany Street to the Emergency Department. They will instead travel through the new bridge and move directly across to the new connector at the Menino Pavilion and into the hospital. Closure of the one of the two lanes allowing reduction in this existing curb cut by half under the yellow utility tube will reduce vehicle conflicts on Albany Street and improve the pedestrian experience on the south side of the street.

# 4.4 Transportation Demand Management

Boston University Medical Center has consistently worked to reduce the number of drivealone trips to the medical area, both through efforts of the individual institutions and through TranSComm, the area's very active Transportation Management Association. TranSComm, founded in 1991, is in its 20th year of operation on the campus. TranSComm, BMC and BUMC have won several awards in recent years – the 2012 Mayor's Silver Award for Bike Friendly Business, a Silver Aware from the prestigious National League of American Cyclists and the "Pinnacle Award" for excellence in commuter options. They participate in several member sustainability committees including BMC's Green Committee, BUMC's Sustainability Committee and Boston University's Sustainability Committee (Charles River Campus).

As indicated in Section 4.3.2.3, existing employees and students at Boston University Medical Center have a significantly lower auto use than the BTD mode share rates, at only 28%. This rate reflects the strong transportation demand management program in effect. Through TransComm, Boston University Medical Center will continue to encourage and assist its employees, students, as well as patients and visitors to use many of the demand management and trip reduction programs offered. These are listed below.

♦ Boston Medical Center offers a 35% transit subsidy through payroll deduction to full-time employees who do not have parking permits.

- ♦ BU students can enroll in the MBTA's semester pass program through TranSComm and save 11%.
- Full-time BU employees who work on the Medical Campus may sign up for monthly MBTA passes through pre-tax payroll deduction. Up to \$230 per month is tax deductible.
- On-site non-discounted transit pass sales and schedules are provided.
- On-line transit and rideshare information is provided on the TranSComm Web site.
- ◆ A transit rider "read and ride" library is provided for commuters in the TranSComm office lobby.
- ◆ TranSComm works with the MBTA and BTD to improve bus service, wayfinding, and pedestrian safety around the campus.
- ♦ Boston University Medical Center provides 6 free shuttle services:
  - Inner Campus Shuttle for patients and visitors;
  - All-Day Medical Campus Shuttle for employees (which can also be used by neighbors in the South End)s;
  - o VA/Medical Center Shuttle (patients, medical staff);
  - o Evening Shuttle (to T stations and neighborhood for staff and students);
  - o Boston University Shuttle (the BUS), ten minute weekday service and fifteen minute weekend service for students, staff and faculty; and
  - o 610 Albany Shuttle to the employee parking garage.
- Since June 2007, preferential parking is provided for Carpool/Hybrid program participants on the first level of the 610 Albany Garage.
- ◆ TransComm is developing a new Guaranteed Ride Home program for carpoolers in 2013, ensuring that carpoolers will have a ride home in case of emergency.
- ◆ TranSComm participates in NuRide, a free website and tool provided by MassDOT to reward travelers for taking "green" trips i.e. walk, bike, telecommute, carpool, vanpool, subway, train, bus, or ferry trips, or even working a compressed week. Travelers log their transit, bus or walk trips to work on the website and are rewarded with discounts to stores, restaurants, entertainment, etc. NuRide also serves as the state's rideshare database for finding carpool partners.
- Gas-powered scooter parking for six scooters is provided in the 610 Albany Garage. Electric-powered scooters can park in the bike cages.

- o TransComm offers sheltered and secured bicycle parking at several locations, participation on the Annual Bike to Work/School week, a free Cyclists' Luncheon and a free Bike Safety Checkup.
- o Boston University Medical Center provides an on-site car-sharing service and two dedicated parking spaces for shared-use vehicles.
- o TranSComm installed two electric vehicle (EV) charging stations on the ground floor of the 710 Albany Garage in Spring 2012, one 120-volt and one 240-volt station. The stations are open to the public in return for paying the appropriate parking fee. TranSComm was one of 22 organizations to receive an EV grant offered by the Green Communities Division. The BMC/BUMC community can charge vehicles with free electricity until February 2014. In 2013, TranSComm has received funding to upgrade its one 120-volt station to 240-volts and to add two 240-volt stations so that there will be a total of four 240-volt stations in the garage. There are currently eight regular users, and the stations are also used by patients and visitors.
- ◆ TranSComm publishes a medical area walking map and offers neighborhood walks for the South End's medical history and South of Washington Area (SOWA) at lunchtime for employees and others. Besides designating short and long "neighborhood walking" loops covering areas like the Southwest Corridor Park, Discover Roxbury, Medical History, and the SOWA arts district, this map shows restaurants and community services such as ATM's and dry cleaners, as well as the mileage from BUMC to the neighboring MBTA stations.
- ♦ Boston University Medical Center, through TranSComm, publishes a periodic transportation newsletter and holds events to encourage its employees and students to use the alternative commuter transportation system. TranSComm also contributes a column in the Masscommuter newsletter once a year.

#### 4.5 Summary of IMP Transportation Impacts

The impetus for the IMP projects is to right-size clinical and support services to support new trends in health care delivery. The proposed Moakley Cancer Center Addition, the New Inpatient Building and the Administration/Clinical Building will allow for consolidation of departments, improvement of operational adjacencies, and improvement of the patient care environment by modernizing current uses in outdated facilities on campus. Although there is new program space created, a portion of it will replace current uses on the campus and is not expected to generate additional trips. Furthermore, there are no transportation related impacts associated with the Energy Facility and New Patient Transport Bridge projects.

#### 4.5.1 Summary of Findings

The IMP Amendment analyzes impacts to the original 2019 horizon year from the 2010 IMP. For a more accurate understanding of how the IMP projects will impact traffic, it is important to note that the largest traffic generator – the New Inpatient Building – will not be completed until near the expiration of the IMP. IMP traffic and parking analyses currently show that there exist approximately 500 spaces within the current supply of owned and leased parking spaces to accommodate the parking demand for additional development over the second half of the IMP. Additionally, the traffic analysis shows there is no significant degradation in intersection operations.

Within the 10-year time frame of the IMP, growth not associated with the medical area combined with IMP developments on the BUMC Campus and the BioSquare campus will impact operations only at a few intersections. However, of the intersections studied in the Build condition, all will have overall peak hour operations at acceptable levels (above LOS D), with only a few approaches operating below that level. Although the IMP developments will place further demands on existing parking resources, the campus parking ratio will still be generally in line with BTD ratios at 0.72 spaces per 1,000 s.f. Boston University Medical Center will continue to implement parking management strategies that have proven to be effective as evidenced by steadily decreasing auto use. Boston University Medical Center's goal is to ensure that BUMC Campus parking needs do not encroach on the available supply of on-street parking in the neighborhood.

Recognizing the potential of these impacts, Boston University Medical Center proposes to review each project in detail as the programs are more clearly defined and as they move into design review through the Article 80 Large Project Review process. This process will also allow new traffic data to be collected and recalibrated to existing conditions and new projects so that traffic impacts can be accurately assessed and planned.

#### 4.5.2 Proposed Mitigation and Long Term Sustainability

Boston University Medical Center realizes the effect of the IMP development to its campus roadways and knows it is necessary to manage transportation demand while improving the transportation network in order to maintain good access for its employees and patients, and maintain access to its high level of care.

When addressing the transportation impacts in the study area for projects associated with the IMP, our recommended approach is to evaluate the project impacts and the transportation networks as individual projects advance. As each project is permitted and implemented, Boston University Medical Center will identify and mitigate individual project impacts while considering the overall transportation operations in the study area.

Because the IMP horizon year is distant and development needs and goals of the Medical Center change depending on public need, this project based mitigation approach will ensure that the measures used to offset impacts are administered efficiently and at the most effective locations.

To accomplish this, Boston University Medical Center, through the Article 80 Large Project Review process, will present detailed building programs, design options, and measures to mitigate impacts as the programs for each project are advanced through planning and design. It is believed that this approach will be an effective collaboration of design development and City and Community review that will allow for the most efficient project mitigation measures.

Boston University Medical Center has identified transportation improvement goals for the master plan time frame and will continue to advance important mitigation commitments made previously in the form of policies and management actions. **Table 4-17** lists transportation mitigation elements that Boston University Medical Center is proposing to pursue in order to ensure that future development can be sustained at the BUMC Campus with minimal impact to the neighborhood.

 Table 4-17
 Proposed Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Plan

IMPROVEMENT ELEMENT		DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE/BENEFIT
Tra	ffic Management Plan / Local	Street Network Improvements	
1	Relocation of West Campus Central Loading Dock	Consolidation and interim relocation of the Menino Pavilion and Newton Pavilion loading docks on the north side of Albany Street to the south side of Albany Street in front of the existing Power Plant.	Access will occur from BioSquare Drive removing trucks from Albany Street. This will improve roadway operations and pedestrian movement along Albany Street.
2	Relocation of Emergency Department walk-in and passenger vehicle (non- ambulance) pick-up and drop-off	Relocation from the rear of the Menino Pavilion to the northwest corner of the Shapiro Building courtyard.	Allows more room for ambulances at Dowling Building and facilitates valet parking for emergency department drop-off and pick-up.
3	Reduction in Curb cuts	Goal to reduce number of curb cuts in front of the Emergency Department and Trauma Center entrance along Albany Street upon development of the New Inpatient Building.	Improve pedestrian experience along edge of Albany Street. Improve vehicular access and safety reduces confusion and traffic back-ups into the roadway.
4	Sidewalk and Streetscape Improvements	Additional improvements along Albany Street including installing new sidewalk paving, street trees, lighting, signage, etc. as each new development project is advanced.	Establish a unified streetscape to assist patients and visitors in wayfinding. This will improve pedestrian safety and movement and create better connectivity to future developments across Massachusetts Avenue.
5	Regional Highway Access	Implement the Southbound Frontage Road connection, continue to support additional access and connectivity from the BUMC Campus to the regional highway system.	Allows access for vehicles from the regional roadway network to access at BioSquare Drive removing traffic from Albany Street and the local street network.
6	Improved Access to Bus Stops	Continue to work with the MBTA to provide improved bus shelters and pedestrian connections to the MBTA bus stops within the Medical Center	Will encourage shift in employee and student mode share from auto to transit use.
<u>Par</u>	king Management Plan		
1	Employee Parking Pricing	Continue to evaluate and charge market rates for employee parking.	Encourages transit use and will reduce parking demand.
2	Off-site Employee Parking Options	Continue to evaluate off-site locations for employee parking as needed.	Encourages transit use and removes employee vehicles from medical area roadways.

# **Transportation Demand Management Plan**

1	Maintain active role in TransComm	Continue to encourage and assist BUMC Campus employees, students, patients and visitors as well as other area institutions and businesses to use many of the demand management programs offered.	Will encourage shift in employee and student mode share from auto to alternative modes such as transit, bicycle, and walk.
2	Employee Transit Subsidy	35% transit pass subsidy to employees .	Will encourage shift in employee mode share from auto to transit.
4	Bicycle Parking	Continue to install bicycle racks and cages throughout the campus where feasible. Will install short-term bicycle racks for new projects where feasible.	Will encourage shift in employee and student mode share from auto to bicycle.
5	Zip-Car	Coordinate with Zip-Car representatives to continue discounted membership for BU Medical Campus, BMC and its affiliates. Maintain 1 vehicle as a hybrid vehicle.	Will encourage shift in employee and student mode share from auto to transit and improve air quality.
Cit	y Planning Initiatives / Comm	nunity Benefits	
1	Community Parking Benefit	Provide reduced rate evening public parking, and free evening public parking during snow emergencies.	Will continue to offer this benefit to resident neighbors and the local community.
2	Support Transit Service Improvements	Through TranSComm, continue to work with the MBTA to promote transit service improvements such as the Urban Ring project, and the Indigo Commuter Rail Line.	Will improve access for employees and student to transit service at the Medical Center and encourage shift in auto use to transit.
3	South Bay Harbor Trail	Continue campus planning to accommodate connections to the City's South Bay Harbor Trail project.	Will encourage walking and bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation for the surrounding community with connections to other city neighborhoods along the Boston Harbor.
Sus	tainability		
1	Bicycle User Group	Through TranSComm, a network of cyclists work together to improve biking on the campus.	Will encourage employee, student as well as patient and visitor shift in auto use to bicycle. Helps promote bicycling as an important health benefit.
2	Carpool and Hybrid Program	Offer designated and priority parking for carpool and hybrid cars.	Will encourages employees to not drive alone and relieves traffic congestion and improves air quality.
3	Walking Initiative	Continue to promote walking programs in coordination with WalkBoston	Will encourage employee, student, patient and visitor shift from auto use to transit and walking. Encourage walking as an important health benefit.
4	Electric Car Charging Stations	Two implemented, two to be added	Encourages use of alternative modes by employees, patients and visitors

# **Section 5**

# 5.0 COORDINATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

#### 5.1 Introduction

As IMP projects move forward, the Proponents will initiate consultation with other governmental agencies as required.

#### 5.1.1 Architectural Access Board Requirements

IMP projects that involve new occupiable space or modifications to the public realm (e.g., sidewalk improvements) will comply with requirements of the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board, and will be designed to comply with the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

#### 5.1.2 Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act

The renewal or the approval of a new Institutional Master Plan by the BRA is not a trigger under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act and the Regulations set forth in 301 CMR 11, and the filing of the IMP will not require a simultaneous filing with the MEPA office. However, as in the past when a proposed institutional project is the subject of a filing with the BRA as a project within an Institutional Master Plan Application and is subject to MEPA, Boston University Medical Center will meet with the MEPA office to coordinate the filing of documentation required by MEPA, including, if necessary, an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") or Notice of Project Change ("NPC") for a proposed project. The ENF or NPC will be consistent with the project documentation filed with the BRA for such proposed institutional project.

# 5.1.3 Massachusetts Historical Commission / South End Landmark District Commission

In the event that a proposed institutional project requires state permits or receives state funding such as HEFA bond financing, such action will require the filing and consultation with the Massachusetts Historical Commission ("MHC"). As in the past, Boston University Medical Center has filed copies of the relevant documentation, including an ENF or PNF, with MHC to seek MHC approval of the proposed project.

The majority of the land and buildings in the BUMC IMP are located within the South End Harrison/Albany Protection Area of the South End ("Protection Area"). Activities relating to demolition, land coverage, height of structure, topography and landscaping are subject to review by the South End Landmarks District Commission ("SELDC"). Boston University Medical Center will submit an application for a certificate of design approval to the SELDC for each proposed project when Article 80B Large Project Review is initiated for each project.

# 5.1.4 Boston Civic Design Commission

The Proponent will meet with the Boston Civic Design Commission (BCDC) to review the proposed Institutional Master Plan Amendment and the IMP Large Project Review documentation. The IMP Amendment and IMP Large Project Review documentation will be submitted to the BCDC by the BRA in accordance with the provisions of Article 28 of the Boston Zoning Code.

### 5.1.5 Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities

The Proponent will meet with the Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities to review proposed pedestrian improvement plans as each IMP project moves forward. The Commission will be consulted with to ensure that paths of travel are designed for universal accessibility and will comply with the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

#### 5.1.6 Boston Groundwater Trust

The proposed IMP projects are located within the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District ("GCOD"). Boston University Medical Center will incorporate systems into the proposed IMP projects that meet the groundwater conservation standards set forth in Article 32 of the Boston Zoning Code. Boston University Medical Center will obtain a written determination from the Boston Water and Sewer Commission as to whether said standards are met and will provide a copy of this letter to the BRA and the Boston Groundwater Trust prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Consistency. Accordingly, Boston University Medical Center comply with the requirements of Article 32 and so will not be required to obtain a conditional use permit from the Board of Appeal for its proposed IMP projects.

#### 5.1.7 Other Permits and Approvals

Anticipated permits and approvals for the proposed IMP projects are identified in Section 2.4 Table 2-2.

# **Section 6**

# 6.0 RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

Nine (9) comment letters were submitted by City of Boston public agencies, neighborhood groups and community members on the IMP Amendment Notification Form / Project Notification Form during the comment period. This section addresses the individual comments within each comment letter. Each comment within each letter is numbered and responses are provided below. As required by the BRA Scoping Determination dated July 23, 2013, the following is the full response to such comments. The Scoping Determination and copy of each comment letter is included in Appendix F.

Table 6.1 IMP Amendment Notification Form / Project Notification Form Comment Letters

Commenters	Abbreviation
City Agencies	
Boston Redevelopment Authority Urban Design - IMP Amendment	BRA
Boston Redevelopment Authority Urban Design - Project Notification Form	BRA
Boston Redevelopment Authority Environmental Reviewer	BER
Article 37 Interagency Green Building Committee	IGBC
Boston Public Health Commission	ВРНС
Boston Water & Sewer Commission	BWSC
Task Force and Community	BWSC
Michael J. Crowley, Task Force Member	MJC
Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association, Christos Hamawi, Task Force Member	WSANA
Glen A Berkowitz, South End Resident, Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association	GAB

# **BRA Urban Design - IMP Amendment**

#### **BRA.1** Newton Pavilion Uses

Since closure of the Emergency Department on the East Clinical Campus, the Newton Pavilion continues to be occupied with clinical uses and will continue through the completion of the proposed Projects. Boston Medical Center is currently conducting detailed planning studies for the programming and use of the buildings located in the east zone including the Newton Pavilion. An update on the planning effort and future use will be provided upon completion of the studies and included in the next IMP 2 year update. Please see Section 1.6.5.

# BRA.2 Changes in Campus Circulation with Relocation of Uses

The campus pedestrian and vehicular circulation will remain as is through the completion of the proposed Projects. The East Campus Clinical is still occupied by various clinical departments and therefore patients, staff, students and visitors still travel to this location. Patient, staff, students, and visitors will continue to park in the existing parking garages and surface lots on the campus. Campus circulation will be simplified when the consolidation to the west is complete as patients, visitors and

staff will navigate to one clinical campus. Boston Medical Center is currently conducting detailed planning studies for the programming and use of the buildings located in the east zone including the Newton Pavilion. An update on the planning effort and future use will be provided upon completion of the studies and included in the next IMP 2 year update.

#### BRA.3 DOB Current and Anticipated Uses

Many clinical spaces were relocated to the Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center with the completion of that building. Upon Completion of the proposed Projects, the majority of remaining clinical spaces will be relocated. The future anticipated use being considered is general administration. Please see Section 1.6.5.

#### BRA.4 Potential Future of the Preston Building

The Preston Building is fully occupied with clinical departments and will remain. BMC is considering opportunities for future ground floor retail. An update will be provided in the next IMP 2 year update.

#### BRA.5 Pedestrian Connectivity between Clinical and Academic

Clinical functions will remain at the East Campus Clinical through the completion of the proposed Projects. Additionally, The Preston Family Building and the BU Goldman School of Dental Medicine will remain on the East Campus where patients, staff, students and visitors will continue to visit. Therefore pedestrian connectivity will remain similar as it is today. Change in clinical locations to the West will not have an effect on the synergy among BMC and the BU Medical Campus. Campus circulation will be simplified when the consolidation to the West is complete as patients, staff, and students and will navigate to one clinical campus. See Section 1.6.4 and 1.6.5 and 1.8.3.2.

#### BRA.6 Current and Projected Need for Administrative Space

One of the goals of the IMP is to locate clinical administration uses, i.e. doctor's offices, medical administration, resident spaces, etc., proximate to the clinical core, and general administration uses, i.e. finance, IT, etc. on the perimeter. As part of the master plan BMC will move clinical administration that is currently located on the outer perimeter in proximity to the clinical core and move general administration into those locations on the perimeter. BMC is currently studying the appropriate locations within the campus for general administration space. BMC will continue to study its need for administration space and will provide an update in the next IMP 2 year update. Please see Table 1-2, Section 1.6.5 and Section 1.7.2

#### BRA.7 Relocation of Uses from 761 Harrison Avenue

761 Harrison Avenue continues to be privately owned and operated as market rate apartments. Boston University is no longer leasing the market rate units.

Albany Fellows has been permitted for future development of approximately 358,500 square feet which may include student housing.

#### BRA.8 Public Realm Design Guidelines

Please see Section 1.8.3.5 for a detailed discussion.

#### BRA.9 East Newton Street

The Harrison-Albany Corridor Strategic Plan specifically highlights East Newton Street as a "green corridor," providing way-finding and sponsoring pedestrian connections as well as "place making opportunities" where East Newton bisects Harrison and where it engages Albany Street. When the proposed Projects are complete, and the Proponent completes its planning for the East Campus Clinical, the planning for the role of East Newton Street will be clarified. The Proponent will incorporate the streetscape improvements consistent with the planning principles and streetscape guidelines (specifically type B) established in the Harrison-Albany Corridor Strategic Plan.

#### BRA.10 Perkin Elmer Site and Buildings

The Perkin Elmer site is comprised of buildings located at 575 Albany Street, 123 E. Dedham Street, and 100 E. Canton Street. The site includes a surface parking lot. See Table 1-2, Figure 1-5 and Section 1.2.7. Please see Section 1.6.5 also for future use discussion.

#### BRA.11 New Inpatient Building Programmatic Changes

The program is consistent with the program outlined in the 2010 IMP. The change is a phased approach to implementing this building which allows BMC to complete the consolidation of critical clinical components and the expansion and consolidation of the Emergency Department and Trauma Center in the first phase if the IMP.

#### BRA.12 Administration / Clinical Building Changes

With the relocation of the Energy Facility to the west of the existing Power Plant, the Power Plant can be demolished allowing for a more flexible development site. Without the constraints of the existing Power Plant, the site allows for a more appropriate siting and massing of the Administration / Clinical building.

This building is sized to accommodate the administrative office needs as a result of the demolition of the Dowling building for the construction of the New Inpatient Building Phase 2. BMC's existing administration programs will be relocated from the Dowling building as well as planning for future clinical growth.

Please see Sections 1.6.5 and 1.7.2 for more information.

# BRA Urban Design – Project Notification Form

#### BRA.1 Moakley Cancer Center Addition Site Plans

Please see Section 3.1.2 and Figures 3-15 and 3-16.

# BRA.2 Moakley Cancer Center Addition Design and Studies

Please see Section 3.1.2 and Figures 3-3 through 3-14.

#### **BRA.3** Moakley Cancer Center Addition Elevations and Perspectives

Please see Section 3.1.2 and Figures 3-3 through 3-14.

# BRA.4 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Site Plans

Please see Section 3.1.3 and Figures 3-24 and 3-25.

#### BRA.5 New Inpatient Building Phase 1 Design and Materials

Please see Section 3.1.3 and Figures 3-22 and 3-23.

#### **BRA.6** New Inpatient Building Perspectives

Please see Section 3.1.3 and Figures 3-20 and 3-21.

#### **BRA.7** Energy Facility

Due to new regulatory requirements associated with the Energy Facility there is the need for additional design and analysis, therefore the Energy Facility will file a separate Draft Project Impact Report at a later date.

#### **BRA.8** New Patient Transport Bridge Design and Materials

Please see Section 3.1.5 and Figures 3-31 through 3-36.

#### BRA.9 New Patient Transport Bridge Site Plans

Please see Section 3.1.5 and Figures 3-37, 3-38 and 3-39.

#### BRA.10 New Patient Transport Bridge Perspectives

Please see Section 3.1.5 and Figures 3-33 through 3-36.

#### **BRA Environmental Reviewer**

#### BER.1 Wind

A qualitative wind analysis was performed by Rowan Williams Davies & Irwin Inc. for the Moakley Cancer Center Addition, the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 and the New Patient Transport Bridge. The report concludes that the proposed projects are expected to meet the effective gust criterion and suitable wind conditions are predicted on an annual basis around much of the site including where main entrances and sidewalks are located. Please see Section 3.3.1 and Appendix B for additional information.

#### BER.2 Shadow

The proposed Projects will not create significant adverse impacts on public open spaces and pedestrian areas, including, but not limited to, the sidewalks and pedestrian walkways within, adjacent to, and in the vicinity of the proposed Projects and the existing and proposed plazas, historic resources and open space areas within the vicinity of the Project sites. Please see Section 3.3.3 and Appendix C for more information.

#### BER.3 Daylight

The Project sites are located within a dense urban environment surrounded by buildings of similar height and massing as the proposed projects. Due to the existing configuration of the project sites, minimal impacts to daylight obstruction are anticipated. Please see Section 3.3.2.

#### BER.4 Solar Glare

Building exteriors are expected to be constructed of a combination of brick, stone precast concrete and non-reflective glass. Therefore, the Projects are not expected to create solar glare impacts on area roadways and sidewalks or solar heat buildup in nearby buildings. If the design should change significantly where reflective materials may be used, the Proponent will provide a solar glare analysis. Please see Section 3.3.4.

#### BER.5 Air Quality

Due to new regulatory requirements associated with the Energy Facility there is the need for additional design and analysis, therefore the Energy Facility will file a separate Draft Project Impact Report at a later date.

The Moakley Center Cancer Addition and the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will not result in the addition of any mechanical equipment with any combustion related-emissions (e.g., boilers, emergency generators, cooling towers, etc.). Therefore, the proposed Projects will not have air quality impacts. Please see Section 3.3.5 for more information.

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#### BER.6 Noise

Due to new regulatory requirements associated with the Energy Facility there is the need for additional design and analysis, therefore the Energy Facility will file a separate Draft Project Impact Report at a later date.

The results of the noise monitoring program for the Moakley Cancer Center Addition and the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 indicate that predicted noise levels from mechanical equipment, with appropriate noise control, will comply with MassDEP noise limits as well as the most stringent City of Boston Noise Zoning requirements for nighttime and daytime residential zones. Please see Section 3.3.6 for more information.

#### BER.7 Groundwater

The proposed Projects will meet with requirements of Article 32 and the projects will not cause reduction in groundwater levels on the sites or on adjoining lots. The Proponent will provide the required certification per Article 32 by an engineer registered in Massachusetts when the project design is complete. Please see Section 3.6.4.2 for a detailed discussion of the proposed groundwater infiltration gallery systems and Figures 3-40 and 3-41.

#### BER.8 Sustainable Design / Green Buildings

The proposed Projects will be designed to comply with Article 37 of the Boston Zoning Code. Please see Section 3.2 for more information and Appendix D for LEED Checklists.

# **Article 37 Interagency Green Building Committee**

#### IGBC.1 LEED NC vs LEED 2009 for Healthcare New Construction/Renovation

Through further consideration and analysis, the Proponent has decided to pursue LEED for Healthcare (v3) for the proposed Projects. See Section 3.2 and LEED Checklists in Appendix D.

#### IGBC.2 Description of How LEED Credits will be Obtained

Please see Section 3.2 for a narrative description on approach.

#### IGBC.3 Retrofit of Diesel Construction Vehicles

The Construction Management Plan (CMP) that will be submitted to the BTD for review and approval prior to issuance of a building permit will include the retrofit of all diesel construction vehicles.

#### IGBC.4 Outdoor Construction Management Plan

The CMP will include the retrofit of all diesel construction vehicles, and will develop and implement provisions for wheel washing, the covering of trucks, monitoring of actual construction practices to ensure that unnecessary transfers and mechanical disturbances of loose materials are minimized, periodic street and sidewalk cleaning with water to minimize dust accumulations. Signage for anti-idling will also be included within the CMP.

#### IGBC.5 Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)

The CMP include a plan to manage pests. A rodent extermination certificate will be filed with the building permit application to the City. Rodent inspection monitoring and treatment will be carried out before, during, and at the completion of all construction work for the proposed Project, in compliance with the City's requirements. Rodent extermination prior to work start-up will consist of treatment of areas throughout the site. During the construction process, regular service visits will be made.

# **Boston Public Health Commission**

#### BPHC.1 Indoor Air Environmental Quality

Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) is of priority concern in a health care environment. The Proponent will implement many strategies to achieve optimal IAQ. Buildings will have mechanically ventilated spaces and will meet FGI Guidelines for Design & Construction of Healthcare Facilities, hazardous materials management plans will be implemented for renovations, CO2 monitoring will be in place, "sound isolation" acoustic control measures, creation and implementation of a Construction IAQ Management Plan during construction and pre-occupancy, use of Low-Emitting Materials, Pollutant Source Control measures, lighting and thermal comfort controls, initiating post-occupancy evaluations to monitor thermal comfort and providing daylight where possible. Smoking shall be prohibited within the building and within 50'-0" project's perimeter and shall be relegated to designated smoking facilities owned and maintained by BMC on its property. Signage shall reinforce this policy at entrances and shall lead smokers to designated areas.

#### BPHC.2 Pedestrian and Bike Connectivity to the Newmarket Commuter Rail Station

The Newmarket Commuter Rail station is currently under construction. When this station is complete, BUMC will consider incorporating elements for pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and, through TransComm, will continue to work with the MBTA to improve way finding. An update will be provided in the next 2 year IMP update.

# **BPHC.3** Active Design Principles

BMC is supportive of Active Design Principles and strives to implement these principles in all of its buildings. BMC has installed large monumental stairs in the lobbies of the Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center, the Moakley Cancer Care Center, and the Newton Pavilion. These stairs are visible from the building entries and positioned in such a way to have visible priority over elevators to promote stair use. Future projects under the IMP will be designed in accordance with these principles. BMC also provides access to active space on its campus as represented by its many open spaces for patients, staff, students and visitors. BMC also promotes walking programs in coordination with WalkBoston and promotes a bicycle program with information on its website.

#### BPHC.4 Expansion of TransComm

Boston University Medical Center will explore opportunities to expand TranSComm program to other area employers within immediate proximity to the campus.

#### **BPHC.5** Additional Pedestrian Safety Improvements

As part of the proposed Projects, significant improvements will be made to the pedestrian environment along Albany Street to improve the experience and accessibility. New paving materials, lighting, landscape and wayfinding elements will be installed and curb cuts will be reduced providing for safe pedestrian travel. BMC will continue to review areas around its campus edges for pedestrian safety improvements as future IMP projects are advanced. BMC is also actively engaged with Boston Center for Independent Living (BCIL) to improve campus accessibility. Please see Section 1.8.3.5 and 1.8.3.8 that discuss improvements to the Public Realm.

#### **BPHC.6** Energy Facility Local Air Quality Impacts

Due to new regulatory requirements associated with the Energy Facility there is the need for additional design and analysis, therefore the Energy Facility will file a separate Draft Project Impact Report at a later date.

# BPHC.7 Energy Facility Siting and Outreach to Utilizers of the Campus

Due to new regulatory requirements associated with the Energy Facility there is the need for additional design and analysis, therefore the Energy Facility will file a separate Draft Project Impact Report at a later date.

#### **Boston Water & Sewer Commission**

#### BWSC.1 Site Plan and General Service Application Review

The Proponent will submit to the Commission the required plans, details and supplemental documents as required through the Boston Water and Sewer

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Commission's Site Plan Review process.

#### BWSC.2 Water Demand, Wastewater Generation, and Stormwater Runoff

The Proponent will provide the requested estimates and quantities as part of the Site Plan Review process.

#### BWSC.3 Capacity of Water, Sewer, and Storm Drainage Systems

The DPIR provides an evaluation of water, sewer and storm drainage systems. The Proponent will update the analysis of the proposed Project's impacts on these systems as part of the Site Plan Review process.

#### BWSC.4 Water Mains, Sewers & Storm Drains

The Proponent will submit to the Commission the required plans, details and supplemental documents as required through the Boston Water and Sewer Commission's Site Plan Review process and General Services Application.

#### **BWSC.5** Project Design 50 Percent Complete

The Project's civil engineer met with BWSC to review the Project's preliminary design. The Proponent will continue to meet with BWSC as the design progresses to ensure compliance with the Commission's requirements.

#### BWSC.6 Termination Verification Approval Form for a Demolition Permit

The Proponent ensures that before any structures are demolished, existing water and sewer connections will be cut and capped in accordance with the Commission's standard. The Proponent will submit to the Commission the required Termination Verification Approval Form for a Demolition Permit and will also submit this to the City of Boston's Inspectional Services Department before a Demolition Permit will be issued.

#### **BWSC.7** Grease Traps

The Proponent will consult with the Commission prior to preparing plans for required grease traps for cafeteria or kitchen facilities, if applicable, in accordance with the Commission's Sewer Use Regulations.

#### BWSC.8 DEP Infiltration/Inflow Reduction

The Proponent will work with BWSC to identify improvements and an inflow reduction plan.

# BWSC.9 Drainage from building roofs and impervious areas

The Site Plan for the Proposed Project will show the roof drains and site drains and their destinations. See Section 3.6.4.2 for a detailed discussion regarding the stormwater management and recharge design and Figures 3-40 and 3-41 for the schematic plans of the proposed groundwater infiltration gallery systems.

#### BWSC.10 Groundwater Conservation Overlay District (GCOD)

The proposed projects will comply with Article 32 and plans will include the provisions for retaining stormwater and directing the stormwater to the groundwater table for recharge. Please see Sections 3.3.8 and 3.6.4.2.

#### BWSC.11 NPDES General Permit for Construction and Pollution Prevention Plan

If required, the Proponent will obtain a NPDES Permit and prepare a pollution prevention plan. A copy of the Notice of Intent and pollution prevention plan will be provided to the Commission prior to the commencement of construction.

#### BWSC.12 MassDEP Performance Standard for Stormwater Management

The Proponent will work with the Commission to ensure the proposed projects meet MassDEP's Stormwater Management Standards.

#### **BWSC.13** Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

The Proponent will develop and submit a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan which will comply with the Commission's requirements.

#### **BWSC.14** Construction Dewatering Discharge

The Proponent will obtain all required discharge permits.

#### **BWSC.15** Stormwater Quality

The Proponent will explore additional opportunities for protecting stormwater quality by minimizing sanding and the use of deicing chemicals, pesticides, and fertilizers.

#### BWSC.16 Installation of Meter Transmitting Unit (MTU)

The Proponent will coordinate with the Commission's Meter Installation Department regarding the installation and connection of the MTU.

#### **BWSC.17** Water Conservation

The Project is located in the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District. Stormwater captured in the recharge system will be used to recharge the groundwater. The Proponent will give preference to low-flow fixtures where allowable by code and

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within infection control boundaries. Strategies shall also be explored where waste from one use can be harvested for another use to minimize water footprint.

### **BWSC.18** Hydrant Permit

The Proponent will contact the Commission's Operations Division for information regarding Hydrant Permits.

# Michael J. Crowley, Task Force Member

#### MJC.3 Proposed New Bridge Architectural Treatment & Alternate Structural Support

In an effort to create a lighter form and minimize the massing, the design team has made design advancements since the filing of the PNF. A thinner steel structure is now proposed with a simple curtain wall system to promote the idea of lightness of the new Bridge. A subtle lighting solution will be employed at key locations to accent portions of the Bridge's structure and underside. Please see Section 3.1.5 for more information.

#### MJC.4 Retail Opportunities

As part of BMC's detailed planning studies for the programming and use of the buildings located in the East Campus Clinical zone, new retail opportunities are being considered for the ground floor of the Preston Building. This potential programming would influence landscaping in this area and would be consistent with the Harrison-Albany Corridor Strategic Plan vision to create "place making opportunities" where East Newton bisects Harrison. Please see Section 1.8.3.6.

An update on the planning effort and future use will be provided upon completion of the studies and included in the next IMP 2 year update.

# **Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association**

#### WSANA.1 Public Safety

Boston University Medical Center is committed to ensuring a safe environment for its patients, staff, visitors, and students. Boston University Medical Center understands the issues raised by the community and is amenable to participating in a forum including WSANA, Boston Public Health Commission, and Boston Police Department to discuss public safety concerns.

#### WSANA.2 Massachusetts Avenue Median Landscaping

Boston University Medical Center maintains its commitment to campus beautification projects such as this one. Boston University Medical Center recognizes the challenges with the plantings along the median and has been actively replacing

plantings with different species that may be better suited for the area. Boston University Medical Center will continue this effort and consult with a landscape architect to determine most appropriate plant species that can survive with less watering. As the maintenance agreement nears the end of its 10 year term, Boston University Medical Center will be open for discussion in regards to an extension.

# WSANA.3 Proposed Moakley Cancer Center Addition/Alpert Garden

BMC is committed to maintaining its existing open spaces, replacing when necessary, and creating new where feasible. As part of the IMP, BMC will implement new open spaces consistent with the quality it has previously provided through prior master plan improvements with particular focus on Albany Street. New open space added as part of the IMP will total approximately 8,000 square feet in space. Please see Section 1.8.3.3.

The Moakley Cancer Center Addition is necessary to accommodate expansion needs for the Otolaryngology Department which has significantly outgrown its current space, the need to accommodate space for Ambulatory surgery and Digestive Disorders. All of these ambulatory services are not compatible with the clinical environment of the Yawkey and Menino buildings which require very different services. Options BMC considered included locating these ambulatory services in the Yawkey basement, which location was found not to be conducive to the requirements for patient care. BMC considered expanding the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of Yawkey but it was inadequate and expanding Menino was deemed undesirable as it is an inpatient building. BMC considered expanding the Yawkey footprint towards Harrison but felt strongly that the community would not support a building closer to the neighborhood.

#### WSANA.4 Harrison Avenue Landscape Improvements

BMC will install a planting buffer along the Preston and Doctors Office Building along Harrison Avenue to shield the mechanical equipment from the neighborhood and improve the pedestrian experience. Please see Section 1.8.3.6 and Figure 1-15 for more detail.

#### WSANA.5 Helipad Location

BMC will continue to study feasible locations for the helipad that best serve the patient safety needs while also understanding the sensitivity of the neighborhood. This analysis will be updated when the future Administration / Clinical Building is ready to move forward.

#### WSANA.6 Shuttle Service between BUMC and Andrew Square Red Line MBTA Stop

BUMC through TanSComm currently provides evening shuttle service upon request from a central stop at 710 Albany Street to the Andrew station in South Boston. In addition, seven MBTA bus routes provide service to the medical area one of which is CT #3 which provides service to Andrew station. Please see Section 4.2.6.1, Figure 4-8, Table 4-5 and Section 4.2.6.4 for more information.

#### WSANA.7 Green Initiatives

As discussed in the 2010 IMP (See Section 5.1.13 of the 2010 IMP), the BMC Green Committee and the BU Medical Campus Sustainability Committee oversee the direction, development, and implementation of sustainable programs and policies through its campus. The future Energy Facility represents BUMC's commitment to a sustainable development and is consistent with the City of Boston's Climate Action Plan.

The proposed Moakley Cancer Center Addition and New Inpatient Building Phase 1 will be designed to comply with Article 37 of the Boston Zoning Code. Please see Section 3.2 for more information and Appendix D for LEED Checklists.

BMC will continue to explore where the application of vegetated roofs may be practical on its buildings. Many times it is not feasible on medical buildings due to the requirements for rooftop mechanical equipment. However, BMC is considering high emissivity roof material and building roofs will be designed to comply with Solar Reflectance Index (SRI) values for low-sloped roofs.

# Glen A. Berkowitz, Worcester Square Neighborhood Association

#### GAB.1 Feasibility of Below Grade Tunnel in Lieu of Patient Transport Bridge

Please see Sections 1.2.4 and 1.2.5 for detailed discussion regarding patient transport and underground tunnels. As part Phase 1 of the proposed IMP Projects, BMC will use the new Bridge for patient transport for the reasons described in Section 1.2.4. When the future Administration / Clinical Building is developed and the loading service and materials handling is moved to its final location, as discussed in Section 1.2.5, BMC will construct a new below grade tunnel for material handling and the new Bridge will continue to serve as patient transport and will connect patients, staff and visitors to the north side of Albany Street.

#### GAB.2 Alternatives to Siting of Moakley Cancer Center Addition

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#### GAB.3 Alpert Garden

One of the unique characteristics of Boston University Medical Center is the amount and quality of its open spaces, virtually unprecedented on urban hospital campuses. While examining equivalent medical institutions within the City of Boston, the amount of green space on the BUMC Campus is comparable and in some cases much greater than what is being provided elsewhere. BMC is committed to maintaining its existing open spaces, replacing when necessary, and creating new where feasible. As part of the IMP, BMC will implement new open spaces consistent with the quality it has previously provided through prior master plan improvements. New open space added as part of the IMP will total approximately 8,000 square feet in space. Please see Section 1.8.3.

#### GAB.4 Harrison Avenue between E. Concord and E. Brookline Streets Improvements

BMC will install a planting buffer along the Preston and Doctors Office Building along Harrison Avenue to shield the mechanical equipment from the neighborhood and improve the pedestrian experience. Please see Section 1.8.3.6 and Figure 1-15 for more detail.

#### GAB.5 Massachusetts Avenue Median Landscaping

Boston University Medical Center maintains its commitment to campus beautification projects such as this one. Boston University Medical Center recognizes the challenges with the plantings along the median and has been actively replacing plantings with different species that may be better suited for the area. Boston University Medical Center will continue this effort and consult with a landscape architect to determine most appropriate plant species that can survive with less watering. As the maintenance agreement nears the end of its 10 year term, Boston University Medical Center will be open for discussion in regards to an extension.

#### GAB.6 Energy Facility Environmental Impacts and Mitigation

Due to new regulatory requirements associated with the Energy Facility there is the need for additional design and analysis, therefore the Energy Facility will file a separate Draft Project Impact Report at a later date.

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#### GAB.7 NOx Credits

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# GAB.8 Mitigation for Increased PM2.5

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# **Appendix A**

# APPENDIX A BOSTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER INSTITUTIONAL MASTER PLAN BACKGROUND / HISTORY

#### A.1 2000 Boston University Medical Center IMP Overview

The original Boston University Medical Center Institutional Master Plan was approved by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on May 18, 2000 and the Boston Zoning Commission on June 28, 2000, effective July 13, 2000. Boston University Medical Center is comprised of Boston Medical Center ("BMC") and Boston University Medical Campus ("BU Medical Campus") which includes three of Boston University's health science schools – the School of Medicine, Goldman School of Dental Medicine; and the School of Public Health.

Only one new construction project, the Medical Services Center, was contemplated as part of the 2000 BUMC IMP. The Medical Services Center included a five-story, 92,010 square foot outpatient care center to be located northeast of the Menino Pavilion and related circulation, parking and landscaping improvements. The circulation system included a two-way interior road connecting to both Harrison Avenue and Albany Street. The then existing 176 parking spaces on the site were reconfigured to accommodate 111 spaces. A new 32,000 square foot landscaped courtyard was proposed off Harrison Avenue and East Concord Street between building BCD and FGH. The project also included the demolition of the Thorndike, Administration and Sears Buildings, and the renovation of Buildings BCD and FGH. While the building demolition activities occurred and buildings BCD and FGH have been preserved, the Medical Services Center building was never constructed. However, the 2003 Second Amendment, as described below, substituted the Medical Services Center with the Moakley Medical Services Building.

The Boston University Medical Center Institutional Master Plan Renewal was approved by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on June 22, 2010 and the Boston Zoning Commission on August 4, 2010. Boston University Medical Center is comprised of Boston Medical Center ("BMC") and Boston University Medical Campus ("BU Medical Campus") which includes three of Boston University's health science schools – the School of Medicine, Goldman School of Dental Medicine; and the School of Public Health.

Three new construction projects were contemplated as part of the 2010 BUMC IMP.

- Energy Facility Construct an approximately 48,000 s.f. building on the existing surface parking lot located to the east of the Power Plant to improve energy efficiencies, ensure reliability, and support greener campus growth.
- ◆ Administration/Clinical Building Construct an approximately 160,000 s.f. building on the surface parking lot located on the north side of the Power Plant

along Albany Street to consolidate administrative functions and improve campus adjacencies. This building will also accommodate space for outpatient offices and operational support space.

New Inpatient Building - Construct an approximately 405,000 s.f. building on the Dowling Building site to support the increased inpatient volume and the growth in Emergency Service and Trauma volume. This project will necessitate the demolition of the Dowling Building.

A discussion of IMP Amendments, Notices of Project Change, and Notices of Exemption follows, while Table A-1 summarizes the history of the BUMC Campus IMP to date.

#### A.1.1 Boston University Medical Center IMP Amendments

On May 14, 2001, Boston University Medical Center proposed its first amendment to the IMP; the rehabilitation of the Surgical Building, an administrative building, located at 85 East Concord Street. This building is an existing eight-story, 66,952 square foot building including an adjoining one-story entry building. BMC proposed to rehabilitate the building for office uses and replace the entry building with a new one-story lobby. The amendment was approved by the BRA on July 17, 2001 and the renovation was completed in September 2003.

On July 31, 2003, Boston University Medical Center submitted a Notice of Project Change ("NPC") to the BRA. The NPC considered: the replacement of the approved Medical Services Center in the 2000 IMP with the proposed Moakley Building as an Institutional project; modifications and additions to the existing Ambulatory Care Center; and, inclusion of circulation and parking changes associated with the Moakley Building. The 133,217 square foot Moakley Building at 830 Harrison Avenue has a program of consolidated cancer related care, a patient-centered ambulatory surgery center, a center for digestive disorders, and a new otolaryngology clinic. The NPC also represented a biannual update to the Boston University Medical Center IMP. The NPC was approved by the BRA on October 7, 2003 and the building was completed in the Fall of 2006.

On December 1, 2004, Boston University Medical Center submitted its second IMP amendment for several minor modifications, which considered the reuse of basement, office and administrative space in BCD, FGH and 761 Harrison Avenue, and to remove from the Boston University Medical Center IMP list of buildings, the Mallory building which is no longer leased to BMC. The second amendment to the IMP was approved by the BRA on January 26, 2006.

On April 30, 2007, a third IMP Amendment was filed for the new, approximately 245,000 s.f. Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center ("SACC") at 725 Albany Street. When completed, the new facility will allow for the relocation of the DOB clinical services to appropriately-sized new space consistent with Department of Public Health requirements and BMC

clinical standards. This solution also allows BMC to further its goal to consolidate clinical departments by shifting some outpatient services from Dowling, Yawkey and other locations on campus to the proposed SACC. The SACC's design does not result in significant new outpatient space on campus, rather it will create more efficient use of outpatient space resulting in higher throughput of patients. The third amendment was approved by the BRA in December 2007.

On June 8, 2009, Boston University Medical Center submitted an Institutional Master Plan Notification Form for the Renewal and Amendment of the Boston University Medical Center IMP ("IMPNF for Renewal and Amendment"), which IMPNF for Renewal and Amendment described the minor expansion of the Menino Pavilion by the construction of a single-story slab-on-grade addition of approximately 845 square feet on the southwest end of the Menino Pavilion (the "ED Project"). Notice of receipt by the Authority of the IMPNF for Renewal and Amendment was published in the <u>Boston Herald</u> on June 9, 2009 initiating a comment period that ended on July 9, 2009. On July 16, 2009, the Authority approved the IMPNF for Renewal and Amendment for a two year renewal of the Boston University Medical Center IMP and the ED Project.

On August 14, 2009, Boston University filed an IMPNF for Amendment of the IMP in connection with the incorporation in the IMP of the Albany Fellows Site, which is an approximately 1.7 acre site lying between Albany Street and Fellows Street, and the construction on a portion of the Albany Fellows Site of a proposed project known as the Graduate Student Housing Project for Boston University Medical School. The Albany Fellows Site consists of three parcels: Parcel 1, which fronts on Fellows Street and contains approximately 15,324 square feet of land area; Parcel 2A, which fronts on Albany Street and contains approximately 38,920 square feet of land area; and Parcel 2B, which is bounded by Parcel 2A, former Pike Street, Fellows Street and Parcel 1 and contains approximately 20,766 square feet of land area. Notice of receipt by the Authority of the Amendment IMPNF was published in the <u>Boston Herald</u> on August 14, 2009 initiating a comment period that ended on September 25, 2009. On January 12, 2010, the Authority approved the IMP Amendment for inclusion of the Albany Fellows Site and Graduate Student Housing Project, and on February 10, 2010, the Zoning Commission approved the same.

Boston University has completed the Graduate Student Housing Project as a nine story building of approximately 84,033 square feet including a 12,000 square foot landscaped open space on a portion of Parcel 2A. The building provides 104 two bedroom units to house up to 208 graduate students of the Boston University Medical Campus and also contains approximately 5,000 square feet of ground floor retail space. It is anticipated that future development on Parcels 1 and 2B of the Albany Fellows Site will be consistent with the development density previously approved by the BRA for a prior development. Under this assumption, total development on Parcel 1 and Parcel 2B (including the remainder of Parcel 2A, not used for the open space and the Graduate

Student Housing Project ) will be limited to approximately 358,500 square feet of above-grade building space and up to 322 parking spaces. Potential uses for these future facilities may include: housing (either student housing or housing for faculty and staff of the Boston University or Boston Medical Center), ground level retail, office, backstreets, research & development, and academic space. As currently envisioned, the density of development of these two remaining building sites, Parcels 1 and 2B, is expected to be evenly distributed, with the Parcel 2B site having a range of between 110,000 and 190,000 square feet of program (exclusive of parking), and the Parcel 1 site (with the remainder of Parcel 2A area) having a range of between 80,000 and 170,000 square feet of program (exclusive of parking). This would result in two buildings of moderate height (i.e. in a range from 9 to 14 stories).

For purposes of ensuring that the recently approved (January 2010) Albany Fellows Site and the Graduate Student Housing Project are included in the renewal IMP, the 2010 BUMC IMP incorporates the site and project in this filing.

#### A.1.2 Notices of Exemption

On October 2, 2006, Boston University Medical Center submitted an Institutional Master Plan Notification Form to the BRA proposing an addition of approximately 10,000 square feet to the Newton Pavilion inpatient care building located on East Newton Street. The existing Newton Pavilion is eight floors and has an elevator penthouse. The Newton Pavilion was originally built in 1986, at which time all inpatient care floors below the eighth floor were built with three pods per floor. The existing eighth floor has two pods. The IMPNF proposed filling in the last pod of the eighth floor in order to provide approximately 12 beds of additional care. On November 7, 2006, the BRA issued a Notice of Exemption for the Newton Pavilion eighth floor addition exempting it from Article 80 Institutional Master Plan Review because it was not affecting a gross floor area of more than 20,000 square feet and was not a phase of another Institutional project.

On February 23, 2007, BMC submitted a Request for a Notice of Exemption to the BRA proposing an addition of approximately 17,500 square feet to the Menino Pavilion located on Albany Street. BMC determined that the need for a third MRI and 11 additional Emergency Department beds to ease overcrowding of existing patient flows could not be accommodated within existing space and therefore requested approval for the addition to the Menino Pavilion. On April 5, 2007, the BRA issued a Notice of Exemption for the Menino Pavilion addition exempting it from Article 80 Institutional Master Plan Review because it was not affecting a gross floor area of more than 20,000 square feet and was not a phase of another Institutional project.

 Table A-1
 Summary of Boston University Medical Center IMP and Amendments

Date	Action	Subject
May 18 2000	IMP BRA Board Approval	Original Boston University Medical Center IMP and including proposed five-story, 92,010 s.f. Medical Services Center (outpatient care) and related circulation, parking and landscaping.
July 14 2001	IMP Amendment BRA Board Approval	Rehabilitation of the Surgical Building for administration uses. Involved an existing eight-story, 66,952 square foot building including an adjoining one-story entry building. Amendment included replacement of the adjoining building with one-story lobby.
October 7 2003	NPC BRA Board Approval	Replacement of the Medical Services Center with the Moakley Building (133,217 s.f. – cancer care, ambulatory care, digestive disorder center, and otolaryngology clinic), modifications to existing Ambulatory Care Center and circulation/parking changes associated with Moakley.
January 26 2006	IMP Amendment BRA Board Approval	Minor modifications including reuse of basement, office and administrative space in BCD, FGH and 761 Harrison Avenue, and removed from the BUMC Campus IMP list of buildings, the Mallory building which is no longer leased to BMC.
November 2006	Notice of Exemption Granted	Expansion of the Newton Pavilion to create 10,000 s.f. with 12 new inpatient beds
April 5 2007	Notice of Exemption Granted	Addition of 17,500 s.f. to the Menino Pavilion for MRI and ER beds.
December 2007	IMP Amendment BRA Board Approval	Demolition of existing building and construction of the new 245,000 s.f. Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center at 725 Albany Street. The SACC will create more efficient use of existing outpatient space shifted from other campus locations.

July 16 2009	IMP Renewal and Amendment BRA Board Approval	Renewal of the 2000 Boston University Medical Center IMP for a 2 year term and minor expansion of the Menino Pavilion by construction of a single story slab on grade addition of 845 s.f. to the ED.
January 12 2010	IMP Amendment BRA Board Approval	Amendment to IMP to include the approximately 1.7 acre site lying between Albany Street and Fellows Street (the "Albany Fellows Site") in the Boston University Medical Center IMP and the construction on a portion of the Albany Fellows Site of a proposed project known as the Graduate Student Housing Project for Boston University Medical School consisting of a nine story building of approximately 84,033 square feet with approximately 12,000 square feet of on-site landscaped open space, which building will provide 104 two bedroom units to house up to 208 graduate students of the Boston University Medical Campus and will also contain approximately 5,000 square feet of ground floor retail space.
June 22 2010	IMP Renewal BRA Board Approval	Renewal of the 2010 IMP to include 3 proposed IMP Projects. The construction of a 48,000 square foot Energy Facility, the construction of a 160,000 square foot Administration/Clinical Building and demolition of an existing building and the construction of a 405,000 square foot new Inpatient Facility. Removal of leased space at the Finland and Kakas Building. Inclusion of leased space at the Crosstown Site, clarification of the Ownership of the Gambro Building and a change in use for the Doctors Office Building from Outpatient to Administration.

# **Appendix B**



## **Boston Medical Center Institutional Master Plan**

Boston, MA

## Pedestrian Wind Assessment

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#### INTRODUCTION

Rowan Williams Davies & Irwin Inc. (RWDI) was retained by Tsoi / Kobus & Associates to assess the potential wind conditions for the proposed Boston Medical Center Institutional Master Plan located in Boston, MA (see Image 1 and cover page). The objective of this assessment was to provide a qualitative evaluation of wind comfort conditions on and around the development and recommend mitigation measures in support of the project's IMPNF/PNF submission to the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA).

This qualitative assessment is based on the following:

- a review of regional long-term meteorological data for Boston;
- · our previous wind-tunnel tests on buildings in the Boston area including previous wind tunnel studies conducted near the development site:
- design drawings received by RWDI on July 23, 2013;
- · our engineering judgment and expert knowledge of wind flows around buildings<sup>1-3</sup>;
- use of software developed by RWDI (Windestimator<sup>3</sup>) for estimating the potential wind comfort conditions around generalized building forms.

This qualitative approach provides a screening-level estimation of potential wind conditions. Note that other wind issues, such as those relating to wind loading, door pressures, exhaust re-entrainment, snowdrifts, etc. are not considered in the scope of this assessment.



Image 1 - Campus Plan and Project Locations (Courtesy of the Design Team, dated August 5, 2013)

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#### 2. BUILDING AND SITE INFORMATION

The proposed Boston Medical Center site is generally bounded by Massachusetts Avenue to the west, and East Concord Street to the east. The proposed Energy Facility and Admin / Clinical Building are located south of Albany Street, and the latter is connected via the Patient Transport Bridge to the proposed New Inpatient Building (Phase 1), located to the north on Albany Street. The Moakley Cancer Center Addition is located at the southwest corner of the East Concord Street and Boston Medical Center Place intersection (see Image 2).

The scope of this assessment includes the Phase 1 (B1) of the New Inpatient Building, the Patient Transport Bridge and the Moakley Cancer Center Addition. The predicted wind conditions around each of these buildings will be discussed within this report.

In general, buildings surrounding the development site are of generally similar height.

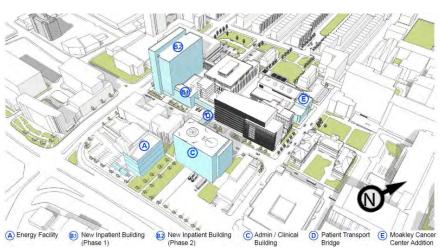


Image 2 - Site Plan Illustrating Phase I and Phase II Developments.





Image 3 – Proposed Phase I Developments when viewed from the East (Upper Image) and West (Lower Image).

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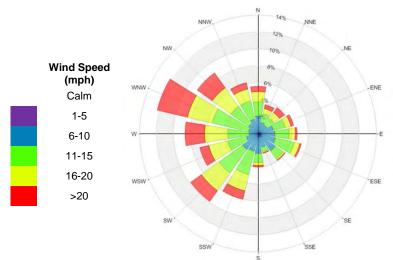


## 3. METEOROLOGICAL DATA

Wind statistics at Boston-Logan International Airport between 1973 and 2011, inclusive, were analyzed for the spring (March to May), summer (June to August), fall (September to November) and winter (December to February) seasons. Image 4 graphically depict the distributions of wind frequency and directionality for the four seasons and for the annual period. When all winds are considered (regardless of speed), winds from the northwest and southwest quadrants are predominant. The northeasterly winds are also frequent, especially in the spring.

Strong winds with mean speeds greater than 20 mph (red bands in the figures) are prevalently from the northwesterly directions throughout the year, while the southwesterly and northeasterly winds are also frequent.

Winds from the northwest, southwest and northeast directions are considered most relevant to the current study, although winds from other directions were also considered in our assessment.



**Annual Winds** 

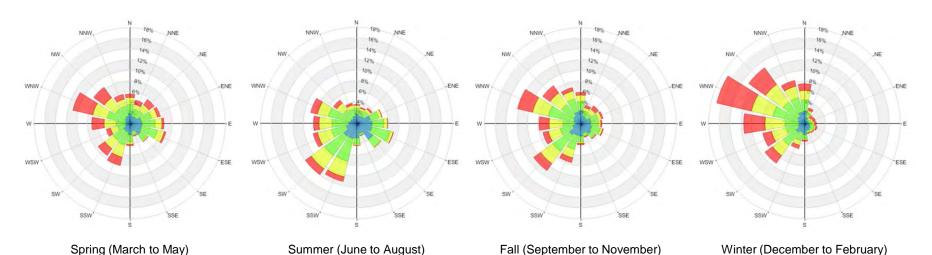


Image 4 - Directional Distribution (%) of Winds (Blowing From) – Boston-Logan International Airport (1973 to 2011)



## **EXPLANATION OF CRITERIA**

The BRA has adopted two standards for assessing the relative wind comfort of pedestrians. First, the BRA wind design guidance criterion states that an effective gust velocity (hourly mean wind speed +1.5 times the root mean square wind speed) of 31 mph should not be exceeded more than one percent of the time. The second set of criteria used by the BRA to determine the acceptability of specific locations is based on the work of Melbourne<sup>4</sup>. This set of criteria is used to determine the relative level of pedestrian wind comfort for activities such as sitting, standing, or walking. The criteria are expressed in terms of benchmarks for the 1-hour mean wind speed exceeded 1% of the time (i.e., the 99-percentile mean wind speed). They are as follows:

Table 1: BRA Mean Wind Criteria \*

Dangerous	> 27 mph
Uncomfortable for Walking	> 19 and ≤ 27 mph
Comfortable for Walking	> 15 and ≤ 19 mph
Comfortable for Standing	> 12 and ≤ 15 mph
Comfortable for Sitting	< 12 mph

\* Applicable to the hourly mean wind speed exceeded one percent of the time.

Pedestrians on walkways and parking lots will be active and wind speeds comfortable for walking are appropriate. Lower wind speeds comfortable for standing are desired for building entrances where people are apt to linger. For outdoor terraces, low wind speeds comfortable for sitting are desired during the summer. In the winter, wind conditions in these areas may not be of a serious concern due to limited usage.

The wind climate found in a typical downtown location in Boston is generally comfortable for the pedestrian use of sidewalks and thoroughfares and meets the BRA effective gust velocity criterion of 31 mph. However, without any mitigation measures, this wind climate is likely to be frequently unsuitable for more passive activities such as sitting.

<sup>4.</sup> Melbourne, W.H., 1978, "Criteria for Environmental Wind Conditions", Journal of Industrial Aerodynamics, 3 (1978) 241 - 249.



#### 5. PEDESTRIAN WIND CONDITIONS

#### 5.1 Background

Predicting wind speeds and occurrence frequencies is complicated. It involves building geometry, orientation, position and height of surrounding buildings, upstream terrain and the local wind climate. Over the years, RWDI has conducted more than 2,000 wind-tunnel model studies on pedestrian wind conditions around buildings, yielding a broad knowledge base. This knowledge has been incorporated into RWDI's proprietary software that allows, in many situations, for a qualitative, screening-level numerical estimation of pedestrian wind conditions without wind tunnel testing.

The majority of the development site is sheltered by the existing buildings to the northwest through north, but are generally more exposed to the predominant winds from the southwest and northeast quadrants. The existing wind conditions on and around the development site are likely comfortable for walking on an annual basis, with uncomfortable winds from time to time in the winter.

In our discussion of anticipated wind conditions, reference may be made to the following generalized wind flows. Tall buildings tend to intercept the stronger winds at higher elevations and redirect them to the ground level, or are redirected by the massing of the building and lead to wind accelerations at building corners (see Image 5a). Such a Downwashing Flow is often the main cause for wind accelerations around large buildings at the pedestrian level. Also, when two buildings are situated side by side, wind flow tends to accelerate through the space between the buildings due to the Channelling Effect (see Image 5b).



Image 5a – Downwashing Flow (Left) Corner Acceleration (Right)



Image 5b - Channeling Effect



#### 5.3 B1 New Inpatient Building (Phase 1)

Given the building size and local wind climate, it is our prediction that the wind conditions along Albany Street near the site of the B1 New Inpatient Building will meet the effective gust criterion. In addition, wind conditions on sidewalks around the building are expected to be suitable on an annual basis, although uncomfortable winds may occur from time to time in the winter and spring. These conditions are expected to be similar to existing as the building massing change is minor, and will have minimal impact on the local wind flows throughout the area.





Image 6 - Proposed (Top) and Existing (Bottom) B1 New Inpatient Building Massing. Photo Courtesty Bing™ Maps.



#### 5.4 Moakley Cancer Center Addition

The Moakley Cancer Centre Addition is of similar height to the existing adjacent Moakley Cancer Center, and is well sheltered by buildings of similar or greater height for wind directions commonly associated with strong winds (see Image 8). Wind conditions throughout the area are expected to meet the effective gust criterion.

#### MBTA Bus Stop

The inclusion of a canopy at the southeast corner of the Moakley Cancer Center Addition is a positive design features and should be retained as it will help provide shelter to the MBTA Bus Stop, where pedestrians are expected to linger (see Location A4 in Image 7). The proposed building and adjacent surroundings will provide additional shelter to the bus stop when winds are from the southwest through northwest directions.

#### Sidewalks

Wind conditions on the sidewalks around the proposed development are expected to be suitable on an annual basis. At the northeast corner of the tower (Locations A5 in Image 7), increased wind activity is anticipated in the winter when winds are from the northwest, with uncomfortable winds predicted during the winter.



Image 7 – Moakley Cancer Center Addition with E Concord Street
Entrance Indicated.

If possible, we recommend including landscaping along the north façade of the building will help reduce winds, as increased wind activity is predicted at the northeast corner.





Image 8 – Proposed (Top) and Existing (Bottom) Moakley Cancer Center Addition. Photo Courtesty Bing™ Maps.

Reputation Resources Results



## **Patient Transport Bridge**

The elevated Patient Transport Bridge is expected to perform similar to the existing utilities connection. It is our prediction that the future wind conditions underneath the patient transport bridge will meet the effective gust criterion.

#### Sidewalks

Wind conditions on the sidewalks around the proposed development are expected to be suitable on an annual basis with more uncomfortable winds from time to time during the winter and spring. These wind conditions are expected to be similar to existing, as both the existing connector and proposed Patient Transport Bridge are fairly aerodynamic structures and are not anticipated to strongly redirect wind flows at grade level.





Image 9 - Proposed Patient Transport Bridge (Top) and Existing Utilities Connection (Bottom). Photo Courtesty Bing<sup>™</sup> Maps.



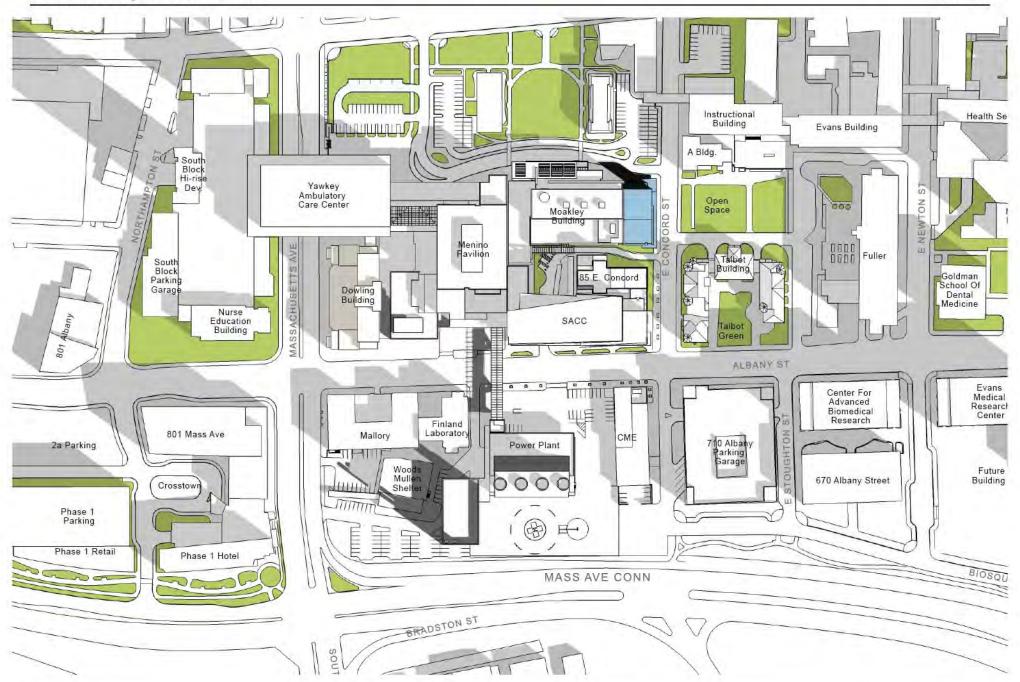
## 6. SUMMARY

The proposed Moakley Addition included several positive design features for wind control, including the use of a large canopy above the main entrance. Other buildings in the master plan, including the B1 New Inpatient Building (Phase 1) and the Patient Transport Bridge are not expected to change wind conditions throughout the area due to relatively minor changes in building massing. Although the site is generally exposed to prevailing winds, the proposed developments are expected to meet the effective gust criterion. In addition, suitable wind conditions are predicted on an annual basis around much of the site, included where main entrances and sidewalks are located.

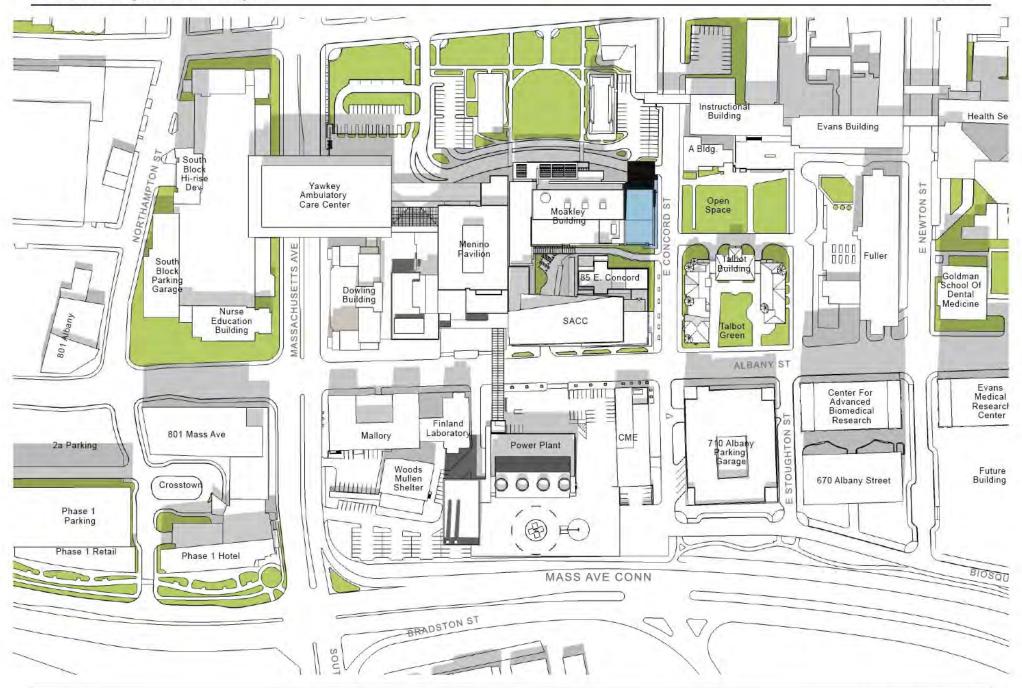
#### 7. APPLICABILITY OF RESULTS

In the event of any significant changes to the design, construction or operation of the building or addition of surroundings in the future, RWDI could provide an assessment of their impact on the design considered in this report. It is the responsibility of others to contact RWDI to initiate this process.

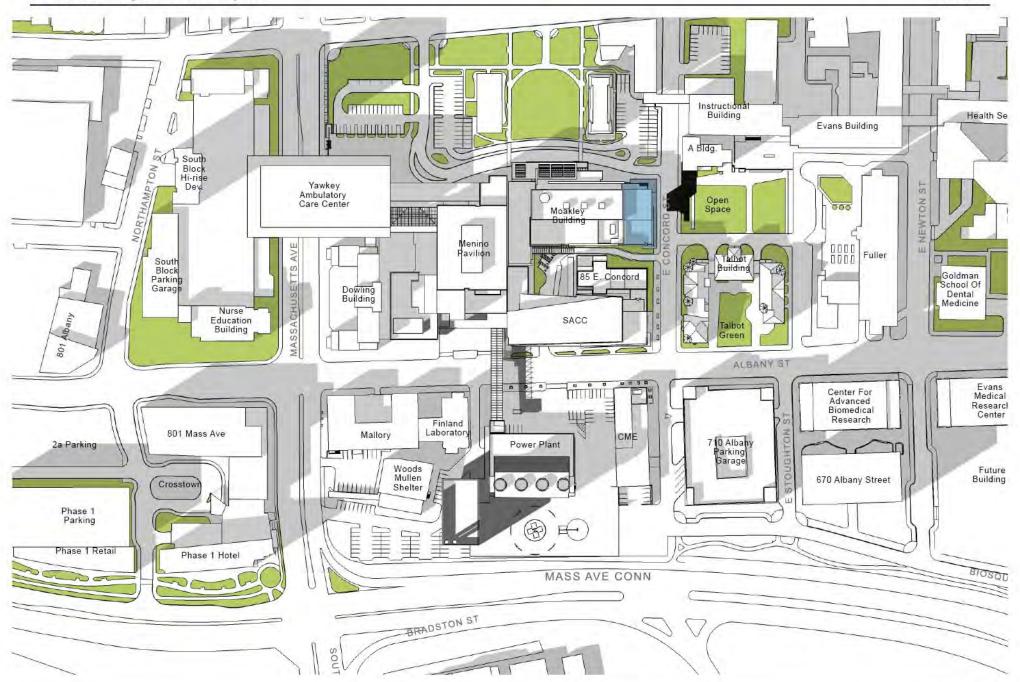
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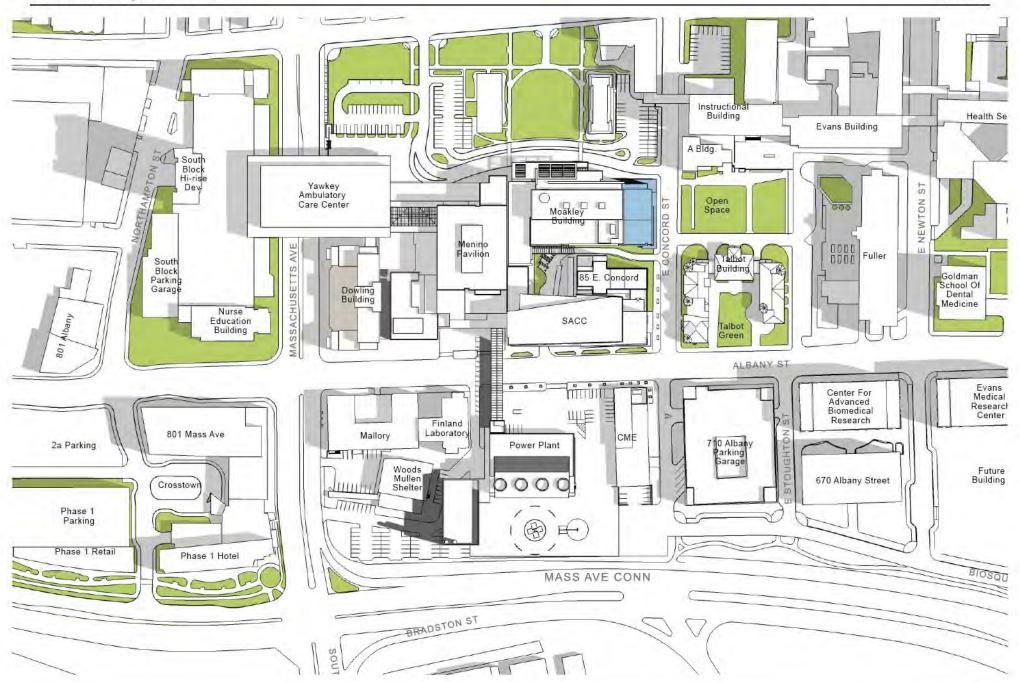




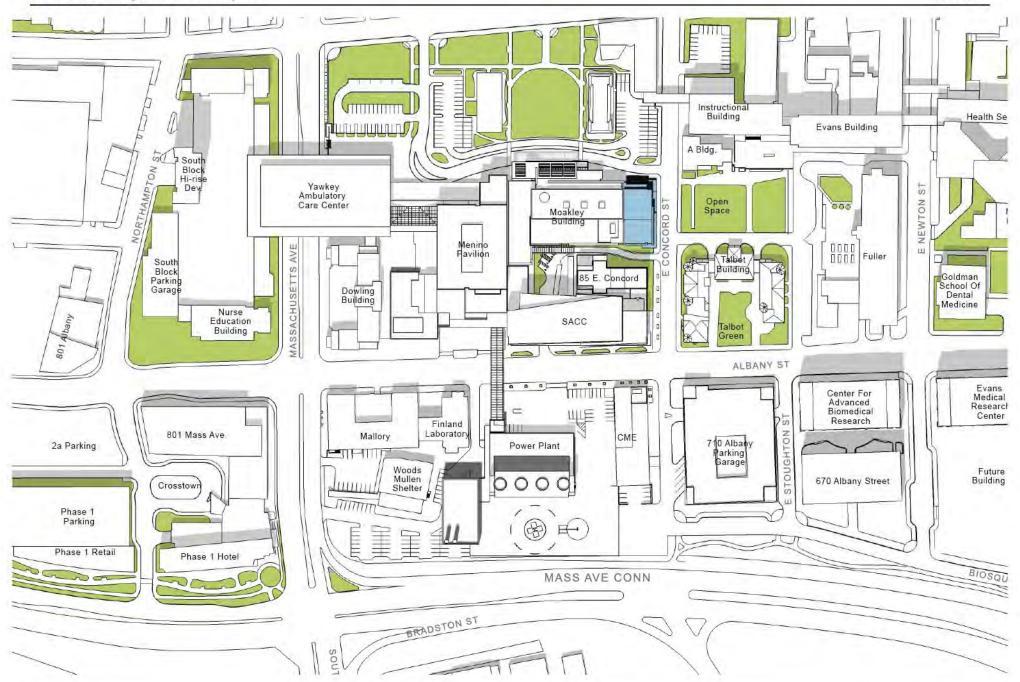




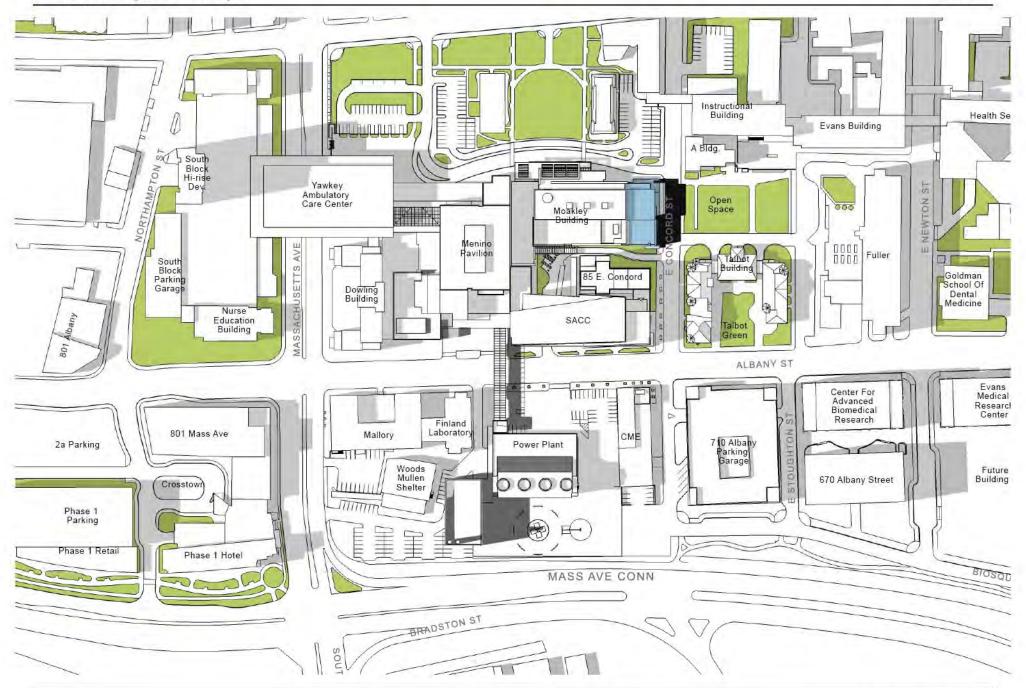




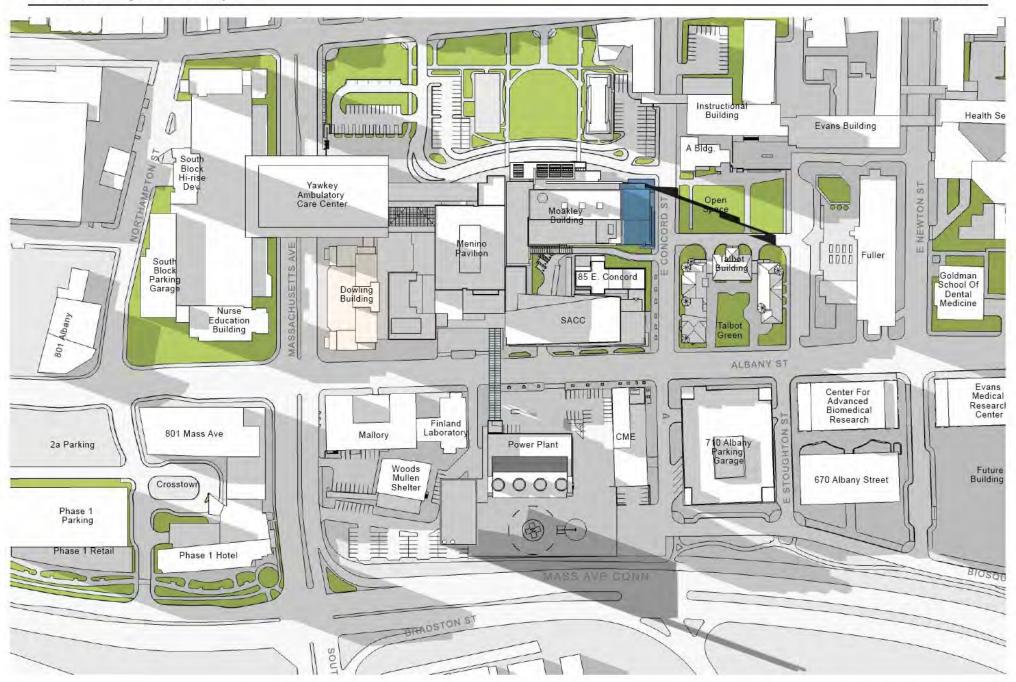




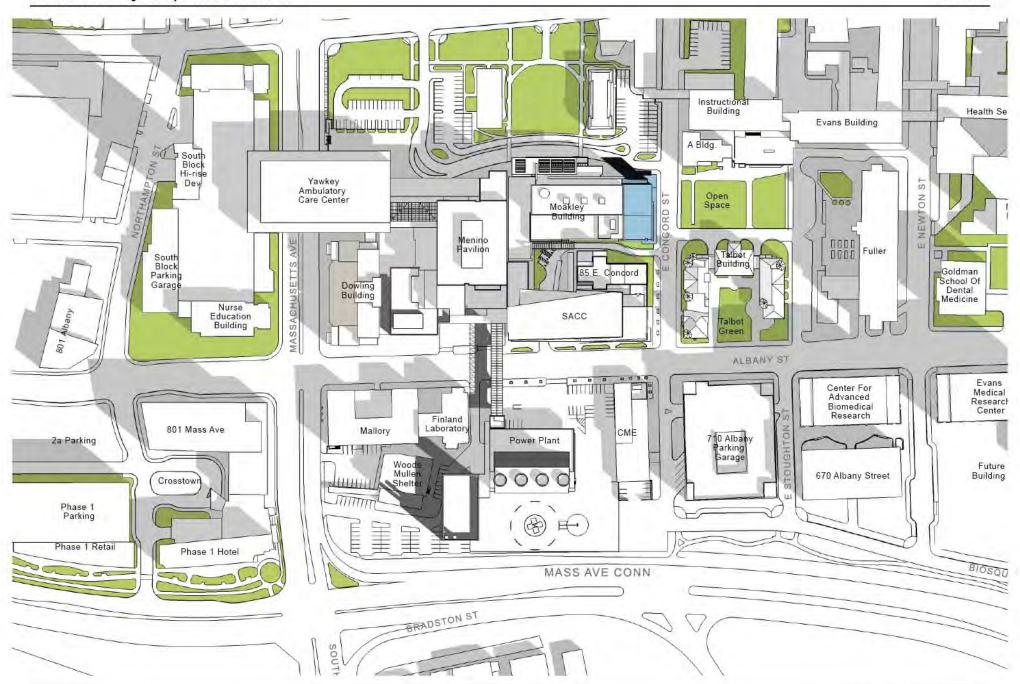




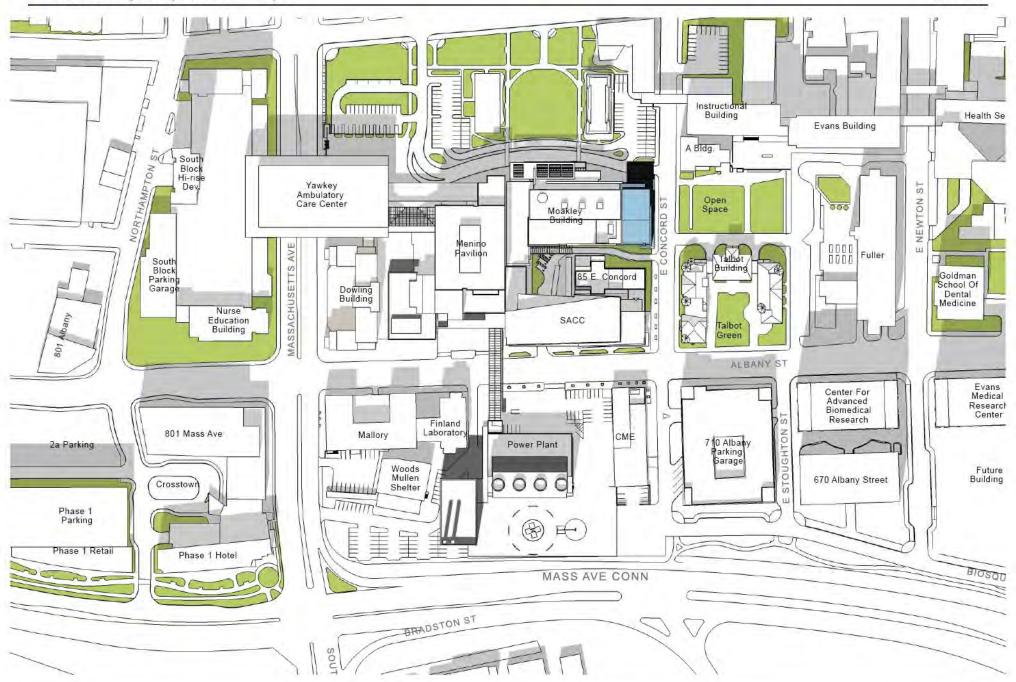




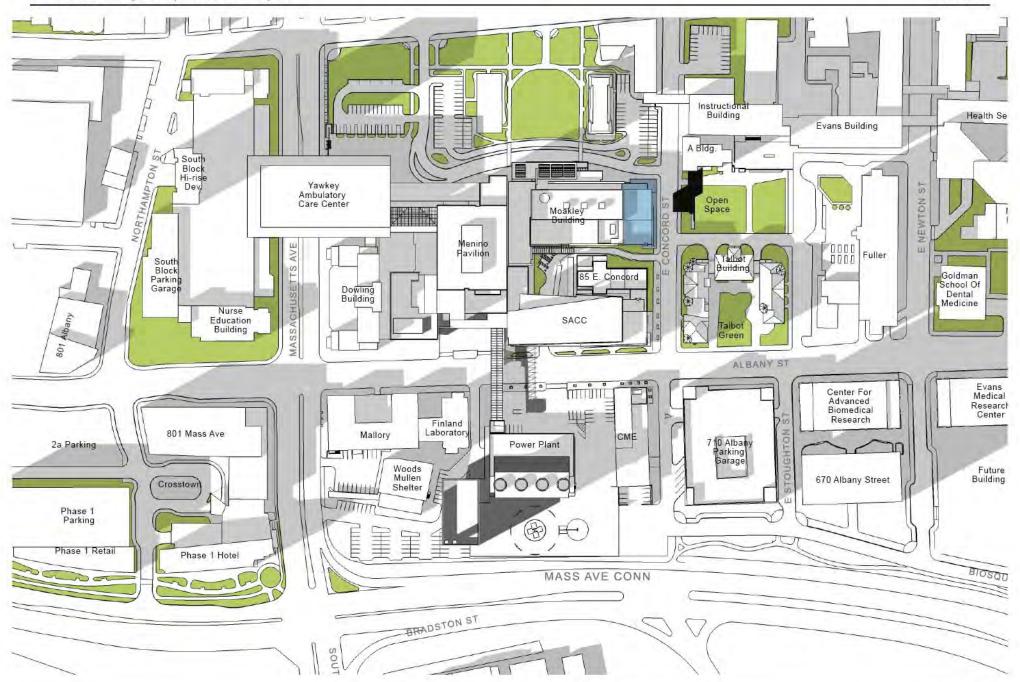




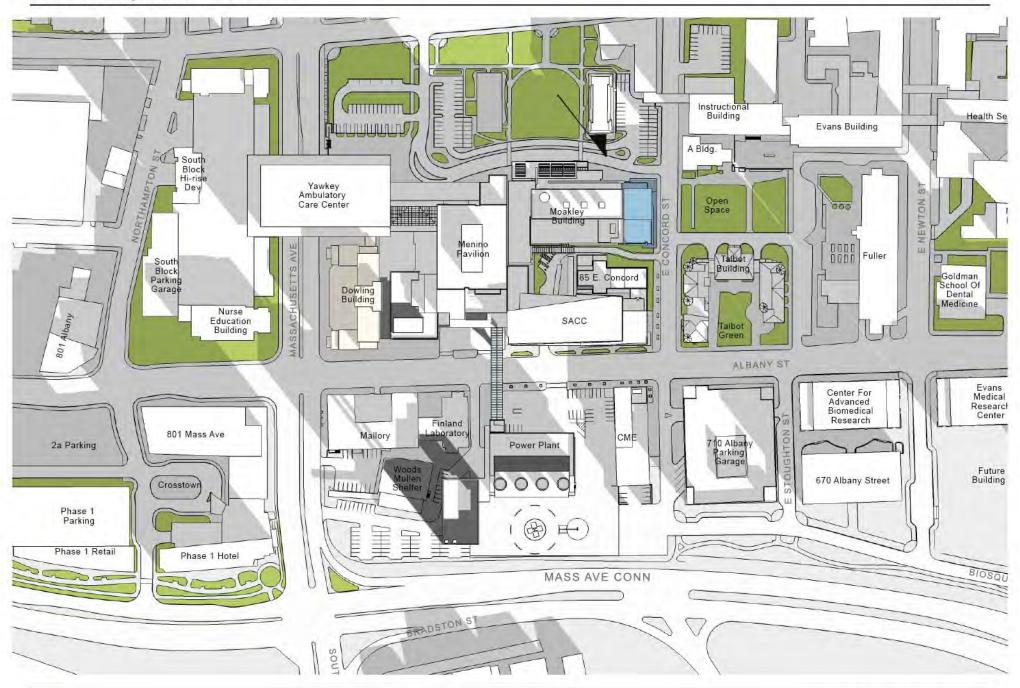




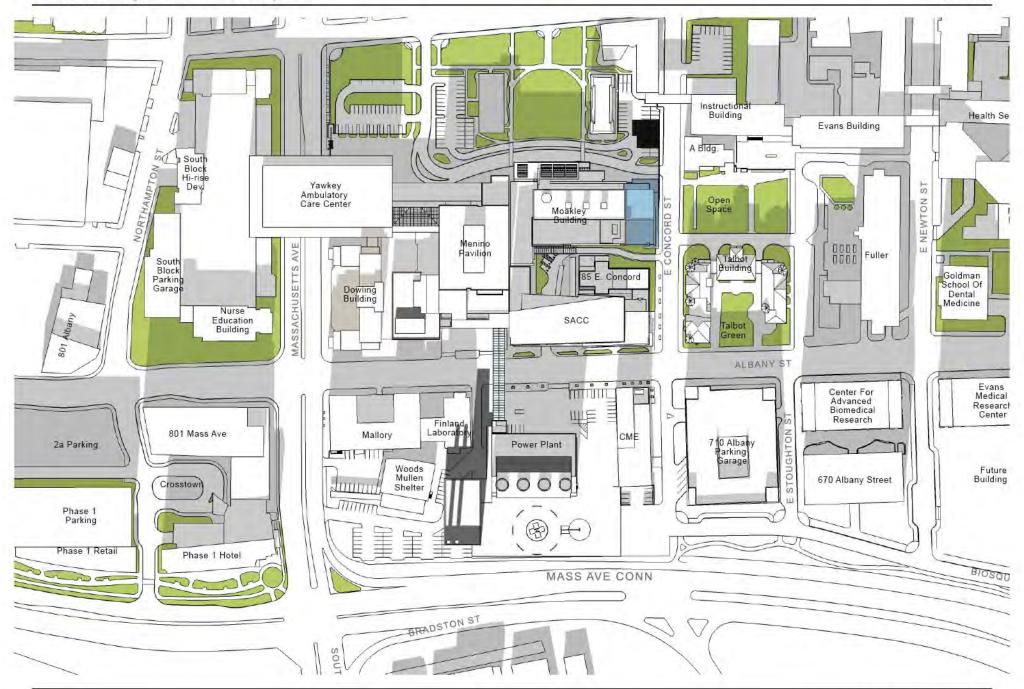




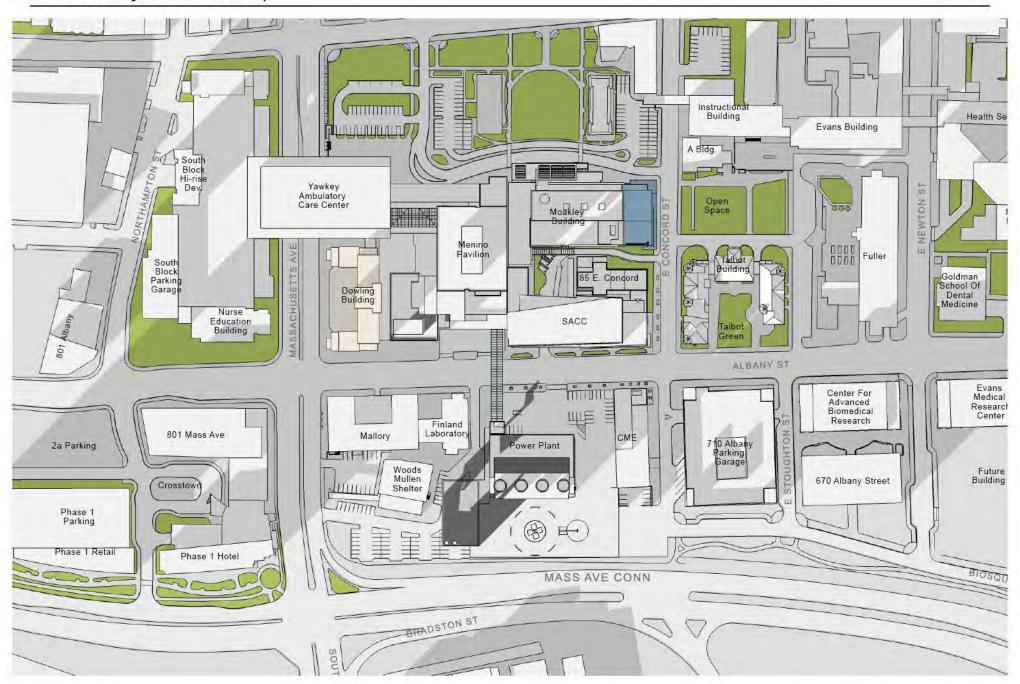




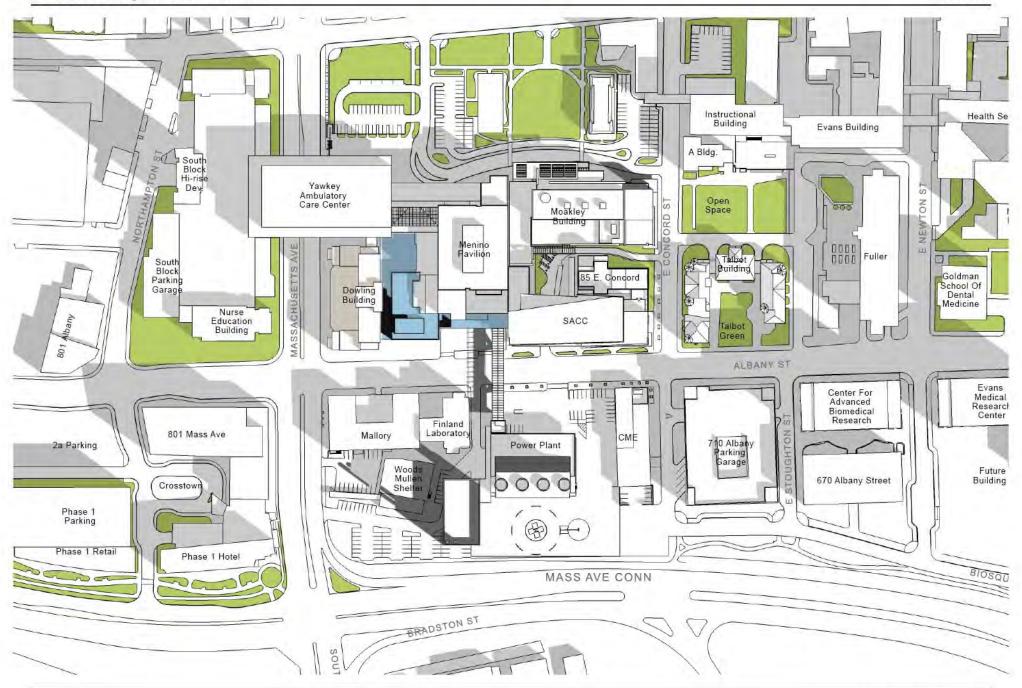




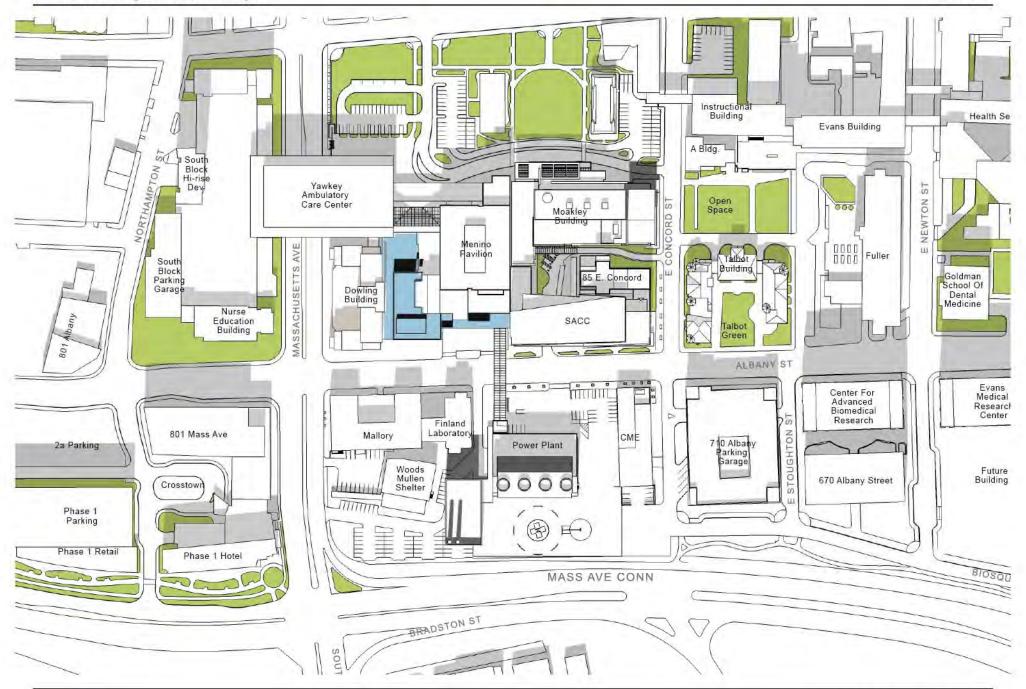




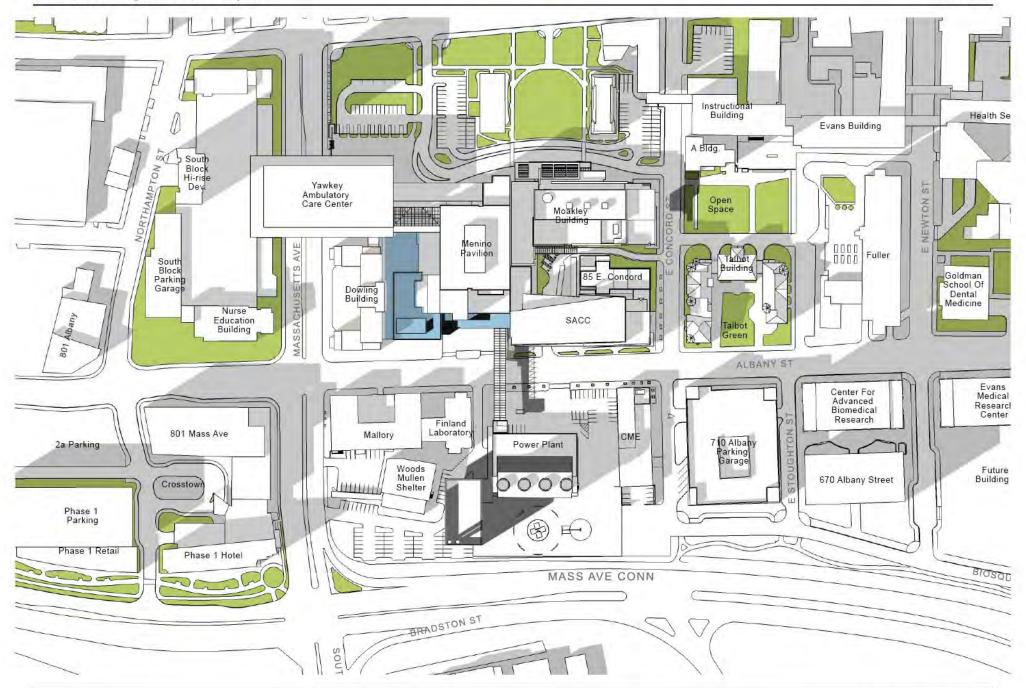




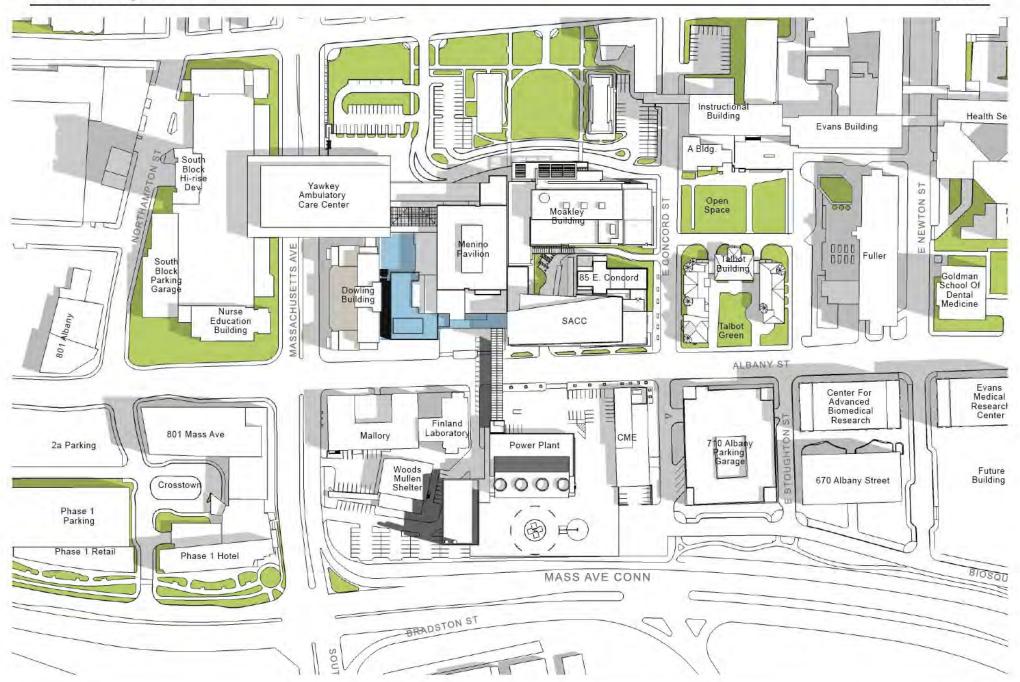




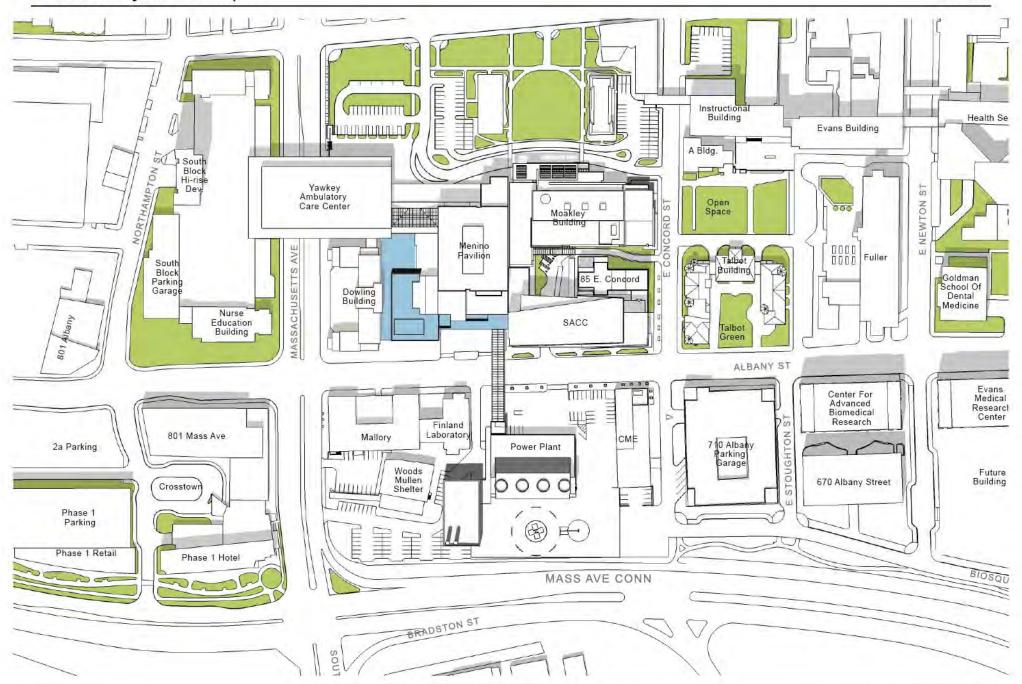




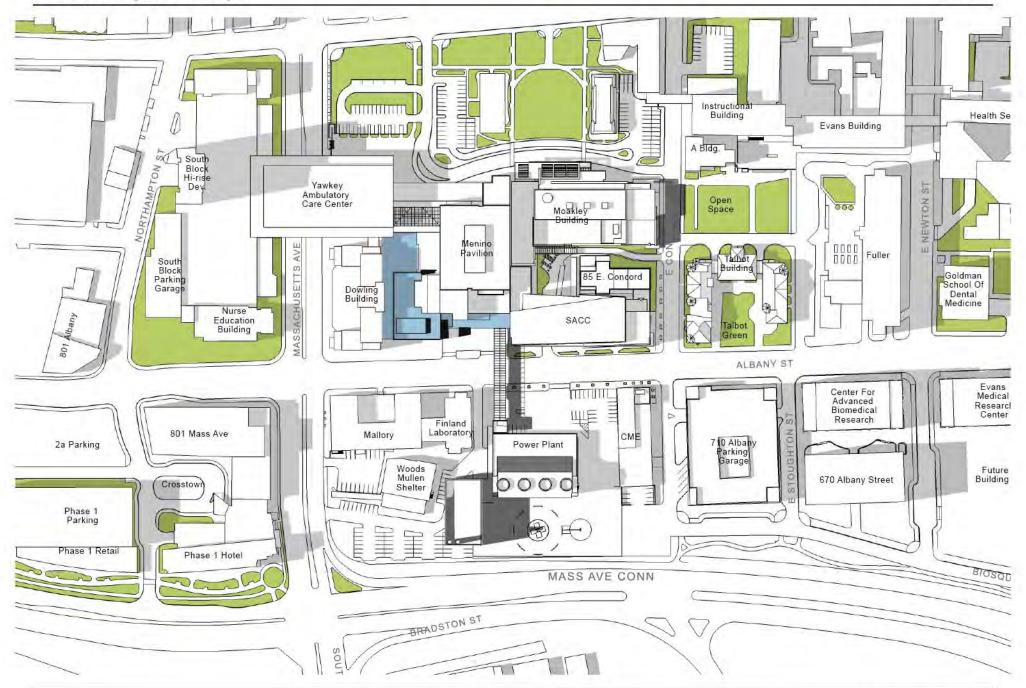




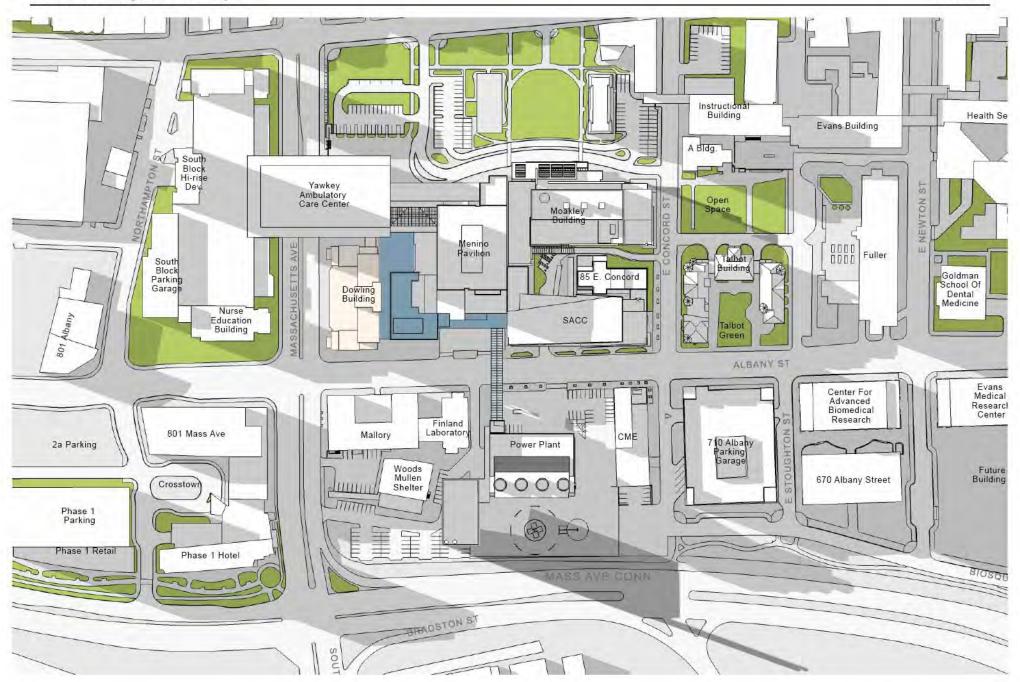




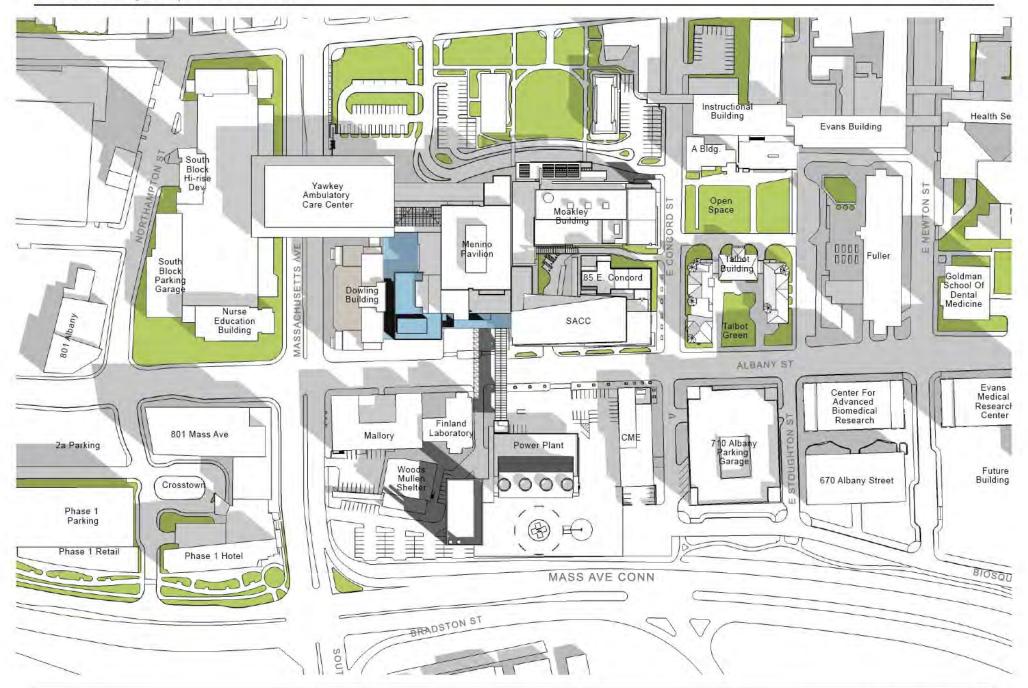




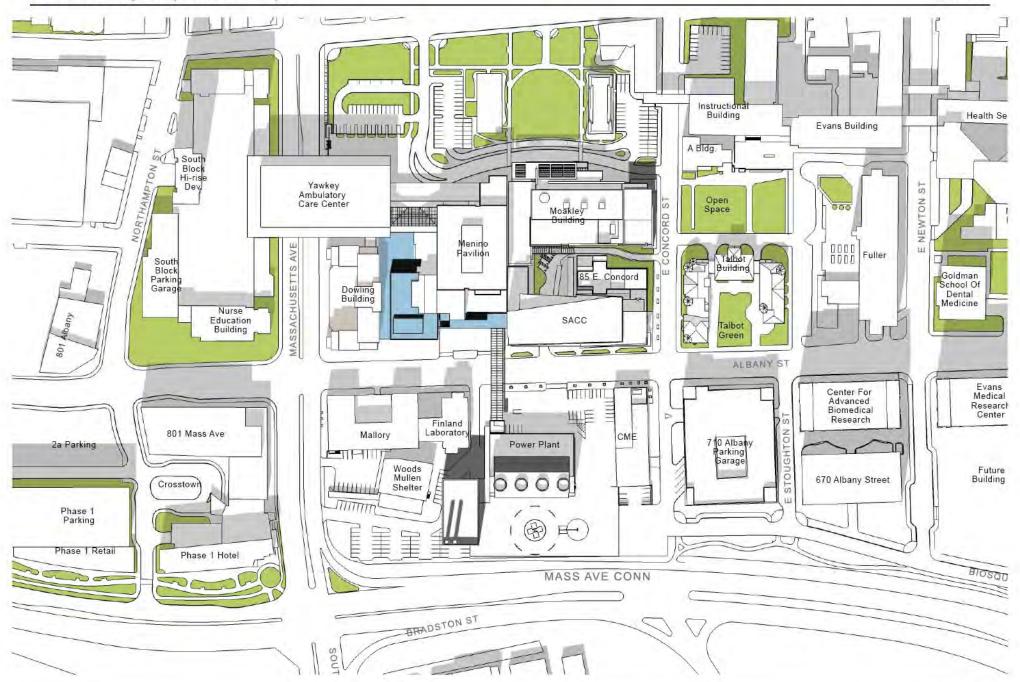




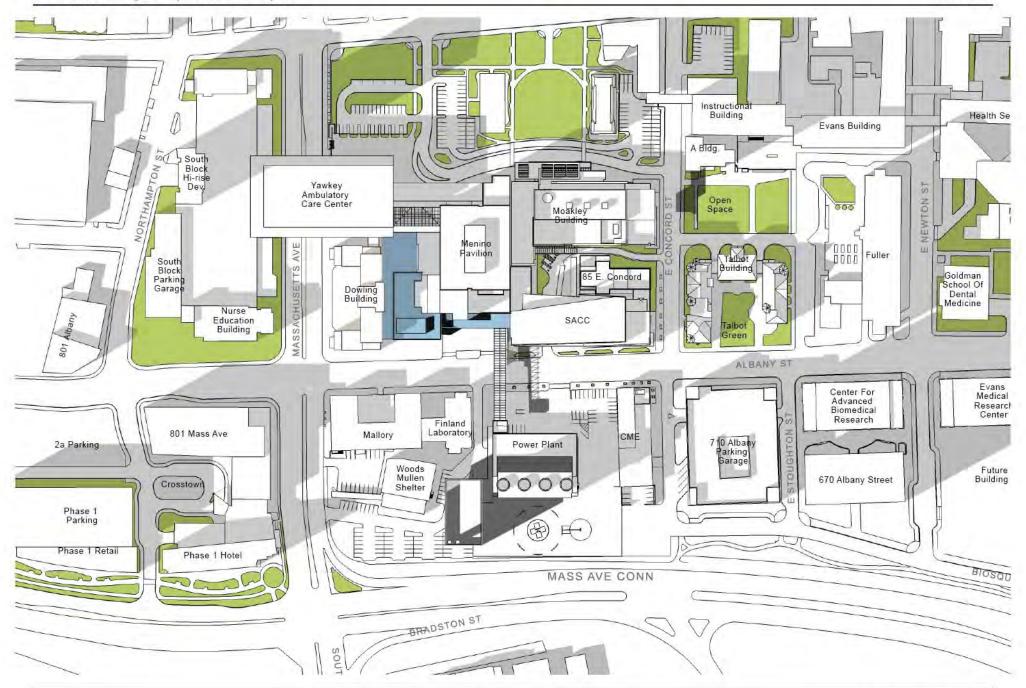




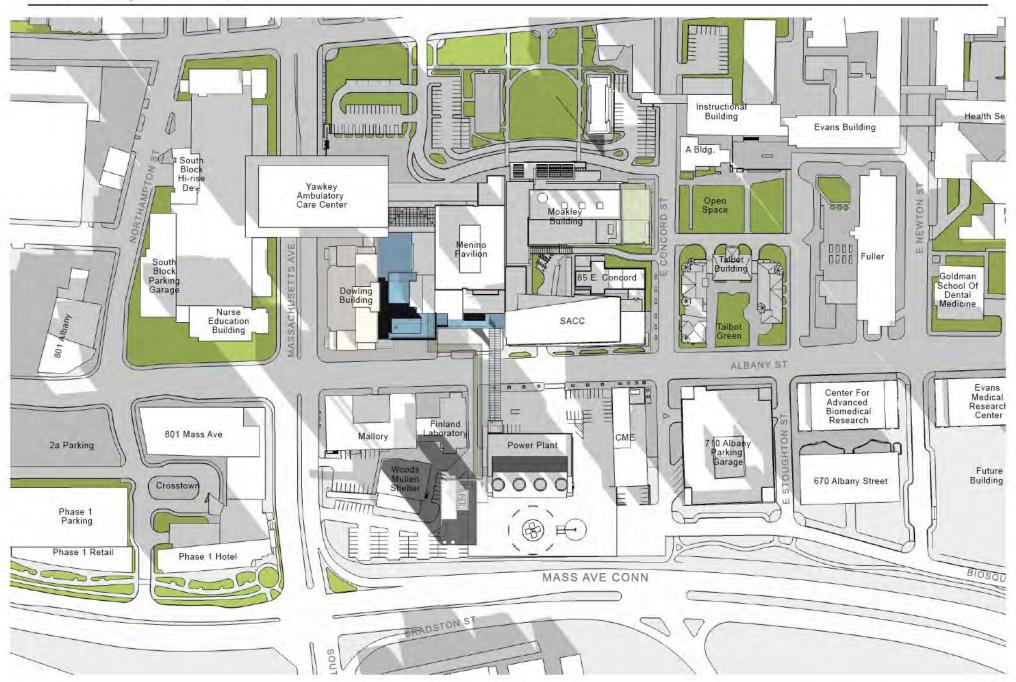




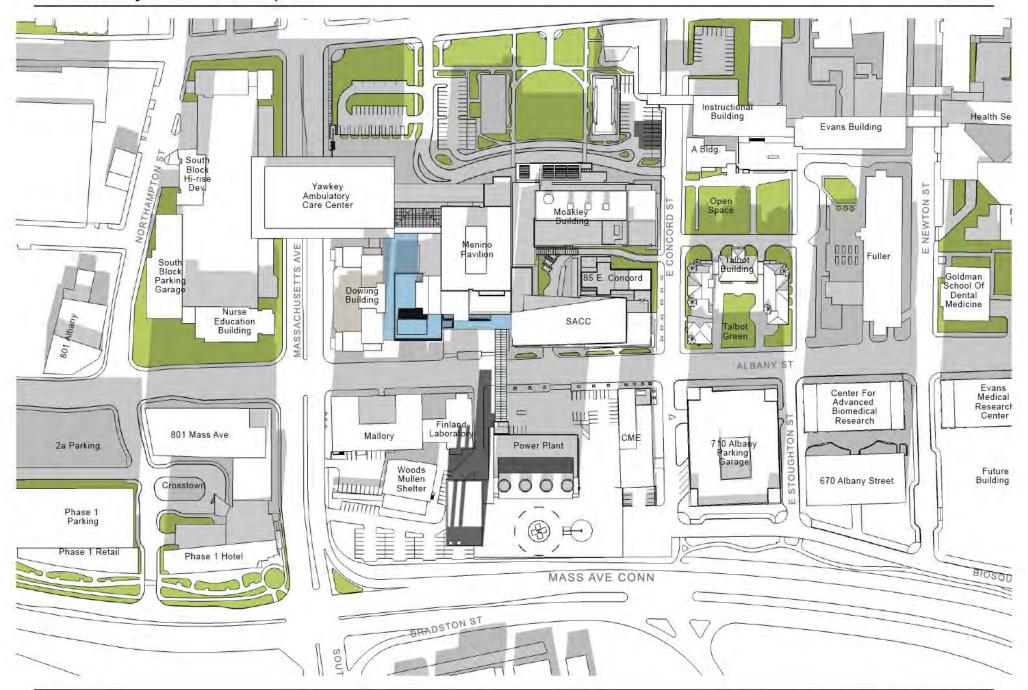




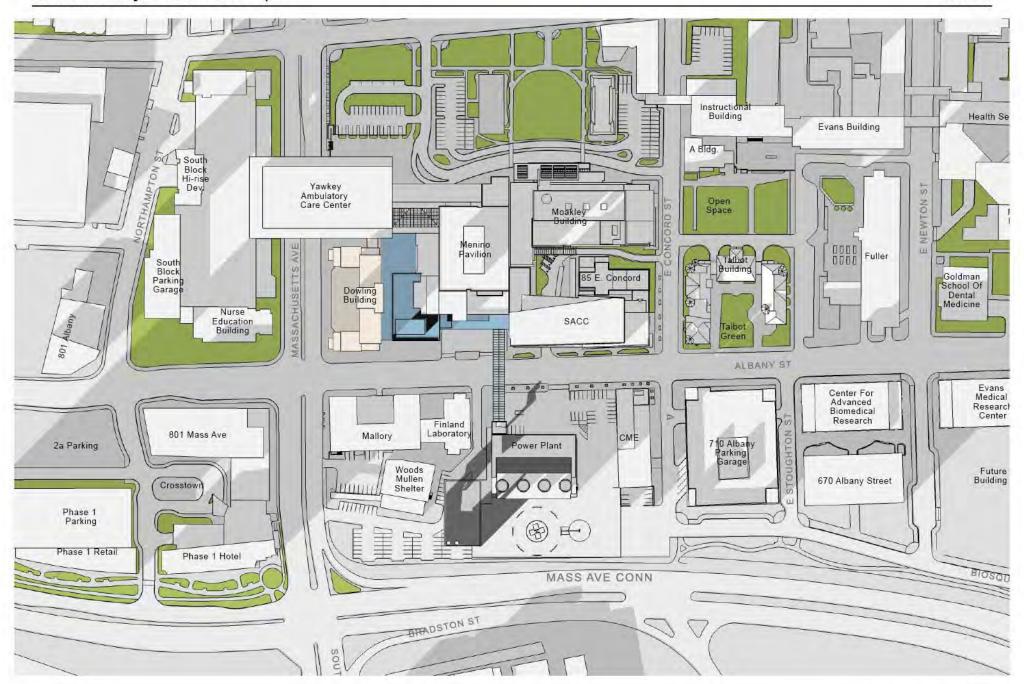








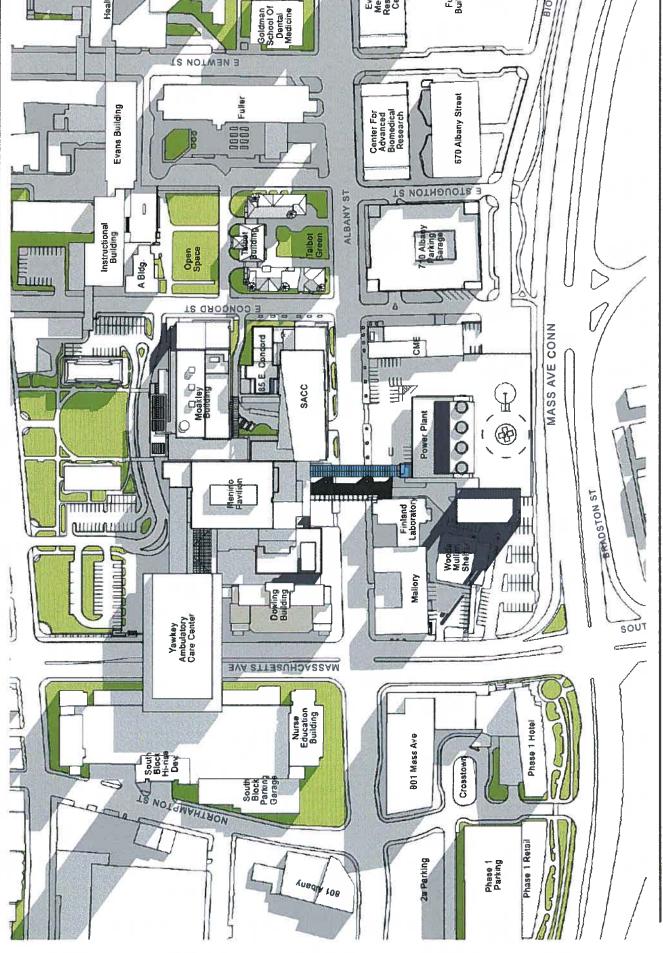






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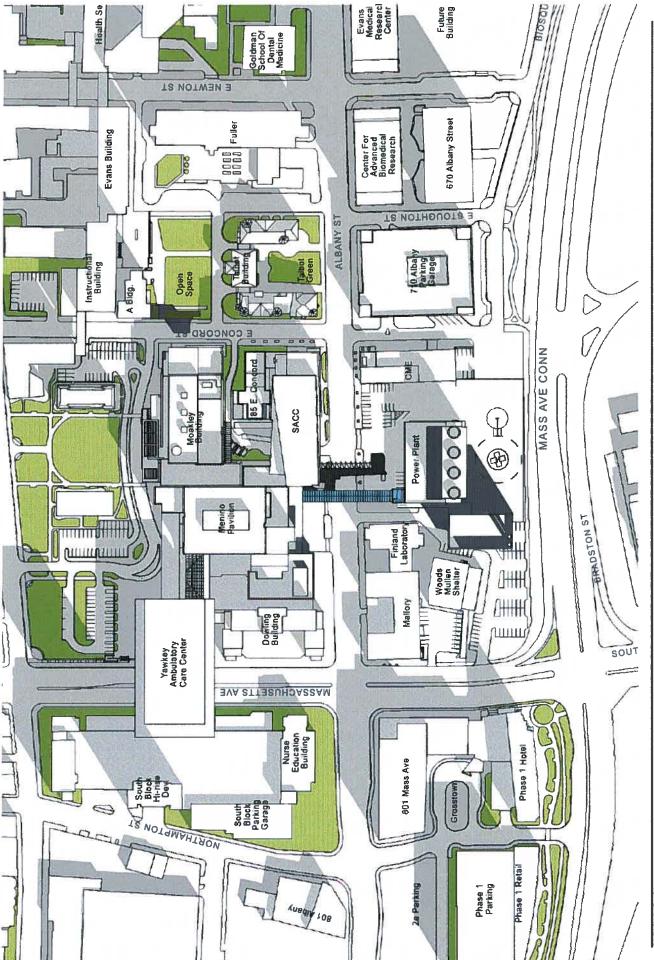
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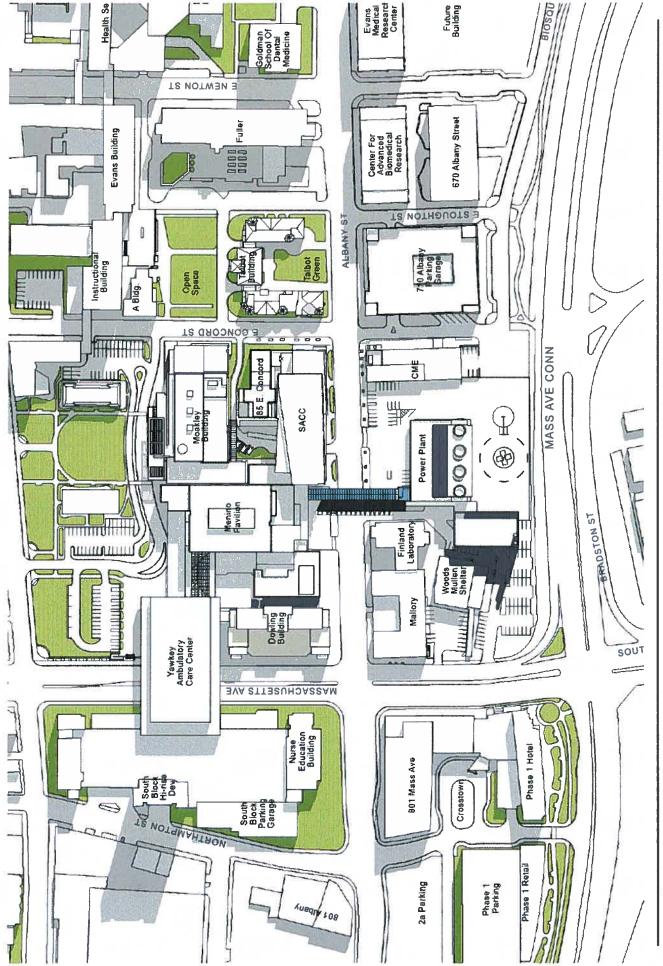




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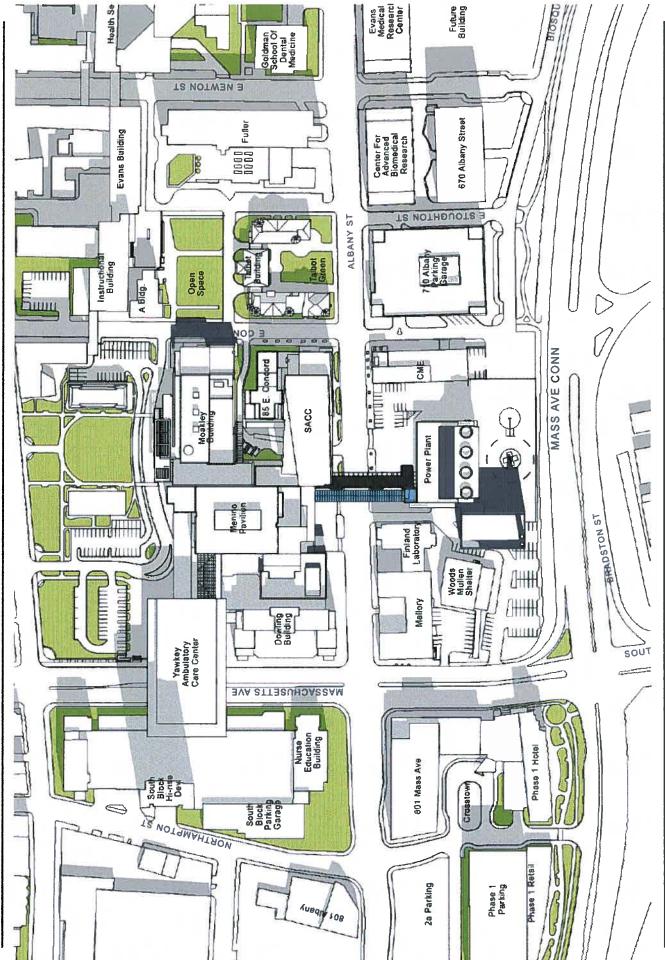


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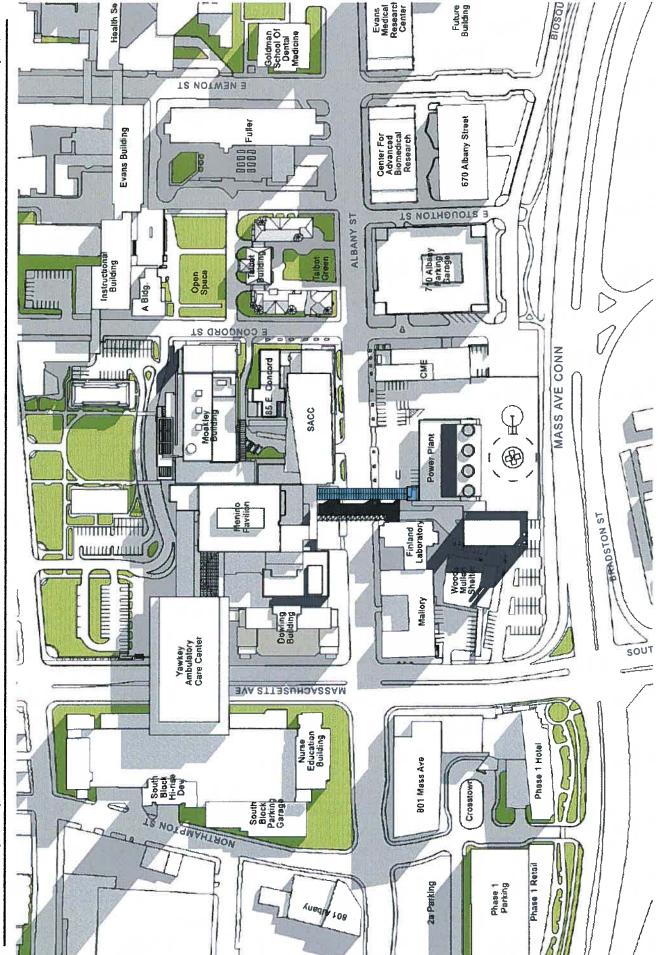
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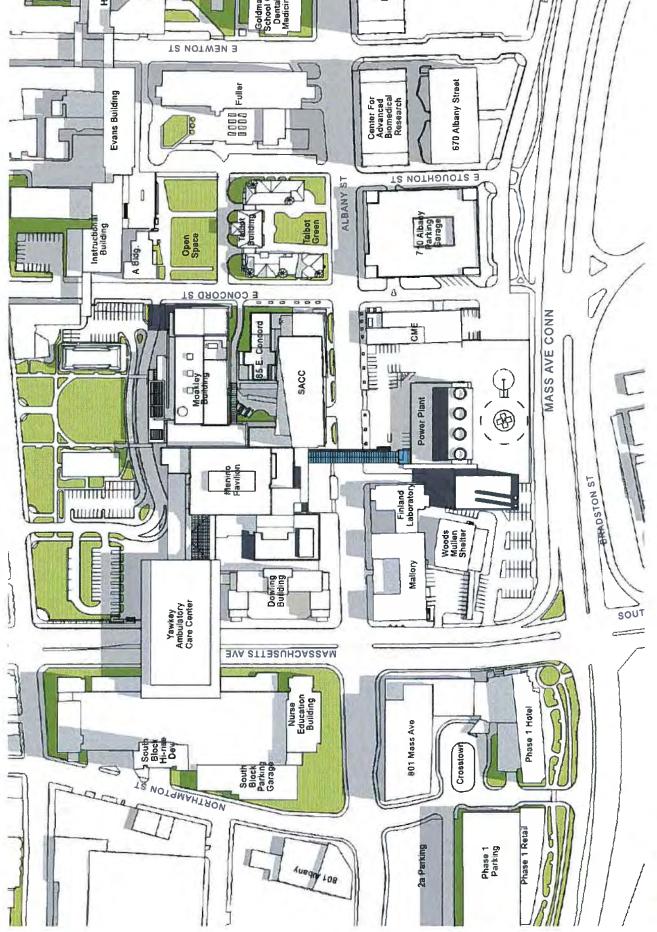


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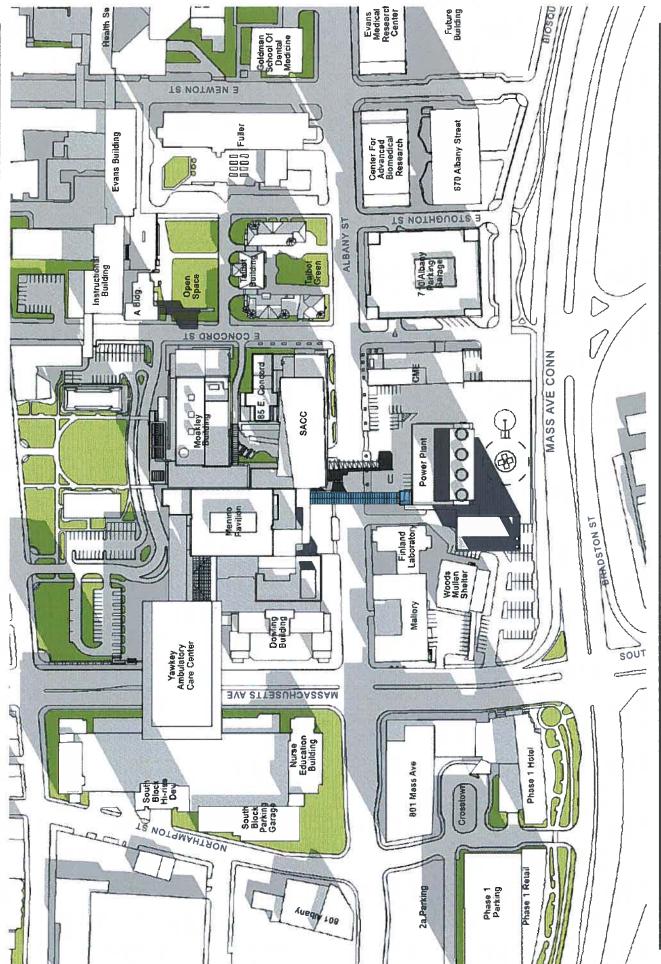
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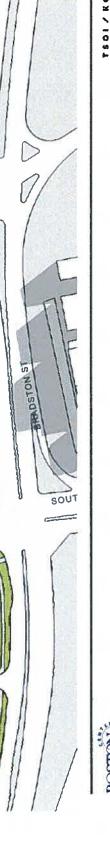
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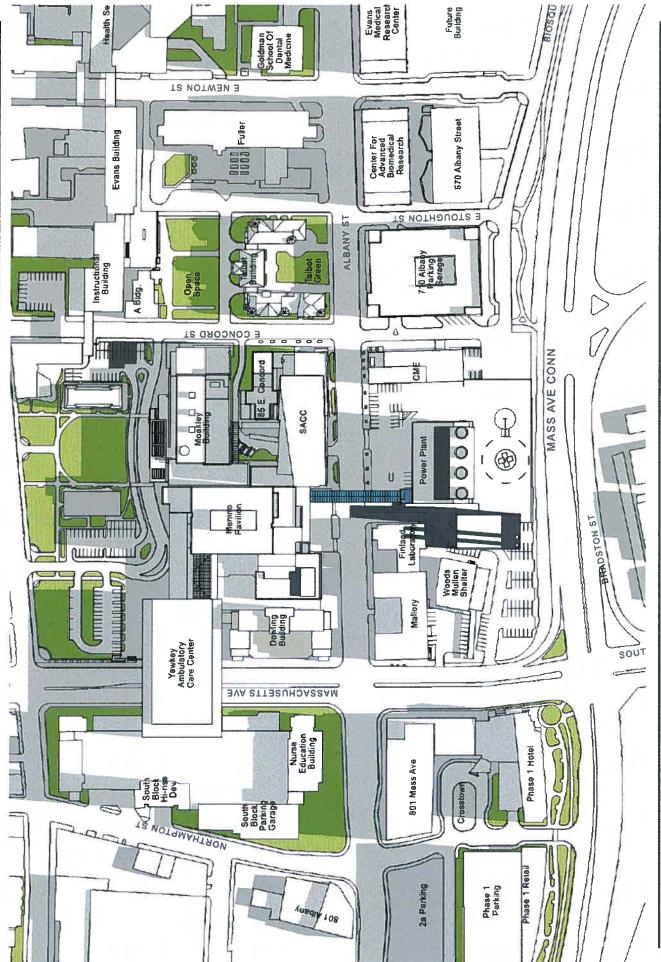
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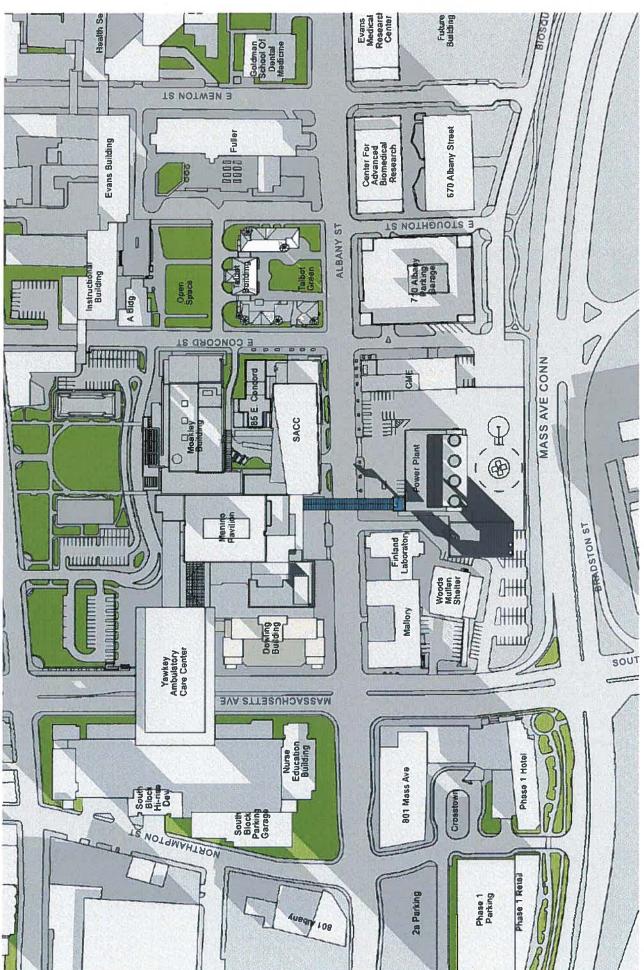


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# **Appendix D**

LEED 2009 for Healthcare: New Construction & Major Renovations Issue Number:

BMC IMP Submission Project Number: 33015-00 Project Title: MOAKLEY CANCER CENTER ADDITION Date: 9/6/2013

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Y	?	N	Credit	Title	Points
9	6	3		SUSTAINABLE SITES	18
Υ			SSp1	Construction Activity Pollution Prevention	
Υ			SSp2	Environmental site Assessment	
		1	SSc1	Site Selection	1
1			SSc2	Development Density & Community Connectivity	1
	1		SSc3	Brownfield Redevelopment	1
3			SSc4.1	Alternative Transportation - Public Transit Access	3
1			SSc4.2	Alternative Transportation - Bicycle Storage & Changing Room	1
	1		SSc4.3	Alternative Transportation - Low-Emitting & Fuel-Efficient Vehicles	1
1			SSc4.4	Alternative Transportation - Parking Capacity	1
	1		SSc5.1	Site Development - Protect or Restore Habitat	1
	1		SSc5.2	Site Development - Maxmize Open Space	1
1			SSc6.1	Stormwater Design - Quantity Control	1
	1		SSc6.2	Stormwater Design - Quality Control	1
	1		SSc7.1	Heat Island Effect - Non-Roof	1
1			SSc7.2	Heat Island Effect - Roof	1
1			SSc8	Light Pollution reduction	1
		1	SSc9.1	Connection to the Natural World - Places of Respite	1
		1	SSc9.2	Coonection to the Naturial World - Direct Exterior Access for Patient	1
Υ	?	N	Credit	Title	Points
5	2	2		WATER EFFICIENCY	9
Υ			WEp1	Water Use Reduction - 20% Reduction	
Υ			WEp2	Minimize Potable Water Use for Medical Equipment Cooling	
1			WEc1	Water Efficient Landscaping - No Potable Water Use or No Irrigation	1
1	1		WEc2	Water Use Reduction: Measurement & Verification	1 to 2
2	1		WEc3	Water Use Reduction	1 to 3
1			WEc4.1	Water Use Reduction - Building Equipment	1
		1	WEc4.2	Water Use Reduction - Cooling Towers	1
		1	WEc4.3	Water Use Reduction - Food Waste Systems	1
Υ	?	N	Credit	Title	Points
7	7	25		ENERGY AND ATMOSPHERE	39
Υ			EAp1	Fundamental Commissioning of Building Systems	
Υ			EAp2	Minimum Energy Performance	
Υ			EAp3	Fundamental Refrigerant Management	
5	3	16	EAc1	Optimize Energy Performance	1 to 24

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1	IDc1.2	Innovation in Design: Article 37 - Groundwater Recharge	1
1	IDc1.3	Innovation in Design: Article 37 - Modern Mobility	1
1	IDc1.4	Innovation in Design: Green Cleaning	1
1	IDc2	LEED Accredited Professional	1
1	IDc3	Integrated Project Planning and Design	1
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1	RPc1.2	SSc6.1 Stormwater Design - Quantity Control	1
1	RPc1.3	SSc7.1 Heat Island Effect - Non-Roof	1
1	RPc1.4	SSc7.2 Heat Island Effect - Roof	1
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3	SSc3	Brownfield Redevelopment	1 point
4	SSc6.1	Stormwater Design - Quantity Control	1 point
5	SSc7.1	Heat Island Effect - Non-Roof	1 point
6	SSc7.2	Heat Island Effect - Roof	1 point
List of Applic	able "Basic	Services" Within range of project	<.5miles
1	Andre's Co	afé	Restaurant
2	Estragon		Restaurant
3	Boston M	ledical Center Campus Park	Park
4 Congregation Lion of Judah		Church	
5	Boston Cit	Fire Station	
6	Halisi Day	ı Spa & Salon	Salon
7	DB&S Lumber and Home Improvement Centers		Hardware
8	South End	d Finess Center	Fitness Center
9	Hampton	Inn and Suites Boston Crosstown Center	Hotel
10	walgreens	s	Pharmacy
R	North Har	Dense Residential	

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BMC IMP Submission Project Number: 33020-00
Project Title: INPATIENT BUILDING PHASE 1 Date: 8/29/2013

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		8	EAc2	On-Site Renewable Energy	1 to 8
1	1		EAc3	Enhanced Commissioning	1 to 2
	1		EAc4	Enhanced Refrigerant Management	1
1	1		EAc5	Measurement and Verification	2
	1		EAc6	Green Power	1
	1		EAc7	Community Containment Prevention - Airborne Releases	1
Υ	?	N	Credit	Title	Points
7	4	5		MATERIALS AND RESOURCES	16
Υ			MRp1	Storage and Collection of Recyclables	
Υ			MRp2	PBT Source Reduction - Mercury	
		3	MRc1.1	Building Reuse - Maintain Existing Walls, Floors, and Roof	1 to 3
		1	MRc1.2	Building Reuse - Maintain Interior Non-Structural Elements	1
2			MRc2	Construction Waste Management	1 to 2
2	1	1	MRc3	Sustainably Sourced Materials and Products	1 to 4
1			MRc4.1	PBT Source Reduction - Mercury in Lamps	1
2			MRc4.2	PBT Source Reduction - Lead, Cadmium, and Copper	2
	2		MRc5	Furniture and Medical Furnishings	1 to 2
	1		MRc6	Resource Use - Design for Flexibility	1
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1	Innovation in Design: Article 37 - Groundwater Recharge	IDc1.2		1
1	Innovation in Design: Article 37 - Modern Mobility	IDc1.3		1
1	Innovation in Design: Material Ingredient Reporting	IDc1.4		1
1	LEED Accredited Professional	IDc2		1
1	Integrated Project Planning and Design	IDc3		1
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4	REGIONAL PRIORITY		0	2 2

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	1		RPc1.1	EAc2	On-Site Renewable Energy	1
1			RPc1.2	SSc6.1	Stormwater Design - Quantity Control	1
	1		RPc1.3	SSc7.1	Heat Island Effect - Non-Roof	1
1			RPc1.4	SSc7.2	Heat Island Effect - Roof	1

# Y ? N Points

49 23 38	TOTAL	110
	Certified	40 to 49
	Silver	50 to 59
	Gold	60 to 79
	Platinum	80 to 110

# Appendix:

List of Applicable Regional Priority Credits for BMC Zip Code 02118 (Boston, MA)				
1	EAc2	On-Site Renewable Energy	1%/1point	
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3	SSc3	Brownfield Redevelopment	1 point	
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6	SSc7.2	Heat Island Effect - Roof	1 point	

# **Appendix E**

# **Boston Climate Change Preparedness Questionnaire**

# 2. Project Information

#### 1. Project Name and Location

Project Name: Moakley Cancer Center Addition Project Address: 830 Harrison Avenue

#### 2. Project Contact:

Name: Robert Biggio

Title: Vice President Facilities & Support Services

Company: BUMC

Email Address: tmoked@epsilonassociates.com

Phone Number: 617-638-8000

#### 3. Project Contact:

Name: Robert Biggio

Title: Vice President Facilities & Support Services

Company: BUMC

Email Address: tmoked@epsilonassociates.com

Phone Number: 617-638-8000

#### 4. Team Description:

Owner / Developer: Boston University Medical Center

Architect: TKAArchitects

Engineer (building systems): Engineered Solutions, Inc

Sustainability / LEED : TKA Architects Permitting : Collaborative Partners

Climate Change Expert: Epsilon Associates, Inc.

# 3. New Page

#### 5. Is this project a:

Single building

#### 6. At what phase is this project?

Draft/ Final Impact Report Submitted

# 4. Phased, multi-building project

#### **Project Identification**

# 5. Single building project

#### 7. Project Identification:

Project Name : Moakley Cancer Center Addition Primary Project Address : 830 Harrison Avenue

#### 6. Master Plan

#### **Project Identification**

# 7. Institutional Master Plan

#### **Project Identification**

# 8. Building Classification and Description

#### 8. Building Uses - check all appropriate uses:

Laboratory / Medical

#### 9. Building First Floor Uses - list all:

Medical

#### 10. Construction Type - select most appropriate type:

Steel Frame

#### 11. Building Size: do not include commas

Site Area (Square Feet): 10,540 Building Area (Square Feet): 27,800 Building Height (Feet): 53

Building Height (Feet): 53 Number of Stories (Floors): 3

First Floor Elevation (feet above sea level)(Boston City Base Elev.)(Ft.): 18'-10"

Number of below grade levels: 1

# 9. Green Building

# 12. Which LEED Rating System(s) has or will your project use (by area for projects using multiple rating systems):

	Rating System
Primary Use	LEED 2009 for Healthcare
Secondary Use	
Additional Uses	

#### 13. What are the projected LEED Rating System Outcome(s):

	Rating System
Primary Use	Silver
Secondary Use	
Additional Uses	

#### 14. Is or will the Project Register with the US Green Building Council

No

#### 15. Is or will the Project Seek US Green Building Council Certification:

No

# 10. Higher Temperatures and Heat Waves - Analysis and General Strategies

#### 16. Analysis Sources:

#### 17. What time span of Climate Change was considered:

#### 18. Analysis Conditions:

What Low Temperature will be used for project planning (degrees): 0 What High Temperature will be used for project planning (degrees): 95

#### 19. What Extreme Heat Event characteristics will be used for project planning:

Peak High (degrees): 95 Duration (days): 4

Number of events per year: 3

#### 20. What measures will the project employ to reduce urban heat-island effect:

Shade trees High reflective roof materials

# 21. Will the project be able to manage hotter and more humid summers without increasing its electrical load; if so how?

No

# 22. Will the building remain operable without utility power for an extended period; if so for how long and by what strategies?

If Yes, for how long (days) and describe strategies: 96 hours

#### 11. High Temperatures and Heat Waves - Active and Passive Strategies

#### 23. What will be the overall energy performance of the project or building (percentage above code)

15%

#### 24. How will project energy performance be determined

Whole Building Energy Model

#### 25. What specific measures will the project employ to reduce building energy consumption

High performance lighting Automatic lighting controls High performance HVAC equipment

# 26. What specific measures will the project employ to reduce building energy demands on the utilities and infrastructure

None

#### 27. Will the project employ Smart Grid Infrastructure and / or Systems

Local distributed electricity / micro grid Local distributed steam / heating / cooling system

# 28. Describe any non-mechanical strategies that will support building functionality and use during an extended interruption(s) of utility services and infrastructure

Potable water storage for drinking / food preparation Potable water for sinks / sanitary systems High performance building envelop

#### 29. List the R values for building envelope elements:

Roof: 30 Floors / Slab: 20

Foundation / Basement: 20

Windows: 0.40 Doors: 0.40 Walls: 13

# 12. Sea-Level Rise and Storms – location analysis and description

#### 30. Location Description:

Site Elevation - low point (feet above sea level)(Boston City Base Elev.)(Ft.): 16.8 Site Elevation - high point (feet above sea level)(Boston City Base Elev.)(Ft.): 17.5 31. Location Classification - is the site or building located in any of the following:

	Yes	No
Coastal Zone		X
Velocity Zone		Х
Flood Zone		Х
Area Prone to Flooding		Χ

32. Are updates in the floodplain delineation due to climate change likely to change the classification of the site or building location:

No

33. What is the project or building proximity to nearest Coastal, Velocity or Flood Zone or Area Prone to Flooding (horizontal distance in feet)

2,270

# 13. Sea-Level Rise and Storms - analysis and general strategies

**Analysis Sources:** 

What time span of Climate Change and Rising Sea-Levels was considered:

How were impacts from higher sea levels and more frequent and extreme storm events analyzed:

#### 14. Sea-Level Rise and Storms - Building Flood Proofing

Will the building remain occupiable without utility power during a period of extended inundation:

Will the proposed ground floor be raised in response to Sea Level Rise:

Will the proposed ground floor be raised in response to Sea Level Rise:

Will lower building levels be constructed in a manner to prevent water penetration:

Describe measures and strategies intended to ensure the integrity of critical building systems during a flood or severe storm event:

Were the differing effects of fresh water and salt water flooding considered:

Will the project site and building(s) be accessible during periods of inundation or limited circulation and / or access to transportation:

Describe any additional Building Floor Proofing strategies?

#### 15. Sea-Level Rise and Storms - Building Resiliency and Adaptability

Will the building be able to withstand severe storm impacts and endure temporary inundation

Will the building include additional structural capacity and or building systems to accommodate future on-site renewable and or clean energy sources; if so what:

Can the site and building be reasonably modified to increase Building Flood Proofing; if so how:

Describe any additional Building Resiliency and Adaptability strategies:

# **Boston Climate Change Preparedness Questionnaire**

# 2. Project Information

#### 1. Project Name and Location

Project Name: New Inpatient Building Phase I

Project Address: Albany Street

#### 2. Project Contact:

Name: Robert Biggio

Title: Vice President Facilities & Support Services

Company: BUMC

Email Address: tmoked@epsilonassociates.com

Phone Number: 617-638-8000

#### 3. Project Contact:

Name: Robert Biggio

Title: Vice President Facilities & Support Services

Company: BUMC

Email Address: tmoked@epsilonassociates.com

Phone Number: 617-638-8000

#### 4. Team Description:

Owner / Developer : Boston University Medical Center

Architect: TKAArchitects

Engineer (building systems): Engineered Solutions, Inc

Sustainability / LEED : TKAArchitects Permitting : Collaborative Partners

Climate Change Expert: Epsilon Associates, Inc.

# 3. New Page

#### 5. Is this project a:

Single building

#### 6. At what phase is this project?

Draft/ Final Impact Report Submitted

# 4. Phased, multi-building project

#### **Project Identification**

# 5. Single building project

#### 7. Project Identification:

Project Name : New Inpatient Building Phase I Primary Project Address : Albany Street

#### 6. Master Plan

#### **Project Identification**

#### 7. Institutional Master Plan

#### **Project Identification**

# 8. Building Classification and Description

#### 8. Building Uses - check all appropriate uses:

Laboratory / Medical

#### 9. Building First Floor Uses - list all:

Medical

#### 10. Construction Type - select most appropriate type:

Steel Frame

#### 11. Building Size: do not include commas

Site Area (Square Feet) : 33,780 Building Area (Square Feet) : 81,700 Building Height (Feet) : 63

Number of Stories (Floors): 4

First Floor Elevation (feet above sea level)(Boston City Base Elev.)(Ft.): 18'-10"

Number of below grade levels: 1

# 9. Green Building

# 12. Which LEED Rating System(s) has or will your project use (by area for projects using multiple rating systems):

	Rating System
Primary Use	LEED 2009 for Healthcare
Secondary Use	
Additional Uses	

#### 13. What are the projected LEED Rating System Outcome(s):

	Rating System
Primary Use	Silver
Secondary Use	
Additional Uses	

#### 14. Is or will the Project Register with the US Green Building Council

No

#### 15. Is or will the Project Seek US Green Building Council Certification:

No

# 10. Higher Temperatures and Heat Waves - Analysis and General Strategies

#### 16. Analysis Sources:

#### 17. What time span of Climate Change was considered:

#### 18. Analysis Conditions:

What Low Temperature will be used for project planning (degrees): 0 What High Temperature will be used for project planning (degrees): 95

#### 19. What Extreme Heat Event characteristics will be used for project planning:

Peak High (degrees): 95 Duration (days): 4

Number of events per year: 3

#### 20. What measures will the project employ to reduce urban heat-island effect:

Shade trees High reflective roof materials

### 21. Will the project be able to manage hotter and more humid summers without increasing its electrical load; if so how?

No

# 22. Will the building remain operable without utility power for an extended period; if so for how long and by what strategies?

If Yes, for how long (days) and describe strategies: 4 days, electric via generators and steam via redundant district steam service connections

#### 11. High Temperatures and Heat Waves - Active and Passive Strategies

#### 23. What will be the overall energy performance of the project or building (percentage above code)

15%

#### 24. How will project energy performance be determined

Whole Building Energy Model

#### 25. What specific measures will the project employ to reduce building energy consumption

High performance lighting Automatic lighting controls High performance HVAC equipment

## 26. What specific measures will the project employ to reduce building energy demands on the utilities and infrastructure

None

#### 27. Will the project employ Smart Grid Infrastructure and / or Systems

Local distributed electricity / micro grid Local distributed steam / heating / cooling system

# 28. Describe any non-mechanical strategies that will support building functionality and use during an extended interruption(s) of utility services and infrastructure

Potable water storage for drinking / food preparation Potable water for sinks / sanitary systems High performance building envelop

#### 29. List the R values for building envelope elements:

Roof: 30 Walls: 13 Floors / Slab: 20

Foundation / Basement: 20

Windows: 0.40 Doors: 0.40

#### 12. Sea-Level Rise and Storms - location analysis and description

#### 30. Location Description:

Site Elevation - low point (feet above sea level)(Boston City Base Elev.)(Ft.): 15.5 Site Elevation - high point (feet above sea level)(Boston City Base Elev.)(Ft.): 18.8

31. Location Classification - is the site or building located in any of the following:

	Yes	No
Coastal Zone		Χ
Velocity Zone		Χ
Flood Zone		Χ
Area Prone to Flooding		Χ

32. Are updates in the floodplain delineation due to climate change likely to change the classification of the site or building location:

No

33. What is the project or building proximity to nearest Coastal, Velocity or Flood Zone or Area Prone to Flooding (horizontal distance in feet)

2,300

#### 13. Sea-Level Rise and Storms - analysis and general strategies

**Analysis Sources:** 

What time span of Climate Change and Rising Sea-Levels was considered:

How were impacts from higher sea levels and more frequent and extreme storm events analyzed:

#### 14. Sea-Level Rise and Storms - Building Flood Proofing

Will the building remain occupiable without utility power during a period of extended inundation:

Will the proposed ground floor be raised in response to Sea Level Rise:

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Will the building include additional structural capacity and or building systems to accommodate future on-site renewable and or clean energy sources; if so what:

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Describe any additional Building Resiliency and Adaptability strategies:

# **Appendix F**

#### **BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

#### SCOPING DETERMINATION FOR

# INSTITUTIONAL MASTER PLAN NOTIFICATION FORM/PROJECT NOTIFICATION FORM BOSTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER INSTITUTIONAL MASTER PLAN AND LARGE PROJECT REVIEW

#### **PREAMBLE**

Boston University Medical Center ("BUMC") is comprised of Boston Medical Center ("BMC") and Boston University Medical Campus ("BU Medical Campus") which includes three of Boston University's health science schools – the School of Medicine, Goldman School of Dental Medicine and the School of Public Health. The BUMC campus is located in Boston's South End neighborhood and is comprised of approximately 20 acres including 28 BUMC campus-owned or controlled buildings, a helipad and development parcels. BMC and BU Medical Campus also leases spaces in 8 buildings located on and/or proximate to the campus. The total BUMC owned or controlled and leased space is approximately 3 million square feet of usable space.

As stated in Section 80D-1 of the Boston Zoning Code ("Code"), "the purpose of Institutional Master Plan Review is to provide for the well-planned development of Institutional Uses in order to enhance their public service and economic development role in the surrounding neighborhoods." Under the Code, an Institutional Master Plan ("IMP") has a dual purpose of meeting the needs of the institution and relating the campus to its context in a positive way. The Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") approved the Boston University Medical Center IMP ("2010 IMP") on June 22, 2010. BMC seeks to amend the 2010 IMP to incorporate the following:

- An addition to the existing Moakley Cancer center to facilitate the relocation and expansion of outpatient services;
- Minor footprint, massing and phasing revisions to the 2010 IMP New Patient Building to include the expansion of the Emergency Department and Trauma Center;
- Relocation of the 2010 IMP Energy Facility;
- 4. Replacement of the existing yellow utility tube across Albany Street with a new Bridge to service patient transport and materials handling; and
- 5. Inclusion of the acquisition of the Perkins Elmer site.

The BRA continues to seek to enhance BUMC's presence in the City of Boston as an important economic development entity and employer. Care should be taken to respond to the concerns outlined below:

- 1. The BRA seeks to understand the long-term plans of its institutions in the so that necessary growth by institutions can be allowed on a fair and equitable basis. Therefore, the BRA requires 10 year IMPs of all institutions. Institutions will be required to provide updates to the BRA on the status of their IMP and any projects and commitments therein every 2 years on the anniversary of their approval by the Boston Zoning Commission.
- 2. Attractive residential neighborhoods are viewed by the BRA as being vital to the long-term success of Boston. BUMC sits within the context of the South End neighborhood. Impacts from institutional project construction, operations and expansion must have minimal negative impacts on the neighborhoods and BUMC should take appropriate steps to ensure this.
- A Task Force has been appointed to assist and advise the BRA on the BUMC IMP and Proposed Projects. BUMC is requested to provide 2 year regular updates to Task Force members in addition to the BRA.

#### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") is issuing this Scoping
Determination pursuant to Section 80D-1 and Section 80B-5 of the Boston
Zoning Code (the "Code"). Pursuant to Article 80D of the Boston Zoning Code
("Code") the Boston University Medical Center Corporation and the Trustees of
Boston University (collectively known as the "Proponents") submitted an
Institutional Master Plan Notification Form/Project Notification Form
("IMPNF/PNF") to the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") on June 7, 2013.
The IMPNF/PNF described proposed modifications to the 2010 IMP, including
the following:

- An addition to the existing Moakley Cancer center to facilitate the relocation and expansion of outpatient services;
- Minor footprint, massing and phasing revisions to the 2010 IMP New Patient Building to include the expansion of the Emergency Department and Trauma Center;
- Relocation of the 2010 IMP Energy Facility;
- 4. Replacement of the existing yellow utility tube across Albany Street with a new Bridge to service patient transport and materials handling; and
- 5. Inclusion of the acquisition of the Perkins Elmer site.

Notice of the receipt by the BRA of the IMPNF/PNF was published in the <u>Boston Herald</u> on June 7, 2013 initiating a public comment period ending on July 8, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 80D-4.3c and Section 80B-5.3c of the Code a scoping session was held on June 20, 2013 with the City's public agencies and to which members of the Task Force were invited. A combined Task Force and Public meeting where the proposed IMPNF/PNF were reviewed and discussed, was held on June 19, 2013. Based on the BRA's review of public comments and comments from the City's public agencies, the BRA hereby issues its Scoping

Determination pursuant to Section 80D-4.3 and Section 80B-5.3 of the Code. Comments from the City's public agencies are attached and incorporated as a part of this Scoping Determination. All attached comments from the City's public agencies and the public must be responded to in the IMPA/DPIR.

This Scoping Determination requests information required by the BRA for its review of the proposed IMPNF/PNF in connection with the following:

- Approval of the BUMC IMP Amendment/Draft Project Impact Report ("IMPA/DPIR") pursuant to Article 80 and other applicable sections of the Code;
- 2. Recommendation to the Zoning Commission for approval of the IMPA/DPIR.

The IMPA/DPIR should be documented in a report of appropriate dimensions and in presentation materials which support the full review of the IMPA/DPIR. Fifteen copies of the full IMPA/DPIR should be submitted to the BRA. An additional twenty copies should be available for distribution to the Task Force members, participants, community groups and other interested parties in support of the public review process. The IMPA/DPIR should be uploaded on the BUMC or other appropriate website so that it may be viewed electronically. The IMPA/DPIR should be submitted 1) as a stand-alone document, and 2) electronically in the form of CD's. The IMPA/DPIR document should include this Scoping Determination and text, maps, plans, and other graphic materials sufficient to clearly communicate the various elements of the IMPA/DPIR.

BUMC will be responsible for preparing and publishing in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the City of Boston a Public Notice of the submission of the IMPA/DPIR to the BRA as required by Section 80A-2. This Notice shall be published within five (5) days after the receipt of the IMPA/DPIR by the BRA. Public comments shall be transmitted to the BRA within sixty (60)

days of the publication of this Notice, unless a time extension has been granted by the BRA in accordance with the provisions of Article 80 or to coordinate the IMP review with any required Large Project Review. Following publication of the Notice, BUMC shall submit to the BRA a copy of the published Notice together with the date of publication.

#### **BRA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Sonal Gandhi, Project Manager

FROM: David Grissino AIA, Senior Architect/Urban Designer

DATE: July 22, 2013

SUBJECT: Boston University Medical Center

Institutional Master Plan Notification Form/ Project Notification Form

#### URBAN DESIGN SCOPING DETERMINATION COMMENTS

#### **Background**

In their 2010 Institutional Master Plan (IMP), Boston University Medical Center (BUMC) outlined a series of goals and aspirations for the development of the campus which responded to evolving trends in healthcare delivery and education. Attention was given to describing current needs and the projects required to address them. Long range goals and planning principles were also outlined to serve as a framework for future discussion. The major urban design and campus design objectives of the 2010 IMP included:

- Transforming Albany Street and the image of the campus
- Being sensitive to the surrounding context through massing, scale, and materials
- Creating a clear and welcoming sense of arrival/wayfinding
- Enhancing pedestrian friendly edges
- Consolidating functions to improve efficiency and access to care
- Addressing aging buildings and the functions they provide
- Planning for long term growth

On June 7, 2013, BUMC filed their Institutional Master Plan Notification Form/ Project Notification Form (IMPNF/PNF). The IMPNF/PNF described a series of strategic changes to the development and use of the campus which would require modification of the projects previously approved in the 2010 IMP. The IMPNF/PNF outlined 6 Proposed Institutional Master Plan Projects. Those projects are a 38,000sf Energy Facility, a 78,000sf New Inpatient Building (Phase 1), a 323,000sf New Inpatient Building (Phase 2), a 219,000sf Administration/Clinical Building, a 7,100sf New Patient Transport Bridge, and a 27,800sf addition to the Moakley Cancer Center. The IMPNF/PNF also describes the relocation of all inpatient services from the Newton Pavilion to the New Inpatient Building, acquisition of the Perkins Elmer site at the eastern edge of the campus, and the removal of several leased spaces from their IMP area.

These scoping comments address the strategic and campus design modifications to the 2010 IMP in an effort to understand how the currently proposed IMP projects impact the overall urban design framework and physical development of the campus. A more detailed set of project-specific questions relating to the Article 80B Large Project Review component of the IMPNF/PNF will be provided separately. These comments also seek additional information regarding modifications to two previously approved IMP Projects which are not seeking Article 80B approval at this time.



#### **Modifications to the Institutional Master Plan**

Campus Uses and Adjacencies

aging Preston Family Building as well.

Newton Street and Albany Street.

A major theme of the master plan has been reorganization of uses to establish ideal adjacencies and maximize efficiency. These shifts will fundamentally alter the general use zones which have historically defined the campus, its circulation patterns, building scale and character, campus identity and image, and relationship to surrounding non-institutional areas.

While discussed as a concept in the 2010 IMP, the consolidation of clinical services to the

- West Campus will make major progress with the relocation of inpatient services to the new Inpatient Building Phase 1. More information should be submitted regarding this relocation, including a description of how many square feet of space will become available in the Newton Pavilion for other uses, a description of those potential uses (BMC administration, BU Medical campus teaching or research, support, etc), and the location within the building where the spaces will be vacated and repurposed.
- In addition, a narrative and graphic description should be provided which outlines the impacts on campus circulation caused by the relocation of the clinical uses and the associated staff and support personnel. Impacts to both the pedestrian and vehicular systems should be detailed.
  - longer able to function as a clinical building, would be downgraded when the Shapiro Ambulatory Care Center (SACC) became available. With SACC now open, an update should be provided regarding the current and anticipated uses in the DOB building. Table 1-2 of the IMPNF/PNF still states that the uses are a mixture of administrative and outpatient services. If clinical services are indeed now relocated to the SACC, Table 1-2 should be revised and the Campus Adjacencies map (Figure 1-6) should be modified. With the changes to the DOB and Newton Pavilion, the concept of an "East Campus Clinical" district should be

reconsidered. In this context, comments should be made regarding the potential future of the

In the 2010 IMP, a scenario was described in which the Doctor's Office Building (DOB), no

- In reference to the relationship between BMC and the BU Medical Campus, the IMPNF/PNF states that "the synergy among these institutions and the incorporation of teaching and research with the clinical programs is essential to improving health for the general public." With changes to the location of clinical functions which were previously physically linked to the academic buildings, the issue of the relationship between BMC and the BU Medical Campus should be discussed, particularly if the strategy for maintaining that strong relationship has implications to the campus design approach. Pedestrian connectivity
- Both the 2010 IMP and the current proposed IMP Amendment highlight the need for additional administrative space at BUMC. This space presumably is needed to offset the loss

between academic and clinical spaces could have an impact on circulation routes along East

of leased spaces at Northampton Street and Harrison Avenue and the increased demands of inpatient and outpatient care. The Doctors Office Building, Newton Pavilion, and Perkins Elmer site all provide opportunities for administrative uses, as well as some undefined portion of the new 219,000 sf Administration/Clinical Building proposed under the IMP Amendment. Given the consistent labeling of "administration" as a principal use in most buildings shown in Table 1-2, it is difficult to ascertain the true supply and demand for administrative space. This lack of clarity is compounded by the uncertainty regarding the amount of administrative space not longer being leased on Northampton Street or Harrison Avenue. The IMP should provide a clear summary of the current and projected need for administrative space and clarify if the space currently available exceeds or falls short of that need

- With the removal of the 761 Harrison Avenue, Harrison Court Apartments/Office lease from the IMP, clarification regarding the 122,922 square feet of displaced uses should be provided. Of particular interest are the amount of residential units which are being relocated and a description of their new location.
  - Visions for Albany Street and the campus edges
- Several trends in BUMC's campus development highlight the need for a clearly articulated and defined vision and set of design guidelines for Albany Street, Harrison Avenue, and Massachusetts Avenue. As the BUMC expands its overall footprint by acquiring additional properties farther along Albany Street such as the Perkins Elmer site, increased pedestrian traffic between the clinical and academic core and these more remote locations will demand a better understanding of the relationship of signage, wayfinding, and campus identity elements which are in the public realm.

Development of new and renovated building projects such as the New Inpatient Building Phase 1 or the DOB has the potential to establish new relationships between BUMC's

facilities and the public realm. These projects can foster greater connectivity and the development of new networks of open spaces which create a pedestrian oriented future for the surrounding streets. BUMC must clarify the role each of these three major streets will play in the imagability and identity of the campus as a whole. This is of particular importance cont along Albany Street, which is becoming a more prominent face of the campus.

A set of urban design diagrams should be provided in the IMP which provides guidelines for development of buildings and green spaces which will enhance, identify, and clarify the institution's relationship to the surrounding area. The guidelines should also specifically define the extent and location of public realm improvements, both those associated with IMP building projects and those that are not. A timeline should also be provided which describes the phasing of the public realm improvements.

#### The Harrison Albany Corridor Strategic Plan

In June 2012, The City of Boston and Boston Redevelopment Authority issued the Harrison Albany Corridor Strategic Plan (HACSP). This plan was the result of extensive community outreach and participation which outlined a vision for an area extending from Massachusetts Avenue to Herald Street. Improving physical connectivity, establishing a sense of place, and

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enhancing the public realm were central organizing themes to the plan. The HACSP called for the establishment of a "primary green corridor" along East Newton Street, connecting the Medical sub-area to the historic Franklin and Blackstone Squares in the South End. It also highlighted the potential for two "place-making opportunities" where East Newton Street intersects with Harrison Avenue and Albany Street.

While the IMPNF/PNF recognized some aspects of the plan, such as the desire to improve the relationship between institutional buildings and the public realm, additional narrative and graphic information should be provided which addresses BUMC's specific role in the evolution of East Newton Street. This element of the plan is of special importance given the significant changes occurring with the repurposing of the Newton Pavilion.

#### Acquisition of the Perkins Elmer facility

Identified as an area of interest in the 2010 IMP, the Perkins Elmer site has now been acquired by BUMC. Additional information regarding this site should be submitted with the IMP Amendment. That information should include, but not be limited to, a discussion of the physical boundaries of the properties which have been acquired, dimensional information of the individual existing structures, condition assessment of the structures (using evaluation criteria similar to Section 1.5.5 of the 2010 IMP), and long-term program goals for the site.

In the HACSP discussed above, the Perkins Elmer site sits within the Back Streets sub-area. The surface parking area was identified as a potential redevelopment site which could contribute to the creative economy and help strengthen the streetwall along the mid-block section of both East Canton Street and East Dedham Street. The IMP should specifically comment upon these goals as they relate to the institution's vision for the block.

#### Proposed IMP projects

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The IMPNF/PNF proposed six IMP projects, some of which were modifications to those approved in the 2010 plan. Four of those six projects will be discussed in detail in a separate Scoping Comments memorandum relative to their Article 80B Large Project Review process. The New Inpatient Building (Phase 2) and the Administrative/Clinical Building are only seeking Article 80D review at this time. The New Inpatient Building, Phases 1 and 2, appears to be simply a mechanism for differently executing the same project which was previously approved as the "New Inpatient Tower" in 2010. The overall square footage of the project is roughly the same, but any significant programmatic changes should be described. The Administration/Clinical Building, however, has changed not only in its size (increasing by nearly 60,000 square feet) but in its location relative to Albany Street (setback from the street). The reasons for these changes should be described in detail in the IMP.

#### **BRA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Sonal Gandhi, Project Manager

FROM: David Grissino AIA, Senior Architect/Urban Designer

DATE: July 30, 2013

SUBJECT: Boston University Medical Center

Institutional Master Plan Notification Form/ Project Notification Form

#### URBAN DESIGN SCOPING DETERMINATION COMMENTS

#### **Background**

On June 7, 2013, BUMC filed their Institutional Master Plan Notification Form/ Project Notification Form (IMPNF/PNF). The IMPNF/PNF described a series of strategic changes to the development and use of the campus which would require modification of the projects previously approved in the 2010 IMP *and* new projects not anticipated at that time. The IMPNF/PNF outlined 6 Proposed Institutional Master Plan Projects. Those projects are a 38,000sf Energy Facility, a 78,000sf New Inpatient Building (Phase 1), a 323,000sf New Inpatient Building (Phase 2), a 219,000sf Administration/Clinical Building, a 7,100sf New Patient Transport Bridge, and a 27,800sf addition to the Moakley Cancer Center. The IMPNF/PNF also describes the relocation of all inpatient services from the Newton Pavilion to the New Inpatient Building, acquisition of the Perkins Elmer site at the eastern edge of the campus, and the removal of several leased spaces from their IMP area.

These scoping comments address the project-specific issues relating to the Article 80B Large Project Review component for the Moakley Cancer Center Addition, New Inpatient Building (Phase 1), Energy Facility, and New Patient Transport Bridge. A broader discussion of the overall master plan, urban design framework, and the other IMP Projects was provided separately in a Memorandum dated July 22, 2013.

For additional information regarding typical submission requirements under Article 80B, please refer to the BRA Development Review Guidelines using the following link: <a href="http://www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/pdf/documents/Development%20Review%20">http://www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/pdf/documents/Development%20Review%20</a> Guidelines%20-%20Final%20Version%20(April%202006).pdf

#### **Project Review Comments**

Moakley Cancer Center Addition

This modest addition to the existing Moakley Building is the enabling project which will allow other elements of the IMP to move forward. Although modest in scale, the project has great potential to positively affect the growth of the campus and its relationship to the surrounding area by redefining the edge of the campus along East Concord Street.



However, the proposed project will be removing an element of the existing open space system. To better understand these issues, a more detailed set of site plans should be provided which accurately describes the existing and proposed site conditions, including landscape elements, pathways, and the bus stop. These drawings should be at a large enough scale to understand the design intent for various proposed landscape and streetscape features easily. The scale of this drawing should be coordinated with BRA Urban Design staff.

The height and overall massing of the addition is in keeping with the existing building and is appropriate for the surrounding context. The proposed architectural expression directly replicates the material and façade design of the current Moakley Building. Because the addition will push the building facade much closer to East Concord Street, consideration should be given to an architectural expression which is more responsive to the redefined street edge condition the project will create.

Alternative studies should be submitted which investigate the relationship between the proposed addition and East Concord Street. These studies should also recognize that the north elevation may provide a distinctive edge to the adjacent open space in a similar fashion to the west elevation's "face" to the large open space located between BCD and FGH. While the uses on the interior of the proposed addition may not enable a large curtainwall similar to the west elevation, a more unified and frontal expression should be studied.

In addition to elevation studies, multiple ground level perspectives should be submitted which allow a clear understanding of the scale, materials, and character of the proposed building. Views should be taken from a point 5'-0" above the ground plane and include surrounding buildings, structures, and other scale elements in order to understand the context accurately. For each viewpoint, two images should be provided depicting the existing and proposed conditions. At a minimum, views should be taken from points east and west along the north side of the East Concord Street sidewalk and from the center of the nearby open space. View locations should be reviewed and approved by BRA Urban Design staff.

#### New Inpatient Building (Phase 1)

One of the long term strategic goals of the IMP is to transform the Albany Street campus image. With the construction of the first phase of work on the New Inpatient Building, significant improvements will be made to the function and appearance of BUMC along this important city street.

Figure 1-9 in the IMPNF/PNF begins to delineate the modifications to the public realm which are the result of the construction of the new building, but site plans with greater clarity and specificity should be submitted for review. These site plans should describe the existing and proposed condition at a larger scale and include an area which extends along Albany Street from Massachusetts Avenue to the SACC. Any functional or aesthetic changes to the loading, ambulance area, entries, or other public realm elements should be described.

With regard to the exterior design, the proposed addition presents a simple "picture window" to the street with a "contemporary aesthetic consistent with the modern design direction of

- the campus." Additional information should be provided regarding the degree to which details and materials used on the SACC will impact the proposed design solution. Discussion should also be provided regarding the value of creating a more unified and coherent institutional identity along Albany Street and the appropriateness of extending the Phase 1 architectural vocabulary to Phase 2 of the project.
  - While the Albany Street elevation appears simple and uniform, the interior functions on Levels 2, 3, and 4 appear quite different and could have an impact on the viability of the exterior expression as proposed. Narrative and supporting graphics should be provided which address this issue. The outcomes of this analysis and study will also be relevant to the Moakley Addition study requested above.
- In order to understand the transformation of Albany Street as a result of this project, two ground level perspectives should be submitted, based on the methodology described earlier. Views should be taken from points north and south along Albany Street.

#### Energy Facility

Given its scale and revised location relative to other buildings in the area, the Energy Facility will have a high degree of visibility from the Melnea Cass intersection with Massachusetts Avenue and along the Mass Ave Connector. While the "industrial" architectural expression is appropriate, the use of dark grey cladding should be studied further. The overall palette of materials in the area is generally warm tones and/or a light to mid-range value. Use of a dark grey metal panel would stand apart from this background.

- Perspective views utilizing a photo-montage technique would be most effective in studying this proposal, using vantage points at the southeast corner of Melnea Cass the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and at the center southbound travel lane of the Mass Ave Connector near the Chief Medical Examiners Building. In addition to the build and no-build condition, an additional view should be provided which depicts the future condition with the existing Power Plant demolished and the Administration/Clinical Building in place.
  - As materials and finishes are finalized for the Energy Facility, the issue of Solar Glare must be revisited in order to determine that the large facades visible from the surrounding streets do not create hazardous conditions for the large volume of buses and automobiles in the area. Of particular concern is the late afternoon effect of glare along the Mass Ave Connector.

#### New Patient Transport Bridge

The removal of the existing yellow tube over Albany Street will make a significant improvement to the public realm and overall image of the campus. The proposed bridge, while serving vital functions for patients and infrastructure, can potentially become a signature element for the campus and a memorable part of Albany Street. However, the bridge should strive to be as light and transparent as possible, minimizing its visual impact through careful specification of glass, detailing of connections, and construction of supports. In addition, the concept of strategically lighting the bridge or highlighting it in such a way as to create a beacon, gateway, or way-finding element should be reconsidered.

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The proposed bridge project will have the potential to improve the public realm and reconfigure the circulation patterns along this section of Albany Street. A more detailed set of site plans should be provided which depicts the existing and proposed conditions. It is possible that this area could be shown on the drawings requested for the New Inpatient Building (Phase 1). Pedestrian and vehicular issues related to the location and shape of the vertical supports for the bridge should be described. In order to evaluate the urban design issues relating to the bridge, eye-level perspectives should be provided with near-range views (describing the pedestrian experience under and around the structure) and longer-range views (describing the lightness and transparency of the glass above).

#### **BRA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Sonal Gandhi

FROM: Katie Pedersen

DATE: July 1, 2013

RE: Boston University Medical Center

Boston, Massachusetts

Institutional Master Plan Notification Form/Project Notification Form

I have reviewed the Institutional Master Plan Notification Form/Project Notification Form (IMPNF/PNF) dated June 7, 2013 and submit the following comments for the Environmental Protection Component. The Boston Medical Center Corporation and the Trustees of Boston University (collectively the "Proponents") propose the following "Proposed Project":

- •An addition to the existing Moakley Cancer Center;
- •Minor footprint, massing, and phasing renovations to the 2010 Institutional Master Plan (IMP) New Inpatient Building;
- •Relocation of the 2010 IMP Boston Medical Center Energy Facility;
- •Replacement of the existing yellow utility tube across Albany Street with a new bridge
- •The inclusion of the acquisition of the Perkin Elmer site

The Proposed Project includes a 27,800 square foot addition to the existing Moakley Cancer Center, the construction of a 78,000 square foot New Inpatient Building (which will include the demolition of a portion of the existing Dowling Building), the relocation of the Boston University Medical Center Energy Facility (from the previously BRA approved location) and the reduction in size (a 38,500 square foot combined heat and power facility) and the replacement of the existing yellow utility tube with a new Bridge.

The environmental impacts of the proposed Boston University Medical Center project shall be analyzed collectively (as the Proposed Project) and building specific and accordingly, the results will be reviewed both for their individual impacts as well as for the cumulative impact from the Proposed Project (as defined above).

#### Wind

The Proponent shall be required to conduct a qualitative analysis of the pedestrian level winds for the following: the proposed Moakley Cancer Center Addition, the proposed New Inpatient Building Phase 1 and the proposed Boston University Medical Center Energy Facility. The analysis shall discuss the impacts on existing and proposed building entrances, entrances to public transportation stations, crosswalks and public sidewalks, public plazas and gathering areas, parks and green spaces.

#### 2. Shadow

The Proponents have stated that the Proposed Project (and in particular the proposed Moakley Cancer Center Addition, the proposed New Inpatient Building Phase 1, the proposed Boston University Medical Center Energy Facility and the proposed new Bridge) is not anticipated to generate negative new shadows. The Proponent has demonstrated that the Proposed Project will not create significant adverse impacts on public open spaces and pedestrian areas, including, but not limited to, the sidewalks and pedestrian walkways within, adjacent to, and in the vicinity of the Proposed Project and the existing and proposed plazas, historic resources and open space areas within the vicinity of the Proposed Project.

Both the proposed Moakley Cancer Center Addition and the proposed Boston University Medical Center Energy Facility will be surrounded by and adjacent to structures of similar height and massing, thus no significant negative new shadow impacts are anticipated. The proposed New Inpatient Building will be located along the north side of Albany Street and as a result net new shadows are anticipated to be cast back on the roof of the proposed New Inpatient Building. Similarly, the proposed new Bridge's net new shadow is expected to be cast onto itself.

#### 3. <u>Daylight</u>

(Please refer to Urban Design's comments)

#### Solar Glare

The Proponents have stated that the Proposed Project's exterior materials have yet to be determined. However, the Proponents have stated that the Proposed Project exterior is not likely to incorporate the use reflective glass and instead will include brick, stone, precast concrete and glass. Thus, the Proponents do not anticipate the creation of either adverse solar glare impacts or solar heat buildups in nearby buildings. However, should the Proposed Project design change and incorporate substantial glass-facades (reflective glass), a solar glare analysis shall be required.

The analysis shall measure potential reflective glare from the buildings onto potentially affected streets and public open spaces and sidewalk areas in order to determine the likelihood of visual impairment or discomfort due to reflective spot glare. Mitigation measures to eliminate any adverse reflective glare shall be identified.

#### 5. Air Quality

The Proponents shall provide a description of the existing and projected future air quality in the Proposed Project vicinity and shall evaluate ambient levels to determine conformance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Careful consideration shall be given to mitigation measures to ensure compliance with air quality standards.

A description of the Proposed Project's heating and mechanical systems including location of buildings/garage intake and exhaust vents and specifications, and an analysis of the impact on pedestrian level air quality and on any sensitive receptors from operation of the heating, mechanical and exhaust systems, including the building's emergency generator, shall be required. Measures to avoid any violation of air quality standards shall be described.

#### 6. Noise

The Proponent shall be required to establish the existing noise levels at the Proposed Project site and vicinity based upon a noise-monitoring program and shall calculate future noise levels after the Proposed Project completion based on appropriate modeling and shall demonstrate compliance with City of Boston noise regulations and applicable state and federal regulations and guidelines. The noise evaluation shall include the effect of noise generated by the area's traffic and other noise sources. If deemed necessary, mitigation measures to minimize adverse noise impacts to acceptable limits shall be described.

Analyses of the potential noise impacts from the Proposed Project's mechanical and exhaust systems and compliance with applicable regulations of the City of Boston shall be required. Descriptions of the Proposed Project's mechanical and exhaust systems and their location shall be included. Measures to minimize and eliminate adverse noise impacts on nearby sensitive receptors shall be described.

#### 7. Groundwater

The Proponents have stated that the proposed Moakley Cancer Center Addition and the proposed New Impatient Building are located within the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District (GCOD) and accordingly, have stated that the Proposed Project will be constructed in compliance with the recharge requirements that make up one of the standards for approval under the GCOD. However, the GCOD has a second requirement and thus the Proponents shall be required to demonstrate that the proposed Moakley Cancer Center Addition and the proposed New Impatient Building will not cause reductions in groundwater levels on the sites or on adjoining lots. The Proponents shall also be required to provide the mandated certification (per Article 32) by an engineer registered in Massachusetts.

#### Sustainable Design/Green Buildings

The purpose of Article 37 of the Boston Zoning Code is to ensure that major buildings projects are planned, designed, constructed and managed to minimize adverse environmental impacts; to conserve natural resources; to promote sustainable development; and to enhance the quality of life in Boston. Any proposed project subject to the provisions of Article 37 shall be LEED Certifiable (U.S. Green Buildings Council) under the most appropriate LEED rating system. Proponents are encouraged to integrate

sustainable building practices at the pre-design phase. Proposed Projects which are subject to comply with Section 80B of the Boston Zoning Code, Large Project Review, shall be subject to the requirements of Article 37.

Please see the Interagency Green Building Committee's Comment Letter for particular comments.



#### **Article 37 Interagency Green Building Committee**

June 24, 2013

Robert Biggio, Vice President, Facilities and Support Services Boston Medical Center Corporation 750 Albany Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02118

Re: Boston University Medical Center, South End Institutional Master Plan Notification Form/Project Notification Form Article 37, Boston Zoning Code

Dear Mr. Biggio:

The Boston Interagency Green Building Committee (IGBC) has reviewed Boston University Medical Center's (BUMC) LEED for New Construction and Major Renovation (LEED NC) checklists for the following Institutional Master Plan (IMP) projects:

- An addition to the Moakley Cancer Center showing a plan to obtain 54 points, LEED Silver
- Phase I of a new Inpatient Building + a new Patient Transport Bridge showing a plan to obtain 58 points, LEED Silver
- Construction of a previously BRA-approved new Energy Facility showing a plan to obtain 45 points, LEED Certified

We request the following:

- 1.
- Elaboration on the choice of LEED NC for both the Moakley Addition and the Inpatient Building rather than LEED 2009 for Healthcare New Construction & Major Renovation.
- 2.
- A description of the ways in which LEED credits will be obtained. Please submit a
  detailed narrative for the IGBC's review.

Each checklist shows an intent to obtain Innovation in Design points for Boston Green Building credits Modern Grid and Modern Mobility; Groundwater Recharge is also planned for the Moakley addition and Inpatient Building Phase I. Please provide specifics regarding plans to

meet the Boston Public Health Commission prerequisites:

- Retrofit of all diesel construction vehicles, from the United States Environmental Protection Agency approved retrofit technologies, as applicable, or contribution of a comparable amount to the Air Pollution Control Commission Abatement Fund;
  - Develop and implement an outdoor construction management plan including provisions for wheel washing, site vacuuming, truck covers and anti-idling signage; and
    - Develop and implement an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan.

The IGBC looks forward to additional information. Please contact us through your Project Manager if you have questions.

Sincerely,
Article 37 Interagency Green Building Committee



July 8, 2013

Sonal Gandhi Boston Redevelopment Authority Boston City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02201-1007

RE: BUMC IMPA/PNF

Dear Ms. Gandhi:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Boston University Medical Center Institutional Master Plan Amendment/Project Notification Form. As the City's public health department we are pleased that this plan reflects patient needs and will enable BMC to effectively serve Boston's most vulnerable patients in the setting most appropriate to their needs.

The Project would consist of a 17,136 square foot addition to Boston Medical Center, including a proposed addition to the existing Moakley Cancer Center; minor footprint, massing and phasing revisions to the proposed New Inpatient Building; relocation of the Energy Facility; replacement of the existing yellow utility tube across Albany Street with a bridge for patient transport and materials handling; and the addition of property, on the Boston University Medical Center Campus in the South End.

The Boston Public Health Commission (Commission) has reviewed and supports the Institutional Master Plan Amendment, recognizing that the IMP as amended will positively impact public health and quality of life in Boston. We have, however, requested that modifications be made on the siting of the Energy Facility to take into account the needs of existing clients and guests using the Finland and Woods Mullen buildings to receive essential services.

The Commission considers the substantial size of the proposed IMP Amendment an opportunity to create positive health impacts of the city's most central health campus by maximizing the creation of jobs for residents, and promoting safe neighborhoods with opportunities for active transit.

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With regard to plans for future building design and use, the Commission encourages the Proponent to incorporate healthy building principles into design and management plans wherever possible. The Commission supports measures to ensure indoor environmental quality through the use of low-emitting construction materials, increased ventilation and the elimination of environmental tobacco smoke through smoke-free policies. Additionally, the

Commission supports the incorporation of active design principles and elements that promote active circulation within and around buildings through the location, design and dimensions of stairs along with signage to promote active circulation.

Specifically, in the areas of urban design and transportation, the amended plan calls for significant improvements to pedestrian safety and walkability on Albany Street and throughout the campus. In the implementation of this plan, we encourage the proponent to focus on measures to increase pedestrian connectivity and facilitate walking and active transit. These may include measures like wayfinding features to nearby transit lines. For example, given the

- may include measures like wayfinding features to nearby transit lines. For example, given the proximity to the new Newmarket Commuter Rail station, any improvements to pedestrian and bicycle connectivity with the Newmarket station that can be accommodated through street design or signage should be considered. In addition, indoor design features that promote walkability, active design and use of stairs should be considered as individual buildings are
- designed and constructed.

  We applaud the proponent's proposed efforts around parking management, especially given the relationship between car usage and chronic disease and air quality, in an area with high density

of public transit options and high traffic congestion. In particular, we think the proponent's TDM

- efforts through TransComm will continue to promote greater rates of walking and biking by staff, students, patients and visitors. We would propose that the proponent consider expansion of this program to include other area employers within immediate proximity to the campus. Further, we appreciate the existing and proposed accommodations to support bicycle use and would encourage the proponent to consider other measures to promote walking and biking by all patient, visitor and employee transit riders to the area who may experience physical or perceived barriers to walking or bicycling in the high traffic area, including those with impaired
- mobility. This could include additional pedestrian safety improvements, especially along Massachusetts Avenue.

With regard to the proposed Energy Facility siting in the IMP amendment, the relocation of the new energy facility from the approved location under the existing IMP to the new proposed location brings it into immediate proximity to the BPHC's Finland and Woods Mullen buildings, which collectively serve some of the City's most vulnerable populations. While we appreciate the proponent's ambitious greenhouse gas reduction goals, we would suggest that the proponent take all practicable measures to reduce local air quality impacts related to combustion byproducts. In addition, due to the function of the Woods Mullen building as an overnight shelter, it is appropriate to consider the impacts on what is functionally similar to a residential use.

We also wish to clarify for the IMP Amendment/PNF, that the Finland is a direct service building, which receives frequent in and out foot traffic of clients served by the Commission. The parking area directly behind the Woods Mullen and Finland buildings, which is adjacent to and on the site of the proposed new Energy Facility currently serves as the access and loading area for the buses that transport homeless guests to the Long Island Shelter several times each day. Continued use of this parking area is needed since the inability to use this area for the loading of buses would have a detrimental effect of the traffic flows on Massachusetts Avenue, the only other access point for the facility. While we recognize the overall value of the new energy

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facility on regional air quality, we request that the Proponent modify the plans to take into account the needs those using both the Finland and Woods Mullen buildings.

The Commission commends the Authority and Proponent for actively engaging community participation throughout the development of this Master Plan, and their commitment to doing so as this project moves forward. In addition to the existing Task Force, given the proximity to the Commission facilities, we encourage the proponent to meet with additional utilizers of the campus and surrounding areas as part of public review processes, to best understand the needs of those who live, work and receive services in the area which will be affected by the project.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this Master Plan Amendment. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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# Boston Water and Sewer Commission

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July 8, 2013



Ms. Sonal Gandhi Senior Project Manager Boston Redevelopment Authority One City Hall Square Boston, MA 02201

Re: Boston University Medical Center- IMPA/PNF

Dear Ms. Gandhi:

The Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC, the Commission) has reviewed the Institutional Master Plan Amendment/Project Notification Form (IMPA/PNF) for the Boston University Medical Center (BMC). The IMPA/PNF describes proposed modifications to the Institutional Master Plan previously approved in 2010, including a proposed addition to the existing Moakley Cancer Center; minor footprint, massing and phasing revisions to the proposed New Inpatient Building; relocation of the Energy Facility proposed; replacement of the existing yellow utility tube across Albany Street with a new bridge for patient transport; temporary relocation of the current loading dock for the west Campus and construction of a new below grade tunnel beneath Albany Street; and incorporation into the Master Plan recently acquired property located at 100 East Canton Street, 123 East Dedham Street, and 57 Albany Street.

At this time BMC is initiating Large Project Review for the following projects:

- Moakley Cancer Center Addition
- New Inpatient Building Phase 1
- Energy Facility
- New Patient Transport Bridge

The Commission has the following comments regarding the proposed projects:

#### General

1. The proponent must submit site plans and General Service Applications to the Commission for individual construction projects as they are proposed. Site plans must show the location of existing public and private water mains, sanitary sewers and storm drains serving project sites, as well as the locations of proposed service connections.

- 2. With each site plan, the proponent must provide detailed estimates for water demand, sanitary sewer flows and stormwater runoff generation for the proposed project. The amount of potable water required for landscape irrigation, if any is anticipated, must be quantified and provided separately.
- 3. It is the proponent's responsibility to evaluate the capacity of the water, sewer and storm drainage systems serving the individual project sites to determine if the systems are adequate to meet future project demands. With each site plan, the proponent must include detailed capacity analyses for the water, sewer and storm drain systems serving the project site, as well as an analysis of the impact the project will have on the Commission's and the MWRA's systems overall. The analysis should identify specific measures that will be implemented to offset the impacts of the anticipated flows on the Commission and MWRA sewer systems.
- 4. The proponent is advised that any new, relocated, reconstructed or expanded water, sanitary sewer, or storm drainage facilities required to accommodate future development must be designed and constructed at the proponent's expense and in conformance with the Commission's Sewer Use and Water Distribution System regulations.
- 5. To assure compliance with the Commission's requirements, the proponent should submit site plans and General Service Applications for individual projects to the Commission for review when project designs are 50 percent complete.
- 6. Before the proponent demolishes any existing structure, existing water and sewer connections to the structure must be cut and capped in accordance with Commission standards. The proponent must complete a Termination Verification Approval Form for a Demolition Permit, available from the Commission. The completed form must be submitted to the City of Boston's Inspectional Services Department before a Demolition Permit will be issued.

#### Sewage/Drainage

- 7. Grease traps are required in all new and existing cafeteria or kitchen facilities in accordance with the Commission's Sewer Use Regulations. The proponent is advised to consult with the Commission prior to preparing plans for grease traps.
- 8. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in cooperation with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) and its member communities, are implementing a coordinated approach to flow control in the MWRA regional wastewater system, particularly the removal of extraneous clean water (e.g., infiltration/ inflow (I/I)) in the system. In this regard, DEP has been routinely requiring proponents proposing to add significant new wastewater flow to assist in the I/I reduction effort to ensure that the additional wastewater flows are offset by the removal of I/I. Currently, DEP is typically using a minimum 4:1 ratio for I/I removal to new wastewater flow added. The Commission supports the DEP/MWRA policy, and will require the proponent to develop a consistent inflow reduction plan.

- 9. Site plans must show in detail how drainage from the building's roof and from other impervious areas will be managed. Roof runoff and other stormwater runoff must be conveyed separately from sanitary waste at all times.
- 10. The project sites are located within Boston's Groundwater Conservation Overlay District (GCOD). The district is intended to promote the restoration of groundwater and reduce the impact of surface runoff. Projects constructed within the GCOD are required to include provisions for retaining stormwater and directing the stormwater to the groundwater table for recharge.
- Developers of projects involving disturbances of land of one acre or more are required to obtain an NPDES General Permit for Construction from the Environmental Protection Agency, and prepare a pollution prevention plan. The proponent is responsible for determining if such a permit is required and for obtaining the permit. If a permit is required, a copy of the Notice of Intent and the pollution prevention plan prepared pursuant to the Permit must be provided to the Commission prior to the commencement of construction.
- 12. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has established Performance Standards for Stormwater Management. The Standards address stormwater quality, quantity and recharge. In addition to Commission standards, the proposed project will be required to meet MassDEP's Stormwater Management Standards.
- 13. In conjunction with each site plan and General Service Application submitted, the proponent will be required to submit a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. Each plan must:
  - Specifically identify how the project will comply with the Department of Environmental Protection's Performance Standards for Stormwater Management both during construction and after construction is complete.
  - Identify specific best management measures for controlling erosion and preventing the discharge of sediment, contaminated stormwater or construction debris to the Commission's drainage system when construction is underway.
  - Include a site map which shows, at a minimum, existing drainage patterns and areas used for storage or treatment of contaminated soils, groundwater or stormwater, and the location of major control or treatment structures to be utilized during construction.
- 14. The discharge of dewatering drainage to a sanitary sewer is prohibited by the Commission. The proponent is advised that the discharge of any construction site dewatering drainage to the storm drainage system requires a Drainage Discharge Permit from the Commission. If the dewatering drainage is contaminated with petroleum products for example, the proponent will be required to obtain a Remediation General Permit from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the discharge.

15. The Commission encourages the proponent to explore additional opportunities for protecting stormwater quality by minimizing sanding and the use of deicing chemicals, pesticides, and fertilizers.

#### Water

- 16. The Commission utilizes a Fixed Radio Meter Reading System to obtain water meter readings. Where a new water meter is needed, the Commission will provide a Meter Transmitter Unit (MTU) and connect the device to the meter. For information regarding the installation of MTUs, the proponent should contact the Commission's Meter Installation Department.
- 17. The proponent should explore opportunities for implementing water conservation measures in addition to those required by the State Plumbing Code. In particular the proponent should consider outdoor landscaping which requires minimal use of water to maintain. If the proponent plans to install in-ground sprinkler systems, the Commission recommends that timers, soil moisture indicators and rainfall sensors be installed. The use of sensor-operated faucets and toilets in common areas of buildings should also be considered.
- 18. The proponent is required to obtain a Hydrant Permit for use of any hydrant. The water used from the hydrant must be metered. The proponent should contact the Commission's Operations Division for information regarding Hydrant Permits.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these projects.

John P. Sullivan, P.E.

Chief Engineer

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cc:

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July 8, 2013

#### BY EMAIL

Ms. Sonal Gandhi Boston Redevelopment Authority One City Hall Square Boston, MA 02201

Re: Boston University Medical Center IMPNF/PNF

Dear Ms. Gandhi:

I am writing as a member of the Task Force for the above-referenced project. I have had the opportunity to participate on the Task Force and public meetings. In addition, I have reviewed the Institutional Master Plan Notification Form / Project Notification Form submitted by Boston University Medical Center dated June 7, 2013 and would like to offer the following comments for your consideration.

- 1. The proponent has presented compelling information to support its request to amend the approved 2010 Institutional Master Plan to incorporate various minor modifications.
- 2. The modifications demonstrate an on-going commitment by BUMC to provide an exceptional clinical environment to care for its patients; improve energy efficiency and care for the environment through an innovative energy infrastructure; foster its partnership with the broader neighborhood community by enhancing the Albany streetscape with additional plantings, removal of the "yellow" utility tube and fewer curb cuts. These are all very positive elements of the proposed amendment.
- 3. As the design process evolves, there should be a detailed examination of the architectural treatment of the new bridge that spans Albany Street. There is an opportunity to eliminate the pylons and develop and alternate structural support system to further enhance the streetscape.
- 4. BUMC is a vibrant environment during the day. I would recommend that BUMC continue to explore retail and other opportunities that would extend that vibrancy into the evening hours. The Medical Center could build on the Albany Gateway theme and develop a destination experience for neighborhood residents and members of the BUMC community.

I enthusiastically support BUMC's submission and welcome the opportunity to work with the BRA and BUMC to advance the vision outlined in the IMP Amendment.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Crowley

#### Kristi Dowd

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**Sent:** Monday, July 08, 2013 7:18 PM **To:** Kristi Dowd; Donna Camiolo

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Comments from WSANA Due on 7/8/13

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Subject: Boston University Medical Center - Institutional Master Plan Amendment - Comments from WSANA Due on 7/8/13

ATTN: Sonal Ghandi / Senior Project Manager BRA

RE: Comments on the BUMC IMPA/PNF Due by July 8, 2013

Dear Sonal,

After attending the BUMC IMPA/PNF presentation as a task force member and discussing the plan in detail with other WSANA members that attended a special meeting (Between BUMC and WSANA) last week, please find my comments regarding the amendments made to the BUMC IMPF below:

[ Link to BUMC Institutional Master Plan for reference: <a href="http://www.bu.edu/community/master-plans/">http://www.bu.edu/community/master-plans/</a> ]

I would like to start off by saying that residents of WSANA recognize and greatly value the important work and services that BUMC provides to the citizens of Boston and surrounding communities.

We consider BUMC as a partner with many shared goals and objectives and we fully support BUMC in their efforts to continue to improve the quality of healthcare and services they provide.

That being said, as a partner and neighbor to BUMC, we have some very important concerns regarding the BUMC Master Plan that we wish to address.

1. First and foremost, Section 1.0 Public Benefits, specifically Page 1-50 "A Safety Net for Special At Risk Populations"

It is our understanding that BUMC is currently the largest Safety Net hospital in New England. We believe substance abuse is a serious problem plaguing our state and community and applaud BUMC, Boston Public Health, and other BUMC partner agencies for all that they do to treat those suffering and to get them off of their addictions and into healthy productive lifestyles. As BUMC continues to grow and expand their care and treatment of the 'At Risk Populations' even further, the impact to the immediate WSANA neighborhood equally increases. We would like to see BUMC acknowledge and address this issue in the master plan, and to see that a comprehensive plan is in place to best handle the rising levels of substance abuse patients being treated at their facility (and at partner facilities) and their impact on the safety, security, health, and quality of life in the adjacent WSANA neighborhood. This includes increased cooperation and communication between BUMC, WSANA, Boston Public Health, Boston Police, and our City and State representatives. The significance of this issue should not be overlooked, which is why we feel it should, in some way, be acknowledged and addressed within the scope of Section 1.0 "Public Benefits" and/or "Partnerships/Organizations" in the Master Plan.

Some (but not all) of the public safety concerns include:

- The rising levels of discarded drug paraphernalia and hypodermic needles being found within the WSANA residential areas; most notably in residential gardens, tree pits, stairwells, and public alleys. These needles are often uncapped, exposed, and hidden beneath flower beds, bushes, or other debris and can easily puncture someone. These needles can also be objects of curiosity for small children.
- The rising levels of discarded alcohol and pill bottles in WSANA residential areas. This not only contributes to an already exacerbated trash issue within the community, but demonstrates evidence of increased drug and alcohol use within our neighborhood, and public intoxication. This increase most certainly impacts the level of safety and security within the WSANA neighborhood.
- The rising levels of drug dealing by those being treated as well as by those coming to exploit those being treated. This includes the illegal sale of prescription drugs dispensed through the BUMC Pharmacy. Drug dealing is taking place within the WSANA neighborhood on a daily basis, and in daylight hours. This not only increases the level of drug use within WSANA, but it also introduces an increase in theft, break ins, vandalism, assault, and drug related violence.
- The rising level of trespassing and loitering by substance abuse patients. Patients being treated by BUMC and/or its partners routinely view the front stoops, stairwells, and alleyways as their personal rest areas. This issue is a serious quality of life issue as well a public safety hazard. BUMC should provide a comprehensive respect training program to all their substance abuse patients that includes rules and regulations for receiving treatment at a BUMC facility. Specifically, we would like BUMC to emphatically urge their patients to be courteous and respectful of all public and private property when being treated at a BUMC facility. That includes not trespassing on any private property, not using private stairwells or stoops as rest areas or restroom facilities, not littering on sidewalks or in front gardens, tree pits, stairwells, and stoops, and not causing other public disturbances. BUMC should also be providing and encouraging the patients to use BUMC or BUMC Partner provided rest areas, rest rooms, and facilities instead. We would like to see this simple respect training program merged together with any drug counseling and substance abuse treatment program offered by BUMC and its partners.

These are serious and significant public health and safety issues and quality of life issues that will only continue to escalate in scope and frequency as BUMC continues to grow and expand its capacity to treat substance abuse patients. That does not imply that BUMC patients are the sole source of the problem, or that the resolution of these issues is the sole responsible of BUMC, but rather that BUMC, as one of the major providers of care for substance abuse patients, should be a major partner and player with regard to resolving these issues together with WSANA and other stakeholders in the community. We would like to see BUMC take a more proactive approach and to incorporate a stated goal of reducing the negative public health, safety, and quality of life issues that result from treating many patients with substance abuse issues in a dense residential area.

#### 2. Regarding Section 1.0 Public Benefits, specifically Page 1-60 "Partnerships/Organizations"

BUMC has partnered with Mass Highway and the City of Boston to landscape and maintain the newly constructed medians on Massachusetts Avenue in the South End, between Albany Street and Columbus Avenue. It is our understanding that they agreed to a 10 year term. The landscaping was first initiated in 2012, so it is our belief that this contract will expire sometime around the year 2022. (or thereabouts).

These medians not only enhance the WSANA neighborhood, but they also greatly enhance the gateway to BUMC. With that in mind, we would really like the BUMC Master Plan to acknowledge this Mass Ave Median landscaping and maintenance commitment somwhere in Section 1.0 Public Benefits, perhaps within "Partnerships/Organizations". We would also like BUMC to consider extending this contract beyond the 10 year period with a goal of finding a more lasting and permanent landscaping and maintenance solution for the long term that would eliminate the use of watering trucks (which block an entire lane of traffic and poses a safety risk to those individuals watering) and eventually introduce and underground water source or watering system.

# 3. Regarding Section 1.8.3.3. "Current Open Space" and 2.1.1 Proposed Moakley Center Addition:

WSANA members have expressed their strong appreciation and support for all the open spaces provided by BUMC. They are essential in helping to harmoniously fuse the BUMC facility together with the WSANA residential community.

With that in mind, we urge BUMC to avoid removing the Alpert Garden park along East Concord Street in order to expand the Moakely building and to instead continue to seek other alternatives that do not involve the removal of any green space. We feel that the Alpert Garden Park is not only an important aesthetic buffer between the hospital and the community, but the combination of the Alpert Garden Park and the Talbot Green creates a peaceful, green, and harmonious urban oasis along Concord Street that will be a great loss upon its removal. In addition, this lush green landscaping with many beautiful healthy and thriving trees helps filter polluted city air, provides a respite with shade and seating, and helps reduce noise levels in the area.

4. Regarding Section 4.2.7 Pedestrian Conditions

WSANA would like to request that the BUMC Master Plan consider improvements to the 'Pedestrian Conditions and Experience' along Harrison Avenue between East Concord Street and East Brookline Street. We would like to see additional landscaping enhancements, new parks and green spaces, and building improvements with more of a front facing appearance.

5. Regarding section 1.0 on page 1-43 Figure 1-16: (The diagram depicting the future plans to relocate the existing Helipad from the ground to the roof of Building "C")

WSANA urges BUMC to assess alternatives to relocating the existing Helipad including leaving it as is or relocating it to another location where sound is mitigated away from the residential neighborhoods by taller adjacent building structures. Since the Helipad relocation is not part of the current review process or development proposal, we further request that BUMC remove this rooftop Helipad depiction on Building C from all IMP diagrams until it is further discussed with the public and scheduled for official review.

6. Regarding Section 4.2.6 on page 4-26 Public Transportation

WSANA recognized the importance of improved traffic flow, reduced congestion, and reduced noise and air pollution, and better accessibility options with regard to enhanced Public Transportation. We would like to urge BUMC to work closely with the MBTA and other city/state agencies (or perhaps with TransComm Shuttle Servies <a href="www.transcomm.org">www.transcomm.org</a>) to evaluate a reliable and continuous shuttle service between the BUMC facility and the Andrews Square Red Line MBTA stop by leveraging the (almost) direct link offered via Southampton Street. This wide roadway is under utilized and could provide a significant community benefit by directly linking the BUMC community and adjacent WSANA neighborhood to a major T station, further expanding options for both residents and commuters.

7. WSANA would also like to encourage BUMC to include more green initiatives in its plan, including the development of LEED certified buildings <a href="http://www.usgbc.org/leed">http://www.usgbc.org/leed</a> and the City of Boston's Green Building and Green Roofs initiative <a href="http://www.cityofboston.gov/environmentalandenergy/buildings/">http://www.cityofboston.gov/environmentalandenergy/buildings/</a>.

While there are likely to be more areas of concern raised by other WSANA residents, these are the concerns that I was able to collect in the time period provided.

Best regards,

-Christos

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Dear Ms. Ghandi,

As a South End resident who lives immediately adjacent to the Boston Medical Center/Boston University Medical Center campus ("BMC"), I would like to take this opportunity to provide comments and suggestions regarding Boston Medical Center's Institutional Master Plan Amendment/Project Notification Form ("IMP") as presented to the community on June and July 2013.

I am pleased that the Boston Medical Center Corporation is taking steps that will allow for continued success in terms of patient care, greater organizational financial stability, and increased levels of neighborhood benefits. Based on news reports, it appears that BMC has experienced increasing financial deficits during recent several years. The deficits may be due to larger national changes in health care reform, yet they are clearly not sustainable. I want to see BMC not only survive, but thrive, as both a patient, a believer in their public mission, and as a neighbor who believes that with the well-being of BMC so goes the quality-of-life of our neighborhood.

I am particularly pleased to see the following elements as part of these new plans:

Consolidation of Inpatient Services, Expanded Emergency Department, and Core moved Westward. I support BMC's efforts to consolidate clinical services, upgrade and expand the Emergency Department and Trauma Center in the Menino Pavilion, and move the core of the clinical campus to the west. These changes appear to provide more simple inpatient access (to one rather than disparate locations), staffing and management operating efficiencies, and appear to help save money. All seems like good objectives.

New Transport Bridge and Tunnel Crossings of Albany Street. At first, I had many questions about these new proposed crossings. I thank the BMC team for helping me better understand the complexities associated with the issues involved. I especially appreciate their effort to help me during an extended holiday week, and want to acknowledge that courtesy. My reading of the IMP is that it requests approval for both a proposed new aerial elevated bridge crossing and a proposed new subterranean tunnel crossing. Both of these crossings will connect existing and future BMC on the "south" side of Albany Street, and appear to make sense. From an architectural and urban design context, it would be preferred if both new crossing could be tunnel connections. I ask the BRA to request the Proponent to further evaluate the feasibility of such tunnels. Tunnels should be preferred if feasible. Either way, tunnel or overhead, I support BMC's efforts to grade-separate (via tunnel or bridge) new connections for staff, patients, and materials that need transport across the two sides of Albany Street.

However, with the good aspects of this IMP and PNF come a number of missed opportunities that warrant further study, more detailed analysis, and renewed institutional commitment. These opportunities include:

Retain Existing Alpert Garden on the east side of the Moakley Cancer Center adjacent to East Concord Street and the historic Talbot Green. The IMP requests approval to expand the Moakley Cancer Center Building ("Moakley") by constructing an Addition on its "east" side, expanding the building to the edge of East Concord Street. The IMP, as far as I can tell, fails to sufficiently describe that this Addition would require eliminating the existing Joan F. Alpert Garden space ("Alpert Garden") that has been in place since the Moakley was approved in 2003. The BRA should request that the Proponent more fully evaluate alternatives to the complete elimination of the Alpert Garden. See Appendix A, Figure 1.

A decade ago, the Moakley went through a good community process. At that time, BMC requested community support to replace existing older Medical Services buildings with the new Moakley facility. That process led to a careful, thoughtful design that specifically kept the "east" edge of the Moakley purposely set-back from both East Concord Street and the historic Talbot Green.

The historic Talbot Green forms the traditional open space core of the BMC/BUMC campus; this is the open space location that is most heavily used and frequented by people (patients, staff, students, other visitors, including members of the local neighborhood). Back in 2003, the idea was to set-back the new Moakley and create a new park (Alpert Garden) that would abut East Concord Street and complement the historic Talbot Green.

With nearly ten (10) years of operational use, the new Alpert Garden has proved to be a nice open space that is used by patients and staff, those waiting for transportation services nearby, and it also helps enhance the wonderful open space that is the Talbot Green. The Talbot is, today, the nicest open space experience in that part of our neighborhood. There is no doubt that the 2003 plan to create the new, complementary Alpert Garden has worked

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very well. It helps create a very enjoyable open space experience for people who work or visit the BMC campus (including neighborhood residents).

The IMP's plan to expand the Moakley with a new Addition to be built "east" between the existing building and East Concord Street would eliminate (completely remove) the Alpert Garden. This should be unacceptable, and at best only a worst-case scenario if and only if no feasible alternatives exist. The IMP states that the Moakley Addition is the new "linchpin" to the planned IMP new campus changes, but to this reader such connections are unclear. Also unclear are the specific alternatives (and pros and cons of each) to this Addition. The BRA should ask the Proponent to provide more detail on the causes of and the need for the proposed Moakley expansion. As part of this additional detail, the Proponent should also be requested to evaluate and fully study options that do not necessitate elimination of the Alpert Green. Such options should include reworking the planned and programmed New Inpatient Building Phase 1 and Phase 2, additional expansion West campus facilities towards the north edge of Albany Street (e.g. where the loading docks are now but are scheduled to be abandoned under the IMP), and, if possible, ways to expand the Moakley in other directions.

The BRA should also request the proponent to more fully delineate its proposed elimination of the Alpert Garden in Section 1.8.3.3, Campus Open Space.

Local Infrastructure Improvements and Beautification Initiatives should include Harrison Avenue in addition to Albany Street. Section 1.8.3.3 of Campus Open Space includes language in which BMC offers to provide a new commitment "to implement and animate its open space network through additional streetscape refinements and landscaped areas along the Albany Street Corridor". The BRA should ask BMC to evaluate improvements to the interface between the Hospital Campus and the abutting residential neighborhoods (both WSANA and BFSNA) along the Harrison Avenue corridor. Previous BMC efforts in the past 10 years have done a wonderful job with landscaping and other beautification improvements along Harrison Avenue between Mass. Ave. and Worcester Square. BMC should now be asked by the BRA to evaluate what improvements can be reasonably made along Harrison Ave. between East Concord Street and East Brookline Street.

Between East Concord Street and East Brookline Street, the BMC Campus edge alongside the Harrison Avenue corridor consists too frequently of poorly designed and inadequately maintained landscape edges. In these areas, the predominate landscaping feature is mulch, much of which is dank and dirty. These areas also feature ancillary and unsightly structures such as back-up emergency generators and electrical transformers. These structures also contribute unwarranted noise that is highly audible to abutting residents along this corridor.

See Appendix A, Figure 2b and 2b for the existing Harrison Avenue landscaping and ancillary structures at the East Concord Street intersection.

See Figure 3 for the existing Harrison Avenue landscaping between East Concord Street and East Newton Street.

See Figure 4a and 4b for the existing Harrison Avenue landscaping between East Newton Street and East Brookline Street.

Local Infrastructure Improvements and Beautification Initiatives should include Massachusetts Avenue median planting beds. Section 1.9.2.3 includes language in which BMC restates its prior (and existing) commitment "to maintain planting beds along the median islands stretching from Albany Street to Shawmut Avenue along Massachusetts Avenue". The problem is that the existing commitment is short-term only, and because of that near-term focus BMC has failed to make minor capital improvements to provide underground sprinklers and currently manually waters the medians with movable trucks and crews. This hand watering is very expensive, relatively, exposes workers to possibly undue safety issues by working in the middle of a very active, busy arterial roadway, and also impacts traffic flow on that roadway. The BRA should ask BMC to assess extending its agreement to maintain the median landscaping along Mass. Ave. into the longer term future. This assessment should include, in order to reduce annual costs, the feasibility of installing underground sprinkling apparatus in those median strips to eliminate hand watering (and resulting worker safety issues and traffic impacts).

Energy Facility Environmental Pollution Offset and/or Mitigation Plan. BMC sought and received approval in its 2010 IMP to construct an on-campus energy co-generation facility, powered by natural gas (presumably, with no other fuel backup?). Now, BMC seeks approval in its 2013 IMP to redesign and relocate this proposed facility. As part of this new review, the BRA should ask the Proponent to quantify the environmental pollution impacts to the adjacent neighborhoods from operations of this proposed fossil-fuel electric generation industrial plant, and evaluate alternatives to reasonable mitigate such environmental impacts by a variety of low-cost offset and/or mitigation measures that the Proponent could procure or sponsor and implement.

Natural gas is a fossil fuel that is often promoted as "cleaner" than coal, but which has its own serious environmental hazards. When natural gas is burned, it involves a chemical process that creates nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, fine particulates, polycyclicaromatic hydrocarbons, volatile organic compounds (including formaldehyde) as well as other chemicals.

In its public presentations, the Proponent refers to this Energy Facility as a "Green Power". That is, literally, misleading and factually incorrect. Natural gas may be a "cleaner" source of energy as compared to other fossil-fuel sources, but chemical and other pollutants are created and dispersed into the adjacent atmosphere. I also want to acknowledge the energy efficiencies inherent in the "co-generation" aspects of this combined electric generation station and thermal heat plant. But this plant will pollute the adjacent neighborhood, and the BRA should ask the Proponent to ascertain the amount of that pollution, express the negative potential impacts to public health (among others), and

evaluate whether measures to offset or mitigation such impacts are feasible and reasonable.

By way of example, both NOx and PM2.5 emissions are important issues for air quality.

Massachusetts is in an EPA delineated moderate non-attainment for ozone, which means NOx emissions are a concern. There will be some NOx emissions from the proposed Energy Facility. The BRA should request the Proponent determine whether such emissions are enough to trigger the power plant buying NOx credits or doing more than have best available control technology economically achievable. Either way, the BRA could nonetheless request an offset or mitigation plan for the increased NOx in order to fully protect the health of the adjacent neighborhoods.

Another pollutant that the BRA should request the Proponent to discuss is PM2.5. MA is in attainment for PM2.5 but every increase in PM2.5 likely has a negative health impact (and EPA will probably tighten up the PM2.5 standards at some time in the next couple of years because a federal court remanded the limit to EPA). The BRA could request an offset or mitigation for the increased PM2.5 to be expected from the power plant in order to fully protect public health.

I think one option for offsets or mitigation could involve traffic (cars and trucks) reduction measures to be undertaken by the Proponent because mobile sources of PM2.5 and NOx tend to be significant. I acknowledge the Proponent already does an admirable job with encouraging bicycle and pedestrian accessibility and discouraging use of private automobiles by staff, students, patients, and other visitors. But more, much more, could be done, including by way of examples:

- Elimination of "free" on-campus parking spots to staff and faculty, among others
- Free or subsidized Hubway memberships for staff, faculty, students, among others
- Innovative newer-tech cloud-based techniques (with Apps for Android, iOS, and other major mobile operating systems) to inform motorists where on-street meter parking spaces are currently available. This could greatly reduce the number of vehicles that constantly prowl around the BMC Campus and adjacent neighborhoods in search of such spaces.

The proposed Energy Facility will add negative emissions to our local neighborhood and city environment, and the BRA should request that the Proponent fully disclose these impacts and fully ascertain offset and/or other mitigation measures that might feasibly and reasonable reduce the total amount of such emissions in the adjacent neighborhoods.



In closing, I want to thank you again for this opportunity to offer my comments and suggestions on this IMP. I hope the BRA will include the requests contained herein in the Scope that it further presents back to the Proponent. I am available to answer any questions that you might have, and can be reached at the contact information provided on the first page.

Sincerely yours,

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## Appendix A

**Existing Condition Photographs** 

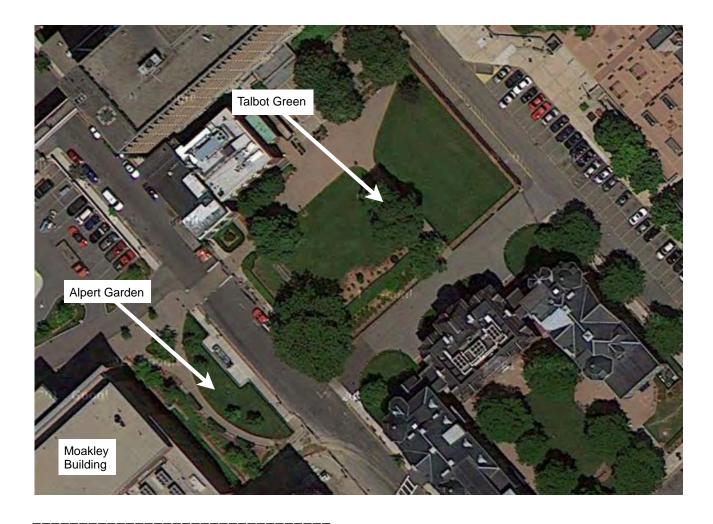


Figure 1: Alpert Garden and Talbot Green



Figure 2a: Harrison Avenue at East Concord Street



Figure 2b: Harrison Avenue at East Concord Street



Figure 3: Harrison Avenue between East Concord Street and East Newton Street



Figure 4a: Harrison Avenue between East Newton Street and East Brookline Street

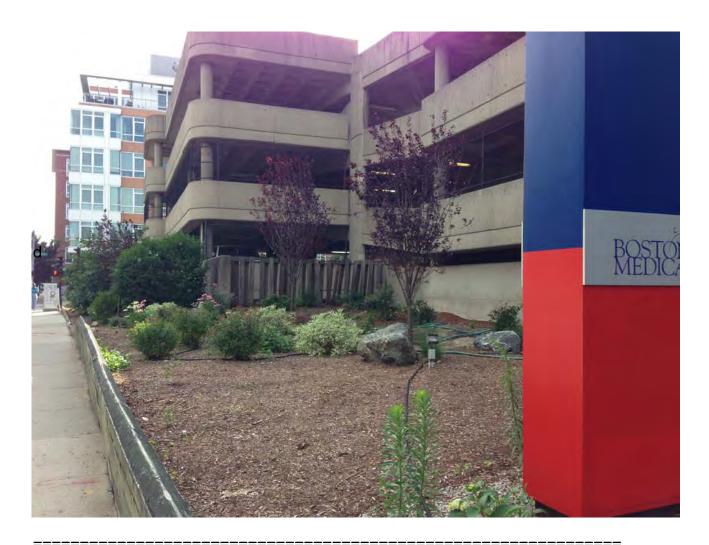


Figure 4b: Harrison Avenue between East Newton Street and East Brookline Street