



October 11, 2019

Mr. Brian Golden, Director  
Boston Planning and Development Agency  
One City Hall Plaza  
Boston, MA 02201

Re: Seaport Square Block N Notice of Project Change

Dear Director Golden:

On behalf of Seaport TMA, I am writing in support of the Notice of Project Change (NPC) submitted by Seaport Square Development Company LLC on September 10, 2019. The proposed change in use at Block N from residential to office/lab will not reduce the net number of housing units within the Seaport Square project since the housing units programmed for Block N will be shifted to Blocks G and L3, and will result in additional investment in the cultural facilities that the project proponent has committed to construct and fund during the 2017 NPC. The proposed change in use will also modestly reduce the overall transportation impacts of the project according to the analysis submitted by the project proponent.

Seaport TMA is the South Boston Waterfront's Transportation Management Association. Our membership-based organization represents over fifty-five employers, developers, and cultural institutions in the South Boston Waterfront and Fort Point neighborhoods. The TMA offers transportation programs to employers and commuters and advocates for transportation projects and policies to help keep the Seaport moving and thriving as an extraordinary place to live, work, play, and visit.

The project proponent has made several significant commitments as part of the 2019 NPC that will benefit the South Boston Waterfront. Those commitments include an acceleration of the \$7.5 million endowment for SeaPAC and other civic/cultural uses, an additional \$1 million contribution to SeaPAC, bringing the total endowment to \$8.5 million, and an additional \$4 million for affordable housing. In addition, the project proponent has maintained their commitments from the 2017 NPC to construct the Seaport Stairs, a pedestrian and bicycle connection between Summer Street and Congress Street that will include a publicly accessible elevator within the public lobby of Block N that will remain open 24-hours per day. Seaport TMA's public comment letter regarding the 2017 NPC emphasized our support for both the Seaport Stairs and the accompanying public elevator that will feed into Harbor Way, which are critically important for pedestrian and bicycle circulation within the South Boston Waterfront.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Project Change and for your consideration of the comments above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PS', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Sullivan  
Executive Director, Seaport TMA



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## Fwd: 350 Summer Street Project

1 message

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Aisling Kerr <[aisling.kerr@boston.gov](mailto:aisling.kerr@boston.gov)>

Thu, Oct 17, 2019 at 4:33 PM

From: **Lauren Muise**  
Date: Thu, Oct 10, 2019 at 7:58 PM  
Subject: [350 Summer Street Project](#)  
To: <[Aisling.kerr@boston.gov](mailto:Aisling.kerr@boston.gov)>

Good Evening Aisling:

I have lived in Fort Point for three years and love all of the new energy that is coming to the neighboring Seaport district. Please consider my voice of support for the [350 Summer Street](#) project, which is a creative solution that creates more jobs in a central and transit-friendly location. The reason that I and many of my neighbors chose to live in this neighborhood is because of its history, convenience, and blend of uses, which is unlike anything else in Boston. I support the creation of more opportunities for companies to grow in the Seaport while at the same time providing additional funding for affordable housing both in the Seaport and beyond. I especially appreciate the consideration given to the design of the building which creates a nice connection between the historic Fort Point and newly developed Seaport.

It is incredibly exciting to live through all of the changes that are occurring in Boston these days and I feel that the Seaport is still very much coming into its own. Over the past few years alone, all of the free public activities, welcoming landscaping and pop-ups that WS has brought to the neighborhood have made a big difference in a rapidly-changing area. I appreciate the thoughtfulness and quality of what WS has done thus far and am in full support of their current proposal.

Sincerely,  
Lauren Muise  
Homeowner - 319 A Street.

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## Fwd: BLOCK N -350 Summer Street– Seaport

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Thu, Oct 17, 2019 at 4:32 PM

From: **Allison Pachtman**  
Date: Thu, Oct 10, 2019 at 11:34 AM  
Subject: BLOCK N -350 Summer Street– Seaport  
To: <[Aisling.kerr@boston.gov](mailto:Aisling.kerr@boston.gov)>

Dear Aisling:

I am a resident of South Boston and I am raising two children here in the City. I am writing to offer my support of the Block N project in the Seaport.

The Seaport has seen tremendous growth over the last 10 years. I believe WS has done a great job activating the ground floor and open spaces in the Seaport and bringing life to the streets. My children and I have participated in a variety of the events and we have been able to experience the transformation occurring in this part of the city first hand. I am particularly looking forward to the connection WS will be developing that will enable a pedestrian connection between Summer and Congress Streets as I believe it opens up another artery from South Boston proper to the Seaport.

I support Block N because of the use (office) and the unique architecture. WS plans to build over 1,000 apartments or condos in the Seaport so I am confident that office is a good use for this site. It is my understanding that as part of the remaining residential they will be building some smaller lower priced units so more income levels can live in the area. The architecture for the building is unique and pays homage to the nearby Fort Point Channel. As I understand it, the building will be smaller than the originally proposed residential.  
I look forward to seeing this project built.

Thank you

Allison Keach

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October 7, 2019

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City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> floor  
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Ms. Kerr:

I am writing in support of the NPC submitted by WS Development regarding 350 Summer Street. I have lived in the Seaport for many years and believe strongly in the WS Development team's commitment to making our neighborhood a beautiful and welcoming place for all Bostonians. They have consistently done high quality and interesting work and the design of the new building is quite beautiful. I appreciate that WS sought out an architecture firm from outside of Boston who does a lot of work in historic districts in New York, and the proposed building will be respectful of the historic Fort Point warehouse structures nearby. We need more designs by architects from all over the world to add interest to our city. With so many new buildings today looking like they could be anywhere, it is very refreshing and to see such architectural sensitivity. I hope the proposed design is built as seen with architectural elements such as arched windows.

I am also pleased to see such significant additional public benefits accompanying the proposal, especially the commitment to additional funding for the arts and affordable housing. It is also critical that the ground floor spaces at sidewalk level be activated with publicly accessible amenities.

WS has done many things to help make the Seaport a true neighborhood and I support their current proposal. Thank you for considering the viewpoint of one community resident.

Yours,

Jim Souza  
25 Channel Center St.  
Boston, MA 02210

Cc: Senator Nick Collins, Representative David Biele, Councilor Michael Flaherty,  
Councilor Ed Flynn, Haley Dillon - ONS

Seaport Square Block N Notice of Project Change comments via website.xlsx

Date	First Name	Last Name	Organization	Opinion	Comments
10/1/2019	Zach	Cole		Oppose	This building should remain residential in use. We are trying to build a neighborhood not an office park. In the minimum the retail component shouldn't be cut in half. As a seaport resident for the past 4 years, we need to see the neighborhood continue to have a very lively and walkable space with retail that is opened past 7-8 o'clock at night.
9/26/2019	George	Kouris		Oppose	My family and I are long time residents in the Seaport/Fort Point Neighborhood and we are opposed to this project change. We, as well as many residents in the area, see the need for more residential buildings to help diversify the Seaport District and adhere to the original 100 Acre Plan of a residential community. Without a strong residential component, with Seaport District will continue to be a transient neighborhood and continue to lack residential services, which is not only a disservice to the local community, but also to the City of Boston as a whole.