



Greetings,

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (“BPDA”) would like to update the community regarding Pier 5 in the Charlestown Navy Yard. We greatly appreciate every community member that has engaged in future planning efforts for this site, and we look forward to continued engagement as the BPDA pursues the next steps for Pier 5.

Originally built in the 1940’s for military industrial use, public access to Pier 5 is currently prohibited due to its severe deterioration. An initial inspection in 2018 detailed the extent of deterioration at Pier 5 and laid out several potential alternatives for future site investment including full pier demolition, full pier repair, and partial pier repair. Leveraging this preliminary work, the BPDA is looking to take next steps towards identifying and moving forward with an appropriate alternative for Pier 5.

At the next BPDA Board Meeting on October 13th, staff will be requesting approval for the advertisement and issuance of a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to hire an engineering design consultant for Pier 5. The purpose of this RFP is to contract a qualified maritime engineering firm to perform a comprehensive assessment of Pier 5 and recommend engineering approaches, design alternatives and cost estimates for addressing the condition of the pier. A qualified respondent will also perform design services including construction administration for the repair, improvement, and/or demolition of the Pier and the production of construction documents, depending on the findings in the engineering report. This step is critical in establishing what the potential possibilities and limitations might be for the site in a transparent and comprehensive way.

Once the engineering assessment is complete, the BPDA will share the findings that will guide us in future capital planning and/or disposition efforts at Pier 5.

We at the BPDA wanted to again thank you for your commitment to the Charlestown neighborhood. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Natalie Deduck at natalie.deduck@boston.gov.

For continued updates on Pier 5, please check the following BPDA webpage:
<http://www.bostonplans.org/planning/planning-initiatives/pier-5>

Sincerely,
The BPDA Real Estate Team