

PRESENTATION TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MASS TURNPIKE AIR RIGHTS PARCELS 12-15

APRIL 5, 2012

#### Berklee at a glance

- Founded 1945
- 4,000 FTE undergraduates
- 27% international students from 80 countries



### Berklee at a glance

- The largest college of contemporary music in the world.
- Students train for careers in music performance, creation and teaching.
- On-line music education courses through Berkleemusic.com.



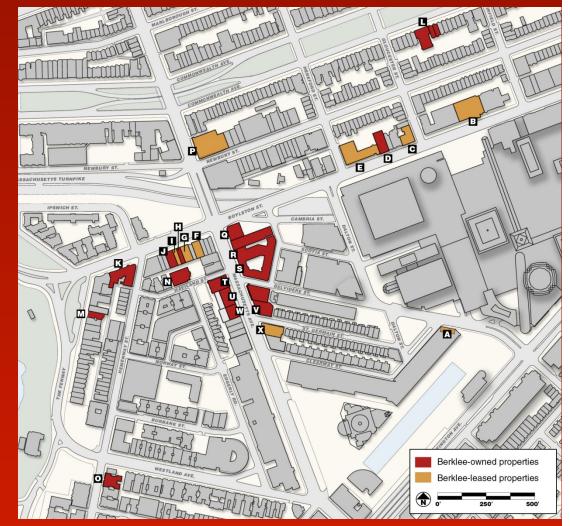
### Berklee at a glance

- Alumni have won 205 Grammys and 64 Latin Grammys.
- 80% of graduates work in music industry.



# Campus

- No traditional campus
- Total of approximately 765,000SF in 24 buildings owned or leased in the Back Bay and the Fenway



## **Campus: facilities**

- Academic space:
  - -13 professional recording studios
  - -hundreds of workstations and synthesizers in labs
  - -5 fully equipped film/video scoring/editing labs
  - -60 classrooms
- Dorm space for roughly 800 students in three buildings
- About 1,000 student/faculty performances annually in three venues, including Berklee Performance Center

## Campus: physical constraints

- Enrollment growth without corresponding facilities growth has produced overcrowded academic facilities, limited student-life space, and inability to house most students—who turn to off-campus housing.
- 800 beds accommodate only 20% of the student body—not even the entire incoming class.



## Berklee's IMP

To address these problems we launched a planning process that identified IMP goals:

- Address chronic overcrowding (particularly music-technology facilities).
- Develop better performance spaces.
- Provide more student housing to improve students' campus experience.
- Respond to City's/neighbors' desire to move students out of housing market and into

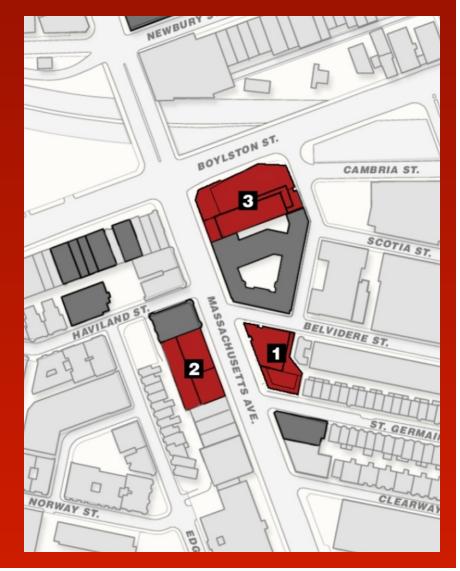


### Berklee's IMP

**Recent acquisitions:** 

- Former Fenway Community Health Center (7 Haviland Street)
- Three retail/office buildings on the west side of Mass. Ave. south of Haviland
- East side of Mass. Ave. between Belvidere and St. Germain

4.5-year community process (27 meetings) yielded IMP, approved in May 2011. Ground broken for 168 Mass. Ave. in September 2011.



# Berklee's IMP: Three key projects

- 168 Mass. Ave.
- 161-171 Mass. Ave.
- Berklee Crossroads



#### 160 Massachusetts Avenue

Mixed-use development totaling 155,000SF (under construction)

- 370 beds
- 400-seat dining hall and "caf show" venue
- 4,500SF ground-floor retail
- 18,000SF music technology spaces
- Opens fall 2013

#### 160 Massachusetts Avenue





#### ↑ VIEW DOWN BELVIDERE STREET TOWARD PRUDENTIAL CENTER

✓ VIEW TOWARD BOYLSTON STREET WITH SILHOUETTES OF CROSSROADS PROJECT AND PARCEL 15 BUILDING (BASED ON CIVIC VISION CONCEPTUAL MASSING)

## 161-171 Massachusetts Avenue

Planned substantial rehab of existing 3- and 4-story commercial buildings:

- Ground-floor retail
- 75,000SF addition at back for academic and administrative uses

### 161-171 Massachusetts Avenue



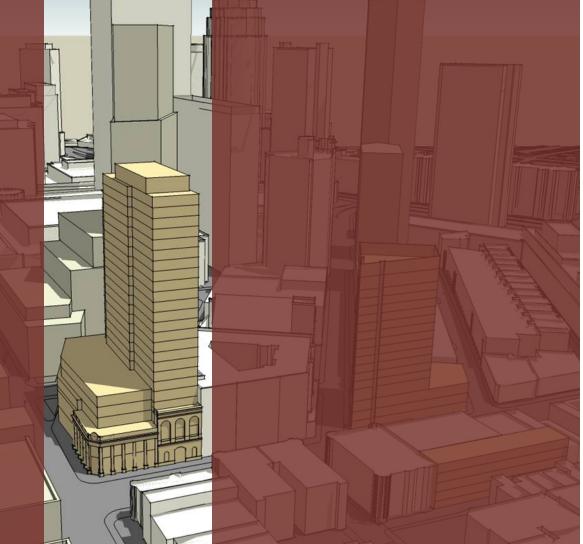


- ↑ EXISTING CONDITIONS; VIEW TOWARD THE NORTHWEST
- ← CONECPTUAL MASSING OF PROPOSED ADDITION; VIEW TOARD THE SOUTHWEST

#### **Berklee Crossroads**

290,000SF mixed-use development:

- 450 beds
- New performance center with 1,200 seats
- 45,000SF of student life, administrative or academic space



#### IMP projects in context



168 Mass. Ave.

Crossroads Project, 161-171 Mass. Ave.

Conceptual Parcels 13, 14, 15 development

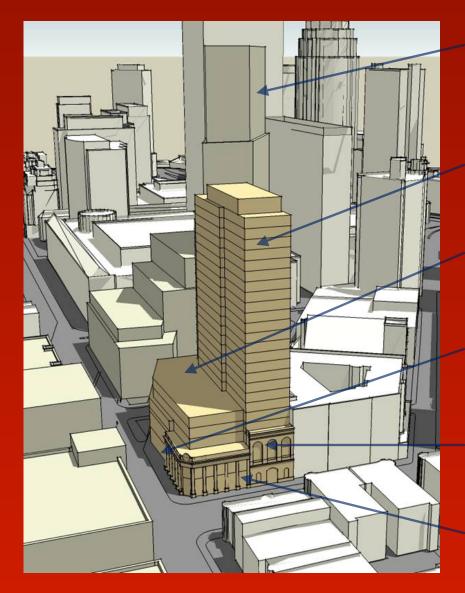
Conceptual Christian Science Center development

#### Berklee Crossroads in focus

- Replaces existing 1,200seat Berklee Performance Center. Built as a movie theater, dimensions serve performance needs poorly.
- Replaces academic space in the former State Street Bank building.
- Contemplates acquisition of some Cambria Street right-of-way, subject to City approvals.
- Will undergo full Article 80 review.



#### Berklee Crossroads in focus



Intermediate height makes transition from Prudential Center to the Fenway (Civic Vision conceptual massing for parcel 15).

Upper-level pulled back 75 feet from Boylston Street, similar to Hynes and 222 Boylston setbacks.

Podium creates pedestrian scale and strong relationship with surrounding buildings, existing and proposed.

Buildout to property line restores streetwall along Boylston.

Massing allows for potential reuse of existing facades at 130-136 Mass. Ave.

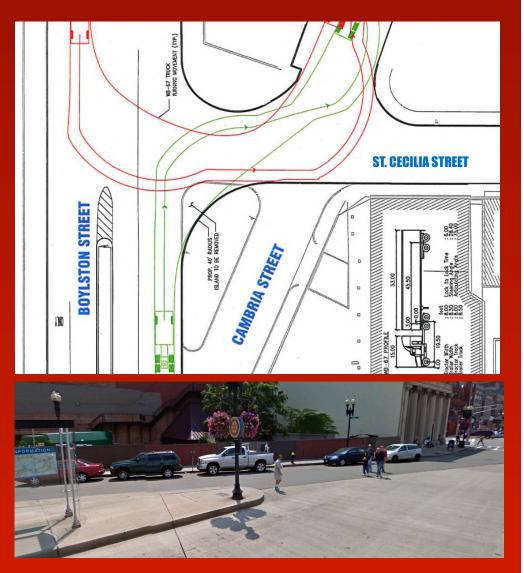
Massing helps distinguish various uses and entry points.

#### Berklee Crossroads in focus

- Lower level:
  - performance center lobby/gathering place for Berklee community
  - Publicly accessible retail/coffee kiosk
- Upper level:
  - set back
  - residential element presents slim profile to neighbors west and east

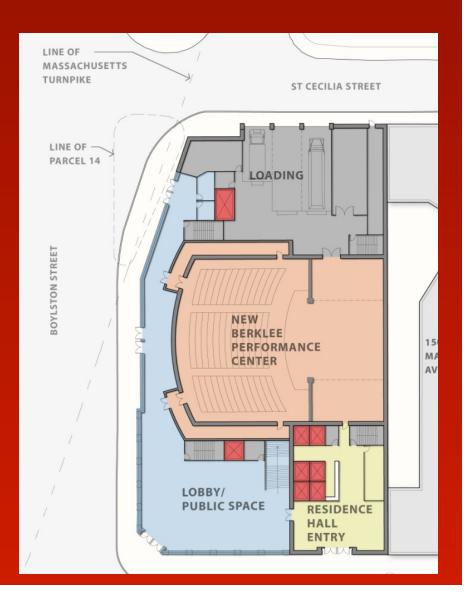
#### Berklee Crossroads: Parcel 14

- With approvals, the plan would incorporate more of Parcel 14, maintaining full truck access to Hynes loading area from both west (from Mass. Ave. via Boylston) and east.
- Including Cambria ROW eliminates confusing, dangerous configuration for pedestrians and removes major mobility barriers for people with disabilities.



#### Berklee Crossroads: Parcel 14

- Present plan pulls the building edge back to avoid any structure on Parcel 14.
- P14 could accommodate a sidewalk, access ramps and a weather-protected bus shelter.



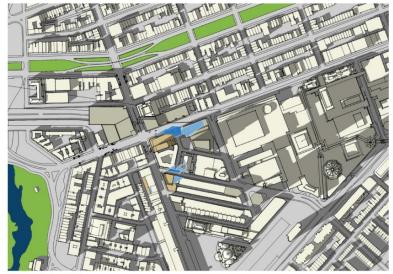
#### Berklee Crossroads: Parcel 14

Any of the three Parcel 15 proposals is compatible with the Crossroads plan. We are pleased to work with whichever team the CAC recommends and the MassDOT

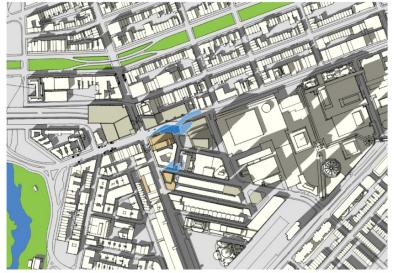


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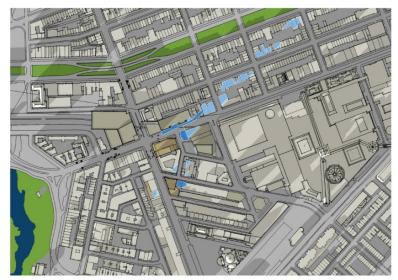




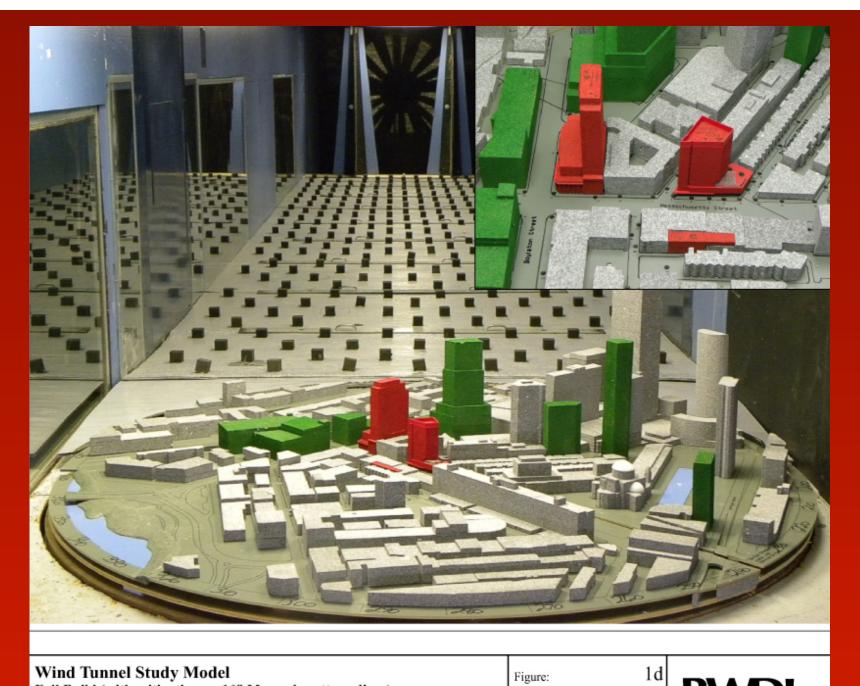


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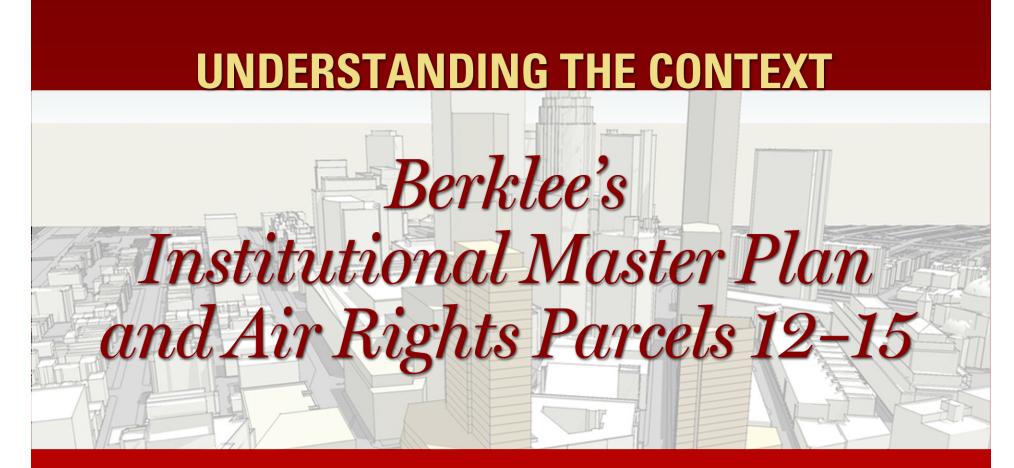
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Berklee College of Music - Boston, MA

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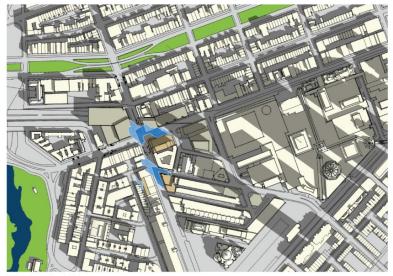


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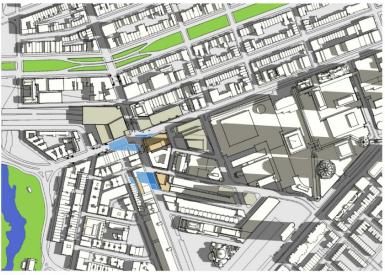
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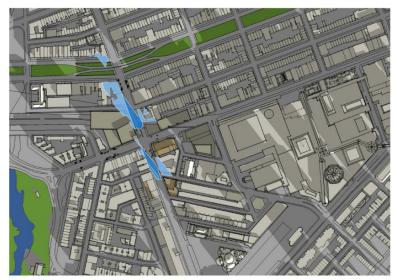




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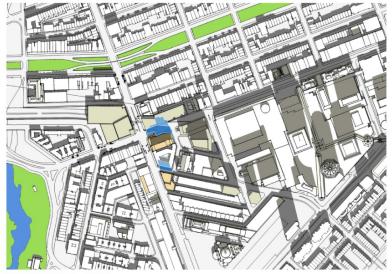
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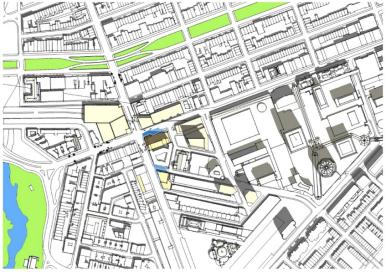
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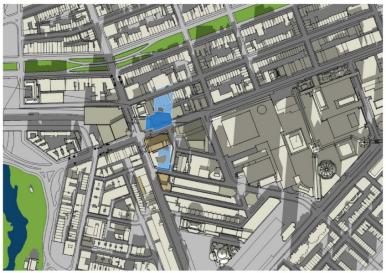
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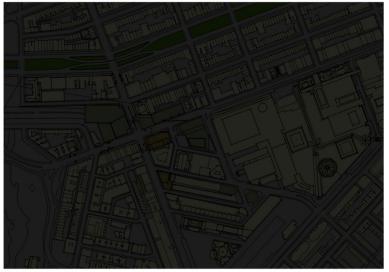
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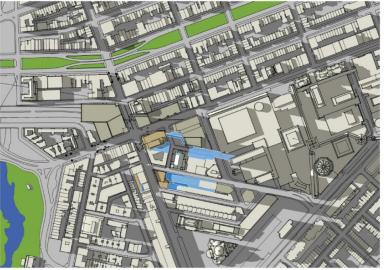
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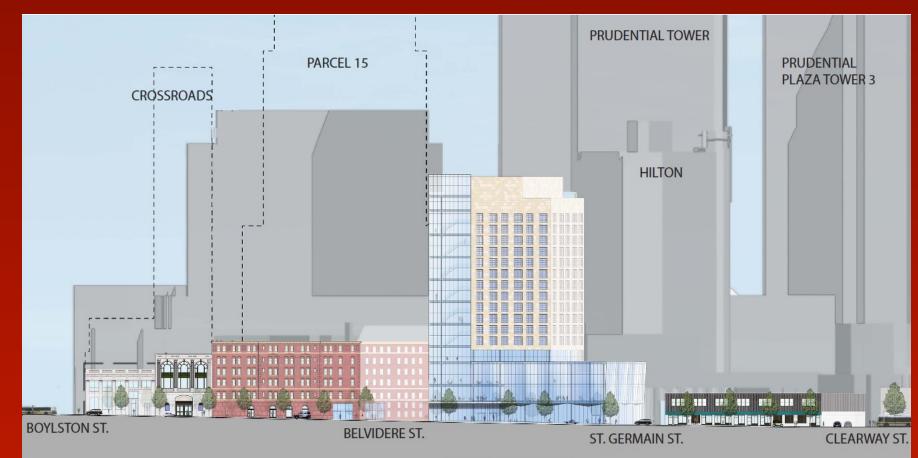
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