Dear Phil, Representatives of CAC and BPDA,

Please pass this email to others CAC and BPDA members, and others.  I will also try to email our Bostonian message to the BPDA on their website as there is no email address.

We read in the Boston Guardian of March 3, 2017, about the “more mega, more elaborate, taller, bigger Gateway Project” with brief and inconsequential details.  And we ask...

Why is Boston so lovable and nationally judged to be the best livable city in the entire US.?

As Bostonians for over 30 years who stuck with Boston during the many years of down turns and recessions, we love Boston for many reasons:

* A city with a significant QUALITY of life
  + A walking city
  + A friendly community with friendly neighborhoods (think of the show CHEERs as a symbol of our neighborhoods)
* A city where ALL, no matter of race, gender, and wealth  can share and enjoy  green parks, space and sunlight
* A city with deep roots in fairness, and protecting each other
* A city with deep historical roots that attracts many visitors and provides  tourism
* A city that we call HOME

Recent developments have cast Boston in SHADOWS, SUNLESS, unfriendly, depressed and SO, SO, windy.  Areas depleted in this manner  include:

         New tall buildings in the neighborhood of Lenox Hotel and Boston Public Library on Exeter Street

         30 Dalton and 1 Dalton across from the  Sheraton and Hilton, Back Bay

         The Financial District

         The planned parcels at Mass Ave and Boylston St.

We read in horror that developers are even trying to cast SHADOWs over our beloved  Boston Commons and Public Gardens, public spaces enjoyed and shared by all.

The Gateway Project rests on major centers of PUBLIC transportation in Boston and as such:

* sets a tone for visitors as they leave the station for Copley square or other Back Bay environs
* is used by many people, especially middle and low income who walk and take trains and buses

As such, windswept byways, ill-conceived and cramped walkways, more shadows, will only reinforce  Boston as a New York City clone and not the city on the hill.

 People here work long hours so preserve a bit of sunlight and calm.  We the 99%, cannot afford to move to the deluxe super expensive high rise condos with beautiful and sunny views – with limo drop-offs  in underground garages.

Please keep Boston for all and start scaling the Gateway Project DOWN!

Thank you,

Ming and Stephen Rauch