

**MEMORANDUM**

**NOVEMBER 14, 2013**

**TO:** BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND  
PETER MEADE, DIRECTOR

**FROM:** KAIROS SHEN, CHIEF PLANNER  
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**SUBJECT:** AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION  
SERVICES FOR THE EAST BOSTON GREENWAY NARROW GAUGE  
LINK PATHWAY, EAST BOSTON, MA

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**SUMMARY:** This Memorandum requests the Secretary to give authorization to advertise an invitation for bids for construction services for the development of the East Boston Greenway Narrow Gauge Link Pathway.

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**BACKGROUND**

The Narrow Gauge Link comprises a missing portion of the East Boston Greenway, a linear park constructed along an abandoned railroad right-of-way, connecting several significant open space areas, including Piers Park, Bremen Street Park, Wood Island Bay and Belle Isle Marsh. The completion of a pathway along the Narrow Gauge Link will establish a continuous pedestrian and bike pathway through East Boston, from Piers Park along East Boston's waterfront to Constitution Beach. The project area is approximately 1/3 of a mile and extends from the terminus of the Greenway's Wood Isle Link, to be constructed by the Massachusetts Port Authority in Spring 2014, to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's Constitution Beach recreation area.

The Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") Board has previously authorized a contract with Fay, Spofford and Thorndike for the development of final construction documents for the multi-use pathway. BRA Board approval will be requested for the execution of a general construction contract at a future BRA Board meeting.

**CONSTRUCTION SERVICES CONTRACT**

The scope of work includes the removal and replacement of an existing chain link fence, site grading, construction of a 12'-wide pathway, tree removal and landscaping.

## **BID PROCESS**

This invitation for bids for construction services will be advertised and solicited in accordance with Chapter 30, section 39M, of the Massachusetts General Laws. The advertisement will be published in the State Central Register, the Boston Herald and with trade publications.

## **FUNDING**

Funding for this project has been provided through the City of Boston capital fund.

An appropriate vote follows:

**VOTED:** That the Secretary be, and hereby is, authorized, on behalf of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, to advertise an invitation for bids for construction services.