Connect & Engage

Join the Advisory Group
Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the BPDA are seeking nominations for community members to serve on an Advisory Group.

Who Should Participate?
- Local residents
- (including both renters and owners)
- Local business owners
- Property owners
- Workforce employees
- (including both residents of Boston and other communities)
- High School & College Students
- Local advocacy groups
- Subject-matter & technical experts such as architects & planners
- For-profit and non-profit developers

Nominations are due December 14, 2018.

Contact Kennan Rhyne, BPDA Senior Planner, for questions, comments, and Advisory Group nominations: kennan.rhyne@boston.gov | 617.918.4421

PLAN: Downtown
Open House & Project Kick-Off

Welcome to the PLAN: Downtown Open House.
Over the last decade, Boston's Downtown has transformed from primarily a business district into a vibrant mixed-use neighborhood. Associated with this transformation and the marked increase in development proposals is a clear need to plan for the future of Downtown comprehensively.

Building on past studies, the primary goal of the study will be to develop a new framework for the preservation, enhancement, and growth of the Downtown area of the City of Boston, while balancing the importance of livability, daylight, walkability, climate change, access to open space, affordability, and a dynamic mix of uses, among others. As one of the most diverse places in the City, due in part to its accessibility, it is necessary to encourage growth that is inclusive for all. Supporting a thriving Downtown environment that is responsive to the 21st century needs of residents, businesses, and visitors is critical to Boston's continued success as an important American city.

A brief presentation will be given at 6 pm.

Learn more: bit.ly/plandowntownboston @bostonplans #plandowntownboston
Preplanning: Request for Proposals & Team Selection

Review Past Planning & Existing Conditions Analysis

Vision, Goals, & Principles

Planning Scenarios & Development Options

Scenario Planning Begins Spring 2019

Scenario Refinement & Impact Analysis

Development Guidelines & Zoning Recommendations

Final Advisory Committee Meeting Spring 2020

Ongoing Public Meetings

Final Recommendations & Study Completion Spring 2020

KEY

- Preliminary Study Area Boundary
- Institutional Master Plan (IMP)
- Not included in this study

PLAN: Downtown Begins September 2018

Request for Proposals Issued May 2018

NBBJ Selected August 2018

PLAN: Downtown Kick-Off Open House December 3, 2018

Advisory Committee Nominations Due December 14, 2018

Advisory Committee Kick-off January 2019

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