



Central Artery/Tunnel Parcel 2 Park Design Construction Information Meeting

Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Location: [Virtual](#)

Project Team Attendees:

- Chris Cook, Executive Director, Greenway Conservancy
- Ray Delmonico, NELM Corp.
- Rebecca McKeivitz, Capital Projects Manager, Greenway Conservancy
- Kennan Rhyne, Interim Deputy Director for Downtown & Neighborhood Planning, BPDA (Parcel 2 Project Manager)
- John Romano, Director of the Office of Outdoor Advertising, Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MDOT)
- Bob Stigberg, Director of Maintenance and Capital, Greenway Conservancy
- Jill Zick, Landscape Architect, BPDA

City of Boston Attendees & Elected Officials:

- Michael Bonetti, North End Community Liaison, Office of Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn
- Patrick Lyons, Director of Constituent Services, Office of State Representative Aaron Michlewitz
- John Romano, North End/West End/Waterfront Liaison for Mayor Kim Janey, Office of Neighborhood Services

Public Attendees:

46 members of the public

Central Artery/Tunnel Parcel 2 Park Design Website: <http://bit.ly/greenwayp2>

- 6/2/2021 Meeting Agenda: <http://www.bostonplans.org/documents/planning/downtown-neighborhood-planning/central-artery-parcel-2-park-design/210602-meeting-5/200602-parcel-2-mtg5-agenda>
- 6/2/2021 Meeting Presentation (PDF): <http://www.bostonplans.org/documents/planning/downtown-neighborhood-planning/central-artery-parcel-2-park-design/210602-meeting-5/210602-parcel-2-mtg5-presentation>
- 6/2/2021 Meeting Recording: <https://bpda.box.com/s/4fhyvod5tzqrpa4d3vu7dixlupj2vxjb>

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Meeting Summary:

Kennan Rhyne, BPDA, provides an overview of the park design and process completed to-date.

Rebecca McKevez, Greenway Conservancy, provides an overview of the construction process and schedule. This includes an introduction to the contractor, staging plan, work hours, and anticipated completion date (Fall 2021).

The project team answers questions from the public.

Public Questions & Comments

Question (Q): Will there be weekend construction work?

Answer (A): No, however there may be Saturday work in the fall (toward the end of the construction timeline) if the plants need to be scheduled to arrive at the end of the week.

Q: Will there be a police detail during construction?

A: Yes.

Q: Will there be a fountain on site as a part of the design or not?

A: There will be a drinking fountain with a lower bowl for dogs, but no decorative fountain is planned as part of the design.

Q: Are there any dog relief areas in the park?

A: Dogs are welcome in the park on leash, as they are generally welcome in Greenway Parks; however, there is not a specific area designated for 'dog relief', and owners should kindly pick up after their dogs.

Q: When will the park be completed?

A: Anticipated completion is the end of September 2021.

Q: Will the tables and chairs be secured?

A: Tables and chairs will be secured by the Greenway Conservancy overnight, unlocked in the morning and relocked in the evenings on a schedule similar to other Greenway parks.

Q: Who will oversee this park, will it be the Greenway?

A: Yes, this park is a part of the lease that the Greenway Conservancy has with MDOT.

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Q: Will the sidewalks be the last items completed in the park construction?

A: MDOT will reconstruct the North Washington and Beverly Street sidewalks as a part of their ongoing sidewalk reconstruction project. The park project will reconstruct the Valenti Way sidewalk as the park construction is wrapping up.

Q: This is the only park parcel on the Greenway in the West End. Will this park be added to the Greenway website?

A: Yes, this will be added to the Greenway website.

Q: How will noise be handled?

A: Ray Delmonico, NELM Corporation, answered that any noise from construction should not be any louder than the existing traffic currently surrounding the site. He anticipates that only small machinery will be used during construction, since the site is so small. Ray also added that NELM just completed a similar project in Everett, Lt. Joseph Wehner Park off of Broadway and Lynn Streets, and encouraged participants to drive by to have a look.

Q: After tonight, how often will the public receive updates?

A: The Greenway will post updates on the Greenway website blog for the project every 10-14 days. (<https://www.rosekennedygreenway.org/blog/>)The BPDA may post construction photos on their website, as well.

The meeting concluded at 7:30 pm.

Questions, Comments

All questions or concerns about park construction may be directed **Rebecca McKeivitz**, Greenway Conservancy, at 617-603-7721 or rmckeivitz@rosekennedygreenway.org. All other questions may be directed to **Kennan Rhyne**, BPDA, at 617-918-4421 or kennan.rhyne@boston.gov.

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