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Update on  
Harvard University  
Cooperation Agreement  
and Other IMP Commitments

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# Public Benefits- \$43M breakdown

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- Public Realm - \$9.75M
- Education - \$4M
- Capital Improvements to Boston Public Schools - Gardner Pilot Academy - \$500,000
- Workforce Development and Jobs Linkage - \$4M
- Harvard Allston Partnership Fund - \$500,000
- Housing Fund to Promote Home Ownership and Market Stabilization - \$3M
- Housing Linkage - \$11M
- Donation of Brookline Machine Site to City of Boston - \$2M
- Transformative Project - \$8.25M

**Total: \$43,000,000**

# Public Benefits - Implementation

Item	Cost	Timing
<b>Public Realm (\$9,750,000)</b>		
Everett Street improvements	\$500,000	2015 Goal
Soldiers Field Road crossings	Total of \$3,500,000	Study to Commence in 2014
Maintenance of Ray Mellone Park	\$400,000	2021 through 2025
Flexible Fund	\$5,350,000	Structure put in place 2014-15; Begin proposal review and project implementation in 2016
<b>Education (\$4,500,000)</b>		
Education Portal Facility/Staff	\$ 4,000,000	Extension of Ed Portal Programming 2018-2023
Programming, Scholarships, mentoring & partnerships		Extension of Ed Portal Programming 2018-2023
Adult Education		Extension of Ed Portal Programming 2018-2023
Public information and outreach		Extension of Ed Portal Programming 2018-2023
Contribution to BPS	\$500,000	To augment BPS Capital Plan - upon direction from Boston Public Schools, donation to augment GPA capital improvement
<b>Workforce Development (\$4,000,000)</b>		
Workforce Development (includes jobs linkage)	\$4,000,000	Under discussion with Jobs and Community Services and other city agencies

# Public Benefits – Implementation

Item	Cost	Timing
<b>Partnership Fund (\$500,000)</b>		
Harvard Allston Partnership Fund	\$500,000	2018 – 2023
<b>Housing Fund (\$3,000,000)</b>		
Harvard Allston Housing Fund	\$3,000,000	Funds available for early action through a partnership with the City, BRA, and local non-profit
<b>DIP/Linkage (\$11,000,000)</b>		
Development Impact Project exaction and Linkage	\$11,000,000	With IMP projects - based upon current building program and uses for IMP projects (upon direction from the City and the BRA)
<b>Donation of Brookline Machine Site (\$2,000,000)</b>		
Donation of Brookline Machine site	\$2,000,000	Harvard will demolish the building at 90 Antwerp Street and donate the parcel to the City
<b>Transformative Project (\$8,250,000)</b>		
Programming	\$8,250,000 total	2014-2023 - Construction of new Ed Portal and associated programming

# Other IMP Commitments

Item	Project/Responsibility	Timing
<b>Development Agreements</b>		
Transportation Access Plan Agreement (TAPA)	Harvard	Ongoing
Construction Management Plan	Part of each IMP Project	Institutional guidelines prepared and each individual project will prepare CMP
Construction Employment	Part of each IMP Project	Part of each IMP Project - adherence to the Boston Residents Jobs Policy
Permanent Employment	Part of each IMP Project	Part of each IMP Project
<b>Public Realm</b>		
Interim improvements to Grove	Harvard	Initial interim improvements in 2014
Greenway	Harvard	Planning in 2014 to identify strategies for early implementation
Other public realm improvements	Part of IMP Projects	Part of IMP Projects
<b>Transportation</b>		
Improvements to Western Ave.	Science project and other IMP Projects (Gateway and Hotel Conference Center)	Tied to Science and IMP Projects
Hubway	Harvard	Ongoing/as demand warrants

# Other IMP Commitments

Item	Project/Responsibility	Timing
Bike parking	Part of each IMP Project	Studied and implemented as part of each project
Work with MBTA	Harvard	Ongoing
Extend existing shuttle	Harvard	When Academic Way is opened
Expand TDM program	Part of each IMP Project	Implemented as part of each IMP Project
New traffic signals at Academic Way	Harvard	Studied as part of Academic Way planning and design
Barry's Corner improvements	Harvard	Studied and implemented as part of Gateway
Intersection and operational improvements	Harvard	Part of Soldiers Field Road Study and IMP Projects
Traffic monitoring equipment	Construction Support Area implementation (multiple projects)	Dependent upon construction support
Design of Stadium Way	Harvard	25% design by late 2015
Evaluate construction support area	Harvard	In 2014
Special events study	Harvard	By April 30, 2014 - complete
Analysis of alternatives for surface parking	Harvard	In 2014
Extend TDM measures	Part of each IMP Project	Studied and implemented as part of each IMP project
Prepare transportation and parking analysis program	Harvard	In 2014
Assist BTM in Residential parking	Harvard	In 2014 and ongoing
<b>Annual Reporting</b>		
Submit annual report	Harvard	8/31 reporting deadline

# Public Realm Flexible Fund – Objective

As part of the Task Force and community discussion of community benefits related to the IMP, the Task Force developed goals for public realm improvements which stated, in part:

***“We envision a community transformed by a vibrant public realm of civic and cultural activity; ample open space for passive and active recreation; well-maintained, landscaped streets and parks; and a community enhanced by sustainable goals, thoughtful transportation modes, arts and culture.” – Harvard-Allston Task Force***

Harvard University will allocate \$5,350,000 for a Public Realm Flexible Fund earmarked for projects which contribute to bringing to fruition the above-stated vision.

All projects shall be public improvements performed by the BRA or appropriate City agencies on public property. Possible public realm projects include contributions to Smith Field, streetscape improvements on Cambridge and Lincoln Streets, the extension of Telford Street, installation of street trees, and public art.



# Public Realm Flexible Fund – Process

Harvard University is proposing a two-year planning period during which time Harvard will work with the Boston Redevelopment Authority/City to:

- Conduct neighborhood planning sessions to discuss opportunities for public realm improvements;
- Form an Executive Committee made up of representatives from Harvard, the BRA, Task Force members, and possibly other City agencies;
- Develop an application and Request for Proposals process that includes descriptions of types of projects (*i.e. parks, cultural, public art, etc.*);
- Develop an advisory process with recommendations that are reviewed and approved by the BRA Board;
- Require that a public agency be a proponent or sponsor of each proposed public realm project (*either in support or managing*); and
- Consider a two-tiered process for small capital projects (*less than \$50,000*) and larger capital improvements (*greater than \$50,000*).

# Housing Fund

This fund will specifically target the creation of homeownership opportunities for current and future long-term residents. The fund will be managed by a third-party organization. Current proposal from Allston-Brighton CDC:

- Identify creative financing opportunities designed to leverage additional funding;
- Develop local marketing and outreach plans in order to raise awareness of the program and the homeownership opportunities;
- Enhance homebuyer education program to assist people in the process of purchasing a home; and
- **Identify potential homeowners, properties, and buyers;**
- **Execute homeownership deals for the purchase and resale of specific residential properties in North Allston/North Brighton.**
- Include a process and timeline for evaluation of program's efficacy: quarterly updates, two-year evaluation.

# Transformative Project

## A new vision for teaching, learning and enrichment in Allston



*A community portal offering education and training, health and wellness, and arts and culture programming for Allston-Brighton residents.*

- Performance space
- Gallery/exhibit space
- AllstonX iStudio
- Lecture space
- Workforce Development programs & space
- Health and wellness programs & space
- Community and event space
- Science lab and art prep space
- Updated mentoring rooms
- Outdoor learning areas
- Learning Resource Library
- Staff offices

**\$8.25M**