Public Information/Update Session
Harbor Connective Community Projects

June 24, 2021
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ZOOM TIPS! WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS!!

HERE ARE SOME TIPS FOR FIRST-TIME ZOOM USERS.

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HOW TO CHOOSE A LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION CHANNEL

“Chinese”
“English”
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Background
How the Conversation Started -
“Little Mystic” BPDA-Owned Parcel

- Approximately 150,044 square feet, on riverfront inlet known as Little Mystic Channel.
Autoport: 80-Acre Maritime Industrial Mixed-Use
BPDA negotiated a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Massport at the time of the January 1, 2020 lease extension.

The MOA consists of a $2 million package of specific community projects from Massport & The Boston AutoPort.

*Barry Field connector / Medford Street Path / Improvements at Site*
Community Partners Joining the Conversation
What We Heard -

• Improve bike/pedestrian safety with cross walks, better lighting and traffic signals.
• Improvements to Sprouts Garden.
• Improvements to boat ramp and picnic areas
• Activate Massport rail line for recreation and walking & biking
• Improve Connections to Barry Park, Navy Yard, Harborwalk, Chelsea Street.
Community Partners & Process

As part of outreach and planning, BPDA & Massport have been engaging the following partners:

- Community Stakeholders
- Mystic River Watershed Association (MRWA)
- Boston AutoPort
- City of Boston Transportation and Public Works Departments (BTD & DPW)
- The Flatley Company
- PanAm
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Community Projects Area
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BARRY FIELD CONNECTOR

• Connection from Chelsea St down to Barry Field at lower grade

• Existing railing at Chelsea Street opened to accommodate pedestrian access

• Stairs and ramp to provide accessible route
BARRY FIELD CONNECTOR TO THE HARBORWALK
BARRY FIELD CONNECTOR BENEFITS

• Improves safety by:
  o Reduces potential conflict points between Harborwalk users and truck traffic travelling to and from the Designated Port Area
  o Decreases the number of pedestrian street crossings from 3 to 1
  o Shrinks distance that pedestrians & bicyclists travel along the Chelsea St. corridor

• Cuts distance traveled between Harborwalk segments by about 80%

• Construction is scheduled to be substantially complete by the end of 2021
MORE DIRECT CONNECTION

Current Harborwalk Route

Planned Harborwalk Route
Little Mystic Parcel Improvements

- EXCITING NEWS!! What was initially conceived of as landscape & green screen improvements is now a broader vision led by Mystic River Watershed – details to come later in this presentation.
Proposed Medford Street Path – Broader Vision
Other Related Community Projects
Boston AutoPort “Good Neighbor” Commitments

- Boston Autoport completed Little Mystic basin one-time cleanup; repaired potholes, fence painted, repaired benches; cleaned-up trash & debris (late summer 2020)

- Documentation of salt pile management

- Scholarship for Charlestown youth (preference given to technical education) – deadline extended through June 30, 2021
BTD Studying Terminal / Chelsea Street Intersection
SPROUTS GARDEN – adjacent to Little Mystic Site
DND Grassroots Program & CPA Grant Funding
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MyRWA Updates - Little Mystic Site
LITTLE MYSTIC CHANNEL PARK

KEY
- Overall Little Mystic Channel Park Vision Plan area
- Shorter-term improvement areas
- Longer-term improvement areas
- Improvements by others
WHICH AREAS AROUND LITTLE MYSTIC PARK DO YOU CURRENTLY USE?

1st: Harborwalk Path
2nd: Track and Field
3rd: Turf Playing Fields
4th: Barry Field
5th: Charles Newtown Plaza
6th: Under Tobin Bridge
7th: Terminal Street
8th: Sprouts Community Garden
8th: Little Mystic Boat Ramp
BELOW IS A LIST OF POSSIBLE NEW PARK ADDITIONS. WHICH ONES ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT?
TIMELINE FOR CPA PROJECT

Summer - Fall  Public meetings, on-site events, program/design alternatives
Fall - Spring  Design Concept and implementation/phasing plan

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