PLAN: Downtown

Open House and Information Session

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Building On Recent Planning
PLAN: Downtown Goal

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.
Request for Proposals (RFP) Process

Scope Development
Winter & Spring 2018

RFP Release
May 2018

Proposals Due
July 2018
9 responses received

Interviews & Selection Process
August 2018

Started working with NBBJ
September 2018
Project Team

BPDA & City Staff

NBBJ, Planning & Urban Design

HR&A Advisors, Economic Development

Arup, Sustainability & Transit

Kittleson & Associates, Transportation Planning

Boston Conservation Associates, Historic Preservation

Engagement Lab, Public Engagement

Ground, Inc., Landscape Architecture

Nitsch Engineering, Blue & Green Infrastructure

HLB Lighting Design, Lighting
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Study Area

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

1. Review proposed study area boundary and past plans
2. Existing conditions analysis, modeling, mapping, and preliminary community outreach
3. Develop vision, goals & principles for the future Downtown
4. Study of massing options & development scenarios for the study area and each sub-district
5. Refinement of preferred massing/development options & impact analysis/market analysis
6. Urban design/development guidelines & zoning recommendations
Community Engagement

- **Open House**
- **Traditional public meetings** for entire district and subdistricts
- **Tactical outreach** such as pop-up events, temporary interactive signage, and “wikimapping”
- **Advisory Group meetings**

*Advisory Group Nomination Forms Due December 14, 2018*
Timeline
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Smart Model Demonstration

The live presentation on December 3, 2018 showed an animation of the Smart Model. Please visit the link below to see the live version of the PLAN: Downtown Smart Model.

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Friday, December 14, 2018

In the meantime, get involved

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Questions and Comments

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