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Re: Wentworth Institute of Technology Institutional Master Plan Update per Article 80D-7 of the Boston Zoning Code

Dear Director Golden,

Pursuant to Article 80D-7 of the Boston Zoning Code (the "Code"), Wentworth Institute of Technology ("Wentworth") submits this Institutional Master Plan ("IMP") Update to the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA"), d/b/a, the Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA") as an update to the approved Wentworth IMP.

Reference is made to the ten-year Wentworth IMP, approved by the BRA on December 14, 2010, the Boston Zoning Commission on January 19, 2011, effective on January 20, 2011, and as amended since. This document serves as the third IMP Update and follows and supersedes the prior IMP Update which was submitted June 15, 2016.

### I. Wentworth Mission

Founded in 1904, Wentworth Institute of Technology is a nationally ranked university offering career-focused education through 20 bachelor's degree programs in areas such as engineering, architecture, computer science, applied mathematics, business management, computer networking, construction management, and design.

The Institute also offers master's degrees in applied computer science, architecture, civil engineering, construction management, facility management, project management (online), and technology management. A new master's in engineering, design, management and sciences education, Wentworth is known for its emphasis on career preparation for students through leading co-op programs and alignment with 21st-century workforce needs.

The Wentworth community has been proud to call the Mission Hill and Fenway neighborhoods in the City of Boston its home. Just as Boston has grown and changed over time, Wentworth has evolved from a technical school into a university that has graduated approximately 52,000 students who are sought after for their demonstrated abilities to quickly become productive members in the workplace, for their technical problem-solving skills, and for their educational preparation to adapt to changing technologies.

Wentworth's core purpose and mission is to empower, inspire, and innovate through experiential learning. We are dedicated to the "Five Factors of Career Success," which include focused academics, cooperative education, innovation and entrepreneurship, collaboration and partnerships, and ideal location. Our students are adept at collaborating with others, and they graduate from Wentworth with the ability to lead with confidence and contribute to society in meaningful ways.

As a fundamental part of a Wentworth education, students are required to complete two cooperative (coop) education semesters in work placements with an option for a third. Co-op experiences can take place anywhere in the world and are always related to the career major of the student, preparing them for postgraduate work or further study.

A part-time class schedule is also available through the College of Professional and Continuing Education (CPCE). CPCE offers evening, weekend, and online courses and programs for working adults who wish to complete their undergraduate degrees, supplement their skills, or earn a graduate degree. Wentworth's practical orientation has made these programs particularly attractive to current employees who want to develop the updated skills necessary to advance professionally.

### II. Wentworth Programs

Wentworth's institutional programming is developed and regularly updated through input and advice from practicing professionals who serve as members of the Industrial Professional Advisory Committees (the "IPAC"). Through the IPAC, corporate/academic communication is maintained to assist the faculty with the development of a technological education that is responsive to the needs of and the latest trends in industry.

Wentworth offers 20 career-oriented majors within four colleges: the College of Architecture, Design & Construction Management; the College of Engineering and Technology; the College of Arts and Sciences; and the College of Professional and Continuing Education. For a list of Departments and Degrees awarded, see Table 1.

**Table 1: Wentworth Colleges and Departments** 

College of Architecture, Design & Construction Management	College of Arts and Sciences	College of Engineering and Technology
<ul> <li>Architecture</li> <li>Construction         Management</li> <li>Industrial Design</li> <li>Interior Design</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Applied Mathematics</li> <li>Business Management</li> <li>Humanities and Social Sciences</li> <li>Sciences</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Biological Engineering</li> <li>Biomedical Engineering</li> <li>Civil Engineering and Technology</li> <li>Computer Science and Computer Networking</li> <li>Electrical Engineering and Technology</li> <li>Mechanical Engineering and Technology</li> </ul>

Wentworth offers the following undergraduate majors, minors, and master's programs as

# shown below in Table 2:

Table 2, Wentworth Degree Programs:

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Undergraduate Majors	Undergraduate Minors	Masters Programs
<ul> <li>Applied Mathematics</li> <li>Applied Science with concentration in Biochemistry</li> <li>Architecture</li> <li>Biological Engineering</li> <li>Biomedical Engineering</li> <li>Building Construction Management (CPCE)</li> <li>Business Management</li> <li>Civil Engineering</li> <li>Computer Engineering</li> <li>Computer Information Systems</li> <li>Computer Networking</li> <li>Construction Management</li> <li>Construction Management with a concentration in Commercial Real Estate</li> <li>Electromechanical Engineering</li> <li>Electrical Engineering</li> <li>Electrical Engineering</li> <li>Engineering — Interdisciplinary</li> <li>Facility Planning and Management</li> <li>Industrial Design</li> <li>Interior Design</li> <li>Mechanical Engineering</li> <li>Project Management (CPCE)</li> <li>Project Management (conline) (CPCE)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Aerospace Engineering</li> <li>Applied Mathematics</li> <li>Bioinformatics</li> <li>Biology</li> <li>Business Management with concentration in General Business, Entrepreneurship, or Technology Project Management</li> <li>Chemistry</li> <li>Civil Engineering</li> <li>Computer Networking</li> <li>Computer Science</li> <li>Construction Management</li> <li>Manufacturing</li> <li>COF Minor in Performing Arts</li> <li>Media, Culture and Communications Studies</li> <li>Physics</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Applied Computer Science (online)</li> <li>Architecture</li> <li>Civil Engineering</li> <li>Construction Management</li> <li>Construction Management (online)</li> <li>Facility Management (online)</li> <li>Project Management (online)</li> <li>Technology Management (online)</li> </ul>

In addition to its bachelor's and master's programs, Wentworth offers an Associate's Degree in Building Construction Management (CPCE).

Degree candidates in all of the bachelor's programs are required to spend at least two semesters away from campus on cooperative education work experiences. Upon successful completion of these programs, students are awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in their respective disciplines. Wentworth also offers a master's in architecture through its full-time day program, and several types of master's programs which are offered through the evening and weekend program. See Table 2.

Wentworth's College of Professional and Continuing Education (CPCE) serves the diverse needs of the growing population of part-time students. With courses offered at night, on weekends and online, the college is committed to the needs of working professionals who are seeking to advance their career opportunities. The College offers approximately 30 technology-focused associate, bachelor, and graduate degree programs as well as professional certificates, workforce training and development courses.

### III. Status of IMP

Wentworth filed its first IMP (the "Original IMP") in 1999. The Original IMP was reviewed over the next year and approved in April of 2000. The Original IMP covered the years 2000 through 2008 and included one proposed project for the development of a new dormitory as an addition to Baker Hall located at 610 Huntington Avenue. The Original IMP was amended twice. The first amendment in April of 2003 allowed for the development of a second new student residence at 555 Huntington Avenue and the incorporation of an existing 12-person dormitory located at 66 Louis Prang Street into the Original IMP; the second amendment filed in June of 2007 was to approve the addition of property located at 525 and 634 Huntington Avenue to the Original IMP as interim open space.

In April of 2008, Wentworth submitted to the BRA an Institutional Master Plan Notification Form ("IMPNF") requesting an extension of the Original IMP for a term of one year, a request approved by the BRA. The purpose of this one-year extension was to allow time for Wentworth to conduct an extensive strategic planning effort to assess its campus development needs. This effort, which involved the Wentworth Community Task Force, the local community, faculty, staff, students, alumni and trustees, was concluded in March of 2009.

In April of 2009, Wentworth submitted an IMPNF for its next ten-year IMP. The IMP now in effect (the "2010-2020 IMP" or "IMP") was approved by the (then) BRA on December 14, 2010, by the Boston Zoning Commission on January 19, 2011 and by Mayor Thomas M. Menino on January 20, 2011. The 2010-2020 IMP has a term of ten (10) years and includes five projects that were anticipated to be undertaken during the current term (the "IMP Projects"). Those five projects are:

- the Flanagan Campus Center at Beatty Hall;
- the 18,000 sf academic addition to the Ira Allen Building at 540 Parker Street;
- The Student Apartments @ 525 Huntington Avenue;
- a proposed new soccer field above 330 surface parking spaces ("New Sweeney Field"); and
- a new 45,000 sf academic facility (this project was subsequently modified to become the "Multi-purpose Academic Building" or "MpA Building").

# A. Goals & Objectives of the Wentworth IMP

The following seven strategic objectives were identified as the goals for the 2010-2020 IMP:

- Provide More Student Housing Develop additional student dormitory facilities with sufficient capacity to accommodate full-time undergraduate students seeking housing in the City of Boston.
- Update Academic Facilities Create new 21st century classrooms, studios and laboratories with state-of-the-art equipment to keep Wentworth's academic programs at the cutting edge of technology.
- Strengthen Wentworth's Core Campus and Student Life Programs Enhance the on-campus experience for Wentworth students through the development of new student activity and recreation programs and facilities located in close proximity to the Campus Quad. Attract students to on-campus social activities, programs and entertainment rather than off-campus socializing in local neighborhoods.
- Improve Campus Edges The development of new facilities and other campus improvements should be designed to be open to the neighboring community: transparent and welcoming and should avoid blank walls and "dead edges" which limit visibility into the campus and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Enhance Pedestrian Connections Implement landscape, streetscape and lighting improvements to enhance the pedestrian entryways and pathways into and through the Wentworth Campus and to improve connections to adjoining pedestrian routes.
- Promote Responsible Student Behavior Expand programs provided by the Dean of Students and other departments which support personal development and promote responsible student behavior.
- Achieve New Levels of Sustainability As a signatory to the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, Wentworth will employ sustainable design and construction techniques in the development of all new facilities.

### **B.** Completed IMP Projects

To date, Wentworth has completed three of five IMP Projects, and has completed BPDA Large Project Review for a fourth project. These completed projects include:

• The Flanagan Campus Center represents a significant expansion of space to draw students onto campus for cultural and social activities including a fully renovated café space, and a modern fitness center. Although not technically part of the Flanagan Campus Center IMP Project, in Fall 2016, Wentworth updated and improved its library to serve today's students' needs including private group study spaces, worktop areas designed with plenty of room for

laptops as well as traditional study materials, and comfortable sitting pods for quiet - but not isolated - study.

- The Ira Allen Building 18,000 square foot addition, completed in 2012, provides state-of-theart teaching labs, collaboration spaces, and offices to support Wentworth's cutting-edge curriculum in engineering and technology.
- The Student Apartments @ 525 opened in Fall 2014 and provides 305 beds for Wentworth students styled as full apartments aimed at retaining upper class students who might otherwise look to move off-campus in search of full-service apartments.

### C. Permitted/Approved IMP Projects

There are also two additional projects described in the 2010-2020 IMP for which Wentworth has already initiated the permitting process but has not obtained final approvals or proceeded with construction.

The fourth Proposed Project in the 2010-2010 IMP is the New Sweeney Field project. New Sweeney Field is proposed as a new soccer field on a single level deck above 330 surface parking spaces in Wentworth's existing Parker Avenue parking lot. This project was advanced through the BRA Article 80 process and received a Scoping Determination Waiving Further Review on February 2, 2015 but has not been constructed.

The New Sweeney Field project is intended to be completed in conjunction with a "Potential Future Project" described in the 2010-2020 IMP, which envisions the development of a commercial research and development/office project on the 3.03-acre site of the Sweeney Athletic Field at 500 Huntington Avenue ("500 Huntington Project"). In 2013, Wentworth proceeded with plans for the 500 Huntington Project pursuant to a PDA designation. The PDA was approved by the BRA as Planned Development Area No. 93 on September 12, 2013 and approves the development of up to 640,000 sf of floor area within two buildings, with a mix of uses, including College or University uses (to be added, when developed, to the Wentworth IMP), Office, Restaurant, Cultural, Retail/Commercial, Parking, Research and Development, Day Care, and Laboratory Space. Wentworth was the proposed anchor tenant within one building of the 500 Huntington Project and would occupy 94,000 square feet of space, of which Wentworth planned to use 78,400 square feet for the Center for Interdisciplinary Innovation with a major focus on research and education in the area of applied research and product development. From 2013 through 2015, Wentworth pursued the advancement of the 500 Huntington Project with a broker and selected a development partner. Subsequent negotiations did not result in advancement of that project, which is currently on hold until market conditions produce a suitable development partner.

Because the New Sweeney Field project is only made necessary by the advancement of the 500 Huntington Project, New Sweeney Field, as planned and approved, is intended to be constructed as a replacement to the existing Sweeney Field when the 500 Huntington Project moves forward.

Wentworth has also completed an array of campus improvements described in the 2010-2020 IMP as being aimed at enhancing pedestrian access to, and connections through, Wentworth's campus. These include: the creation of a new pedestrian friendly entryway on Ward Street; additional landscape and lighting improvements along Ward Street; and paving, landscape and signage enhancements at the entry

points to the pedestrian way known as "The Pike" which runs from Parker Street to Huntington Avenue and then connects with the Colleges of the Fenway Walk.

# D. IMP Project Currently Underway - MpA Building

The fifth Proposed Institutional Project in the 2010-2020 IMP is the Multi-Purpose Academic (MpA) Building, as modified and altered in the 2017 IMP Amendment, effective June 21, 2017.

#### a. MpA Project

The MpA Building grew out of Wentworth's ongoing diversification of its engineering programs. As such, Wentworth identified a need to provide a single function building to support its students and faculty. In order to remain competitive in these disciplines, Wentworth requires new state of the art labs, classroom, and student collaborative work spaces. As the engineering programs evolve to mirror 21st century occupations, the MpA Building was designed to meet the requirements of these evolving disciplines and programs. In particular, the more open physical layout of the MpA Building's learning and collaboration spaces, including the first floor gathering and presentation spaces, were designed to physically accommodate mixed project teams – of, for example, architecture, civil engineering, structural engineering, and construction management students – to work together in an interdisciplinary manner much the way they will after graduation. Wentworth's other, generally compact, classroom setups, with disciplines spread among multiple buildings, does not foster the type of interdisciplinary collaboration the MpA Building will provide. In addition, the new, larger lab spaces in the MpA Building, including wet labs, will be built to provide current students in the engineering disciplines with the opportunity to expand their learning and experience beyond the curriculum that Wentworth is able to offer today in its smaller and more traditional academic buildings.

The MpA Building will also provide for efficiencies and flexibility in the remaining buildings on the campus as some existing departments relocate to the MpA Building. The departments and/or uses that will utilize the MpA Building include:

- Biological Engineering;
- Civil Engineering;
- Biology and Chemistry;
- Biomedical Engineering;
- Mechanical Engineering with High End Manufacturing;
- Shared academic space;
- Accelerate and EPIC programs with maker, collaboration, and ideation space; and
- Student and faculty presentation space.

The key dimensions of the MpA Building, including building height, square footage, location, and uses are provided in Table 3 below.

Table 3: MpA Building

Location:	555 Parker Street, Boston, MA
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SiteSize:	0.8 acres (35,311 square feet)
PriorUse:	Three outdoor tennis courts within perimeter fencing
New Use:	Laboratories, collaborative learning and group study space, offices, and support/storage space
Zoning	64.5 feet
Height:	
As-Built Gross	66,400 Gross Square Feet
Floor Area:	
FAR:	2.0

### b. Construction Status of MpA Building

Permitting for construction of the MpA Building was completed on June 21, 2017 and included BPDA and Zoning Commission review and approval as well as Boston Water and Sewer Commission Site Plan Approval and an 8M permit from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.

As of the transmission of this update, the MpA Building envelope has been completed and the mechanical, electrical and plumbing have been roughed-in and systems are substantially completed and operational. The interior petitions are framed, and wall-board is substantially completed. The punch list items are expected to be completed by close of 2018, and an occupancy certificate is expected by mid-November 2018. Hardscaping and landscaping were commenced after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, with a goal to have at least part of the Quad available to students for the start of the Fall Semester. Full hardscaping is expected to be completed by the time the building is open for use in January 2019, at the start of the Spring Semester, although some landscaping may be delayed until the Spring 2019 planting season.

### E. Satisfaction of IMP Goals & Objectives

Through the construction of the IMP Projects – including the MpA Building – Wentworth has made substantial progress toward achieving the goals of its 2010-2020 IMP.

The IMP Projects have played an integral role in Wentworth's transformation into a residential campus, and these Projects have also initiated the process of updating Wentworth's academic facilities and strengthening the central core of its campus. Inclusive of the residential IMP Project at 525 Huntington Avenue, since 2000, Wentworth has added just over 1,100 beds on its campus.

This student housing, along with the other on-campus amenities – especially the renovated Flanagan Center/Beatty Hall – is strategically and carefully designed to not only provide Wentworth students with on-campus housing, but also to provide Wentworth students with the full suite of living and learning amenities required and desired for today's college (and graduate) students.

As a part of the 2010-2020 IMP Wentworth has actively promoted on-campus living by requiring Freshmen and Sophomores to live on campus and has published the advantages of on-campus living.

As a complement to Wentworth's commitment to increasing the amount of student housing it provides on-campus, Wentworth's completion of the Ira Allen academic building addition and the upgrade of the library located inside the Flanagan Center/Beatty Hall are helping Wentworth achieve the 2010-2020 goal of updating Wentworth's academic facilities and also strengthening Wentworth's core campus and student life programs.

Wentworth has also taken major steps in achieving its 2010-2020 goal of enhancing pedestrian connections on and through campus. Wentworth's reconstruction and enhancement of The Pike pedestrian connector is a major step forward in achieving the goal of improving these pedestrian connections. The work completed by Wentworth since the adoption of the 2010-2020 IMP includes a new paved pedestrian walkway cutting through Wentworth's main campus area that also serves to connect Parker Street to Huntington Avenue providing not only an improved pedestrian experience for Wentworth students and faculty, but also providing a more direct, better quality, safer and more enjoyable pedestrian through-way for Wentworth's neighbors in the surrounding community. Considering Wentworth's proximity to public transportation, the LMA, and the Colleges of the Fenway, providing a high-quality pedestrian connection through the Wentworth campus is a real community benefit and makes significant progress towards Wentworth's goal of improving pedestrian connections. In addition, as part of its improvements to pedestrian connections throughout its campus and improving the edges of its campus, Wentworth made landscape improvements, removed fences around the edges of its campus, and provided new lighting and benches. The construction of the Flanagan Center addition also significantly enhanced Ward Street pedestrian access to campus.

Overall, through increased student housing, creation of the Flanagan Campus Center, the development of new state-of-the-art instructional facilities at Ira Allen, and Wentworth's improvements to the Pike and other pedestrian-friendly areas on its campus, Wentworth has strengthened its core campus as a neighborhood-friendly center of learning and student development. Through the completed IMP Projects, Wentworth has created a critical center of activity which will attract students to campus housing and campus social events, rather than neighborhood housing and off-campus socializing.

The MpA Building is intended to satisfy a number of the goals of the 2010-2020 IMP including updating Wentworth's academic facilities, strengthening Wentworth's core campus, improving the campus edges, enhancing pedestrian connections and achieving new levels of sustainability.

Also, of note, the MpA Building will only require a modest increase of employees, including three technicians, one academic coordinator and four faculty members, to be phased over time. Intended as a service to existing student body's needs, the addition of the MpA Building is not expected to increase enrollment or the need for additional student housing.

### F. Status of Community & Public Benefits

#### a. Community and Public Benefits

Wentworth continues to meet its Community Benefit obligations as defined in the 2010-2020 IMP, and as have been specifically set forth in the approval documents for each of the completed IMP Projects. Wentworth's long and rich history of engaging with the City of Boston and its neighborhoods is well documented in the PILOT Reports submitted to the City of Boston annually. The following update is a

representative summary of Wentworth's multiple commitments and community activities in the City of Boston.

#### 1. Center for Community and Learning Partnerships

Wentworth continues to support and grow its award-winning Center for Community and Learning Partnerships (the Center), located at 553 Huntington Avenue. The Center provides storefront accessibility to neighborhood members, community partners and to students and faculty. Its mission to facilitate and strengthen partnerships that yield transformative educational experiences, is enhanced by over 15 years of faculty, staff, student and city and local community efforts to produce extraordinary community outcomes. Through its commitment to the local community, the Center develops and executes community engagement programming that creates positive change in Boston neighborhoods. In addition to its programming focused on college access and success for Boston youth, the Center provides project-based and service learning for students through Co+Build, Community Work study, Alternative Spring Break, VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), and various community-based opportunities.

The Center is unique in that it is a part of the Office of Community Relations and External Affairs, giving it direct connection to Wentworth's community benefit commitments with the City of Boston and its neighborhoods. This organizational alignment creates direct relationships with the community representatives who serve on the Wentworth/BPDA Community Task Force, the City of Boston and local organizations that contribute comments to master planning and project impacts. Staff from Community Relations and the Center regularly attend Task Force meetings and neighborhood meetings and serve on a variety of neighborhood-based organizational boards and committees.

#### 2. Co+Build

Driven by the community's voice, faculty, students, neighborhood partners and community members join forces to design and construct solutions in the built environment that can produce extraordinary neighborhood outcomes. These activities are provided at no cost to the city with funding for supplies and material coming from Wentworth and outside sources such as Ford Motor Company Fund, The Home Depot and TD Charitable Foundation.

#### 3. The Boston Pipeline

Designed to help underserved students from Boston prepare for, have access to and succeed in higher education, Wentworth's Pipeline initiative consists of a suite of strategically aligned programs and partnerships aimed at improving the attendance, retention and graduation rates of these students in colleges and universities. Working collaboratively with youth-serving community organizations, Boston Public Schools (BPS) and the Private Industry Council (PIC), among others, Wentworth has expanded the opportunities it offers to Boston youth through multiple avenues to meet the changing needs of Boston youth seeking a Wentworth education.

The Boston Pipeline impacts the education of local youth through Dual Enrollment (offering on campus college classes at no cost), RAMP (pre-college summer bridge program for incoming Boston freshman

attending Wentworth in the fall), and our Pathways program focused on recruiting, retaining, and graduating more Boston students.

#### 4. Boston Scholarships

Wentworth recognizes that the cost of tuition can be a major barrier to college attendance for Boston youth. Over the years, Wentworth has continued to provide a variety of scholarships through tuition waivers and funding from corporate partners and private donors that target Boston youth. Wentworth's contribution to this funding is documented in the annual PILOT Report on Community Benefits. The current PILOT cites over \$2.9 million awarded to Boston Youth for Fiscal Year 2018.

A portion of these funds come from Community Benefit Contributions allocated under the Institutional Master Plan 2010-2020. These allocations are documented over a number of IMP Project Notification submittals.

#### b. PILOT Program

Commencing in 2010, Wentworth President, Zorica Pantic, has served on the City of Boston PILOT Task Force which established guidelines for the PILOT program. Wentworth has consistently complied with these recommended guidelines. As reported on the City's PILOT contributions web site, Wentworth's cash-equivalent PILOT Contribution from 2010-2018 is valued at just over \$2.1 million, which does not include the full value of community benefit credits and in-kind contributions. Detailed Community Benefits Reports submitted to the City of Boston reflect the extent of Wentworth's contributions in both cash and in-kind value. It is worth separately noting that Wentworth's contributions to the community had a value of over \$4.7 million in fiscal year 2018.

# c. Status of Community & Public Benefits Associated with the MpA Building

As set forth in the Cooperation Agreement entered by and between Wentworth and the BPDA in relation to the Large Project Review process for the MpA Building, Wentworth committed to provide certain community and public benefits.

The status of each benefit is set forth below:

- Activation of the street edge along Parker Street, to better engage the neighborhood, is in progress and will be satisfied at the conclusion of construction;
- Creation of two pedestrian plaza areas along the Parker Street and the Pike frontages is in progress and will be satisfied at the conclusion of construction;
- Creation of a new pedestrian hardscaped and landscaped through-way along the Northern side of the MpA building adjacent to Watson Hall is in progress and will be satisfied at the conclusion of construction;
- Wentworth's pledge to construct the MpA building as LEED Silver certifiable will be satisfied by the conclusion of construction, and, moreover, Wentworth is on track for the building to be Gold certifiable; final status will be known by the conclusion of construction;

- The planting of approximately 10 additional trees as well as other landscaping, surrounding the building, is in progress. The majority of the plantings will be satisfied at the conclusion of construction, with the remainder completed in the Spring 2019 planting season;
- Wentworth has successfully widened the entrance to the pedestrian Pike through the siting of the MpA Building, and, through the course of construction, Wentworth has been able to widen the passageway beyond the entrance to now stretch from Parker Street to the Wentworth interior quadrangle. The Pike will also now include improved wayfinding;
- Wentworth has exceeded its pledge to create approximately 250-300 construction jobs, and up to 8 permanent jobs, 6 faculty positions and 2 technician positions throughout the course of construction; as of the transmission of this update, the MpA project has created 473 construction jobs with more expected for finish work. In relation to the construction for the MpA Building, Wentworth will employ three technicians, one academic coordinator and four faculty. Wentworth is actively engaged with the BPDA on Wentworth's participation in the Boston Resident's Construction Employment Program;
- Wentworth has satisfied its pledge to continue to participate in the PILOT program;
- Due to the increased demand by incoming Boston freshman for 2018-19, the RAMP program reached capacity and could not accommodate additional high school girls as originally anticipated. As a result, Wentworth is actively engaged in the exploration of options to develop and execute a variety of RAMP-like programs for high school students with a focus on reaching out to female students. Wentworth remains committed to reaching out to young women interested in STEM careers. In this vein, Wentworth intends to replace the scholarships for the high school girls summer program with a new program for Dual Enrollment;
- Wentworth has satisfied its pledge to expand its sponsorship of the Boston Pipeline program with the addition of a new school partner (Madison Park), and plans are underway to also partner with the Dearborn STEM Academy;
- Wentworth has satisfied its pledge to add four new scholarships for the welding certification program offered through the Boston Pipeline program; two students have already been awarded the scholarship and two remain available;
- Wentworth has satisfied its pledge to add three new projects to the Wentworth sponsored Co+Build program:
  - (1) The Church of Saint Augustine and Saint Martin, 29-33 Lenox Street, South End: Wentworth's commitment to design and construct a community garden is in progress, to be completed in Fall 2018;
  - (2) HERE House, 40 Calumet Street, Mission Hill: Wentworth faculty and students have continued their commitment to update and improve the condition of this low-income senior building. As of the transmission of this Update, the landscaping has been updated and improved, and a handicapped accessible deck has been added;

O (3) YMCA of Greater Boston, Camp Ponkapoag, located in the Blue Hills and serving Boston Youth during the summer: Wentworth has completed its commitment to modify and renovate the three pavilions of the YMCA, and to renovate the Arts and Science Building.

#### IV. Looking Ahead

With approximately two and one-half years remaining under its current IMP, Wentworth is not presently contemplating any new institutional projects not yet set forth in the Wentworth IMP. Looking ahead, Wentworth is actively collecting data as part of its bridge plan to gear up for its next Campus Master Plan which will become the next Institutional Master Plan. Relatedly, Wentworth's President has announced that she intends to step down on May 31, 2019, at the close of the upcoming school year; Wentworth expects a new university president to be in place by June 2019.

Wentworth will host a community meeting this Fall with the Wentworth Community Task Force to update our neighbors on the status of community benefits provided by the university, and to discuss our strategic planning going forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding the information provided in this IMP Update.

Sincerely yours,

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