



## Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) December 2024 Newsletter

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### HPP City Council Deliberation Continues into the New Year

After a November adoption by the Revere Planning Board, the City Council's Council-as-a-Whole Committee deliberated on the plan on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The HPP outlines a roadmap ahead that includes zoning changes, strategies for publicly-owned land, plans to mitigate traffic impacts, and a recommendation to adopt the **Community Preservation Act**. Even if the plan is adopted, the most important (e.g. zoning) changes would require additional Council votes in the future. The Community Preservation Act would require a ballot referendum.

You can find the full text of the plan [here](#), the presentation given to Council on November 25<sup>th</sup> [here](#), and the December 16<sup>th</sup> deliberation of the Council-as-a-Whole Committee [here](#). On the 16<sup>th</sup>, the Council voted to hold this plan in committee for future deliberation in the new year.

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## DPCD Holds Update on Riverfront Master Plan

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, DPCD hosted a meeting with Councillor Guarino-Sawaya to discuss the city's progress on the Riverfront Master Plan. The team discussed the submission of a MEPA filing for the roundabout project, and a shift in focus on the Gibson Park Resiliency Project. In short, the project team will shift focus from a berm to Riverside drainage improvements, and will update the park designs to account for the lack of a berm.

You can find the meeting recording [here](#). The MEPA filing for the roundabout can be found [here](#). Public Comments are due January 10<sup>th</sup>.

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## Bus Network Redesign Launches, MBTA Reinstates Rite Aid/Walgreens Bus Stops

**Phase One** of the MBTA's Bus Network Redesign launched on December 16th, creating significant improvements for the **110 & 116** bus routes, and discontinuing the 117 line. Throughout the week, MBTA staff have been monitoring progress at Broadway and Central, where bus stops where significant changes were made to bus operations. As part of this process, they determined that the Walgreens/Rite Aid stop pair—which was



removed as part of the redesign—needed to be reinstated to address rider needs.

We appreciate MBTA's willingness to quickly respond and react to rider feedback, to ensure the redesign works well for Revere's riders. Any questions about the project? Reach out to **Julie DeMauro**, Transportation Coordinator for the city.

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### Broadway Master Plan Final Draft Released

The Broadway Master Plan was presented at a public meeting in September. After that meeting, the project team worked to incorporate all of the feedback into a final draft, which can be found [here](#). The plan includes recommendations related to economic development, housing, transportation, and more. Questions about the plan? Contact **Tom Skwierawski**.

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### Completion of Oak Island Park

The City of Revere is excited to announce the completion of the Oak Island Park renovation, featuring a brand-new poured-in-place rubber safety surface. The vibrant new surface not only improves aesthetics but also meets the highest safety standards. This modern upgrade enhances the park's safety and accessibility, ensuring a fun and secure environment for children and families. This project was funded by CDBG and with Community Improvement Trust Funds secured by Ward 5 Councillor Guarino-Sawaya.

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### Small Business Saturday Celebrates Revere's Entrepreneurs

On December 7th, Mayor Keefe and other city members visited local businesses across the city to celebrate Small Business Saturday. Danny Luberto, the owner of the loved Luberto's treated everyone to cookies, cakes, pizza, gingerbread houses, and drinks. Make sure to shop local and support our businesses. Thank you to everyone who came out in support, and helped to make this event such a success.

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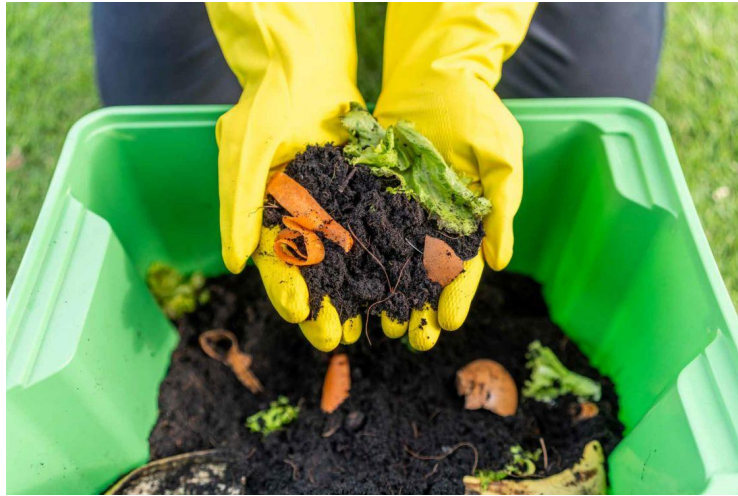
### MGC Grant Provides RFD with Vehicle Extraction Equipment

Recent funding from the Mass Gaming Commission grant provided the Revere Fire Department with essential vehicle extraction equipment to improve its emergency response capabilities. Injured occupants who receive definitive trauma care within 60 minutes of the occurrences have better outcomes. The equipment is portable and battery-powered, allowing rapid deployment and use to remove seriously injured occupants from the wreckage.



Collaborating with the Revere Fire Department on this grant opportunity is just one example of the **Department of Planning and Community Development** securing funding for equipment and services that benefit other municipal departments.

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### **Request for Proposals: Revere Curbside Composting Pilot**

DPCD is leading efforts to launch a Curbside Composting Program to promote sustainable waste management and reduce landfill use. This work will support a recent Council ordinance, passed in November, to initiate such a program. The city is seeking a vendor to provide a subscription-based model for residents.

Educational resources, including workshops and composting tips, will support participants in making the most of the program. We will be releasing an RFP in January.

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### **Planning Kicks Off for Shirley Avenue Tree Planting Plan**

The Shirley Avenue Tree Planting Master Plan, funded through CDBG and the **Urban Forestry Grant** will bring nature-based solutions to create a greener streetscape. In collaboration with MassDevelopment's TDI, Weston & Sampson will design plans to reduce impervious surfaces, increase tree canopy, and add green spaces.

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## Revere Receives Award for Energy Efficiency Upgrades

The City of Revere has been awarded \$116,740 through the **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program** to support sustainability initiatives at City Hall.

This funding will be used to implement energy-efficient upgrades in the City Council Chambers and Media Room. These improvements will reduce energy consumption, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and provide long-term cost savings for the city.

As part of its commitment to sustainability, Revere continues to seek additional opportunities for energy efficiency projects, such as expanding the use of electric vehicles and exploring renewable energy solutions.

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## Roadway Safety Concerns? Let the Boston region know!

The Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is conducting a “Vision Zero” plan, with the ambitious goal of ending road fatalities in the Boston region. This plan will help direct future funding towards safety improvements on regional roads.

They will be conducting a **survey** and creating a safety concerns **map** to identify areas to focus on. Revere is currently underrepresented so please take some time to let them know how your thoughts! This important survey will help shape future regional funding decisions.

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## Casassa Overpass Design Public Hearing

MassDOT will hold a 25% Design Public Hearing on the **Casassa Overpass Reconstruction Project** on January 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM at Revere City Hall. This project, a reconstruction of one of the Commonwealth's first overpasses, represents an \$18 million investment announced in 2022 as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Construction is slated to begin in 2027. Residents are strongly encouraged to attend and provide input on this initiative.

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