



## Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) January 2025 Newsletter



### DPCD Awarded Grant for Safe Wonderland Connection

Earlier this month, DPCD was **awarded \$400k** for the "Walking to Wonderland" project, which aims to create paved multi-use paths that connect the existing high school to the new location at Wonderland. The project will align with the recently-launched Wonderland Commuter Rail study, and will build off of the work of the ongoing "Walk, Bike, Roll" plan, which aims to build a network for residents, workers and visitors to safely travel throughout the city.

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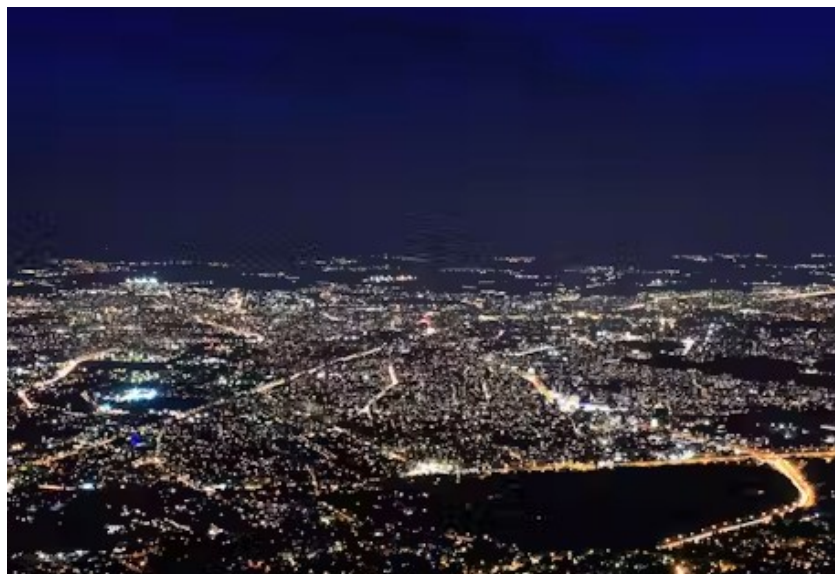
## Riverfront Master Plan Update

The Route 1A Southbound Ramp & Roundabout Project has received a Single Environmental Impact Report Certificate from the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), confirming compliance with MEPA regulations. This certification marks an important step in advancing the project, which aims to improve traffic flow and enhance accessibility along the waterfront.

A full copy of the report can be accessed [here](#).

In addition, a Notice of Intent has been submitted to the Revere Conservation Commission for review. The commission will discuss the filing at its upcoming meeting on February 5th at 6:30 PM in the Revere City Council Chambers.

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## Revere Power Choice Reaches Milestone

Revere's **municipal aggregation program** is making great strides! We've reached step 3: Regulatory Review and Approval, a key milestone in bringing residents and businesses more control over their electricity options while promoting clean energy initiatives. We hope that the DPU will approve our plan within the next few months, at which point we can begin work selecting an aggregation provider.

Check out the latest **DPU notice** and visit the **Revere Power Choice website** to learn

about our progress. Stay informed and engaged by reviewing the public hearing details and tracking the program's next steps.

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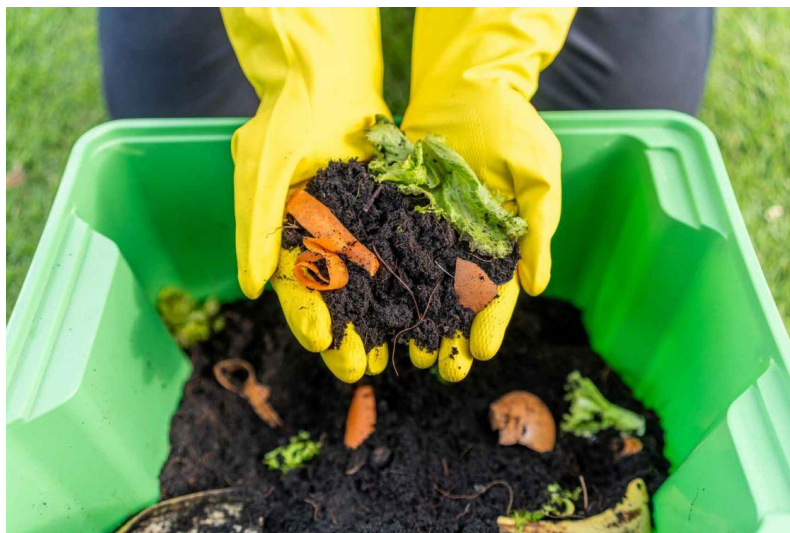
### Addressing Flooding Together With Beachmont Resiliency

Do you experience flooding from Belle Isle Marsh? Join your neighbors and community leaders to discuss how it impacts your property and daily life. This meeting is part of a project to assess the natural and built environments along the marsh, explore ways to reduce vulnerability to coastal hazards and examine potential adaptations for infrastructure, land use planning, and emergency response. Your input is vital in shaping actionable solutions.

A virtual meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, from 6 to 7:30 PM will be held to discuss this project, accessible at [this link](#). This follows an in-person meeting, which was held last night at the Revere Historical Society.

Survey crews from Woods Hole Group will be working in the area during late January and February, mapping the marsh boundary and surrounding roads using GPS and aerial drones. For questions or translation service requests, please get in touch with Resilience Manager Kristen Homeyer at [khomeyer@revere.org](mailto:khomeyer@revere.org)

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### Curbside Compost Pilot Launches



Exciting news for Revere! We're looking to launch a curbside organic composting program, in partnership with a preferred provider.

We currently have a [Request for Proposal seeking providers for this service](#). The objective for the City, and the goal of this contract, is to encourage residents to divert food waste from the City's curbside trash collection program. Residents will be able to subscribe to have food waste collected and diverted from the trash stream. Plus, the first 1,000 participants will score free wheeled compost carts. Let's team up to go green, reduce waste, and make Revere even more sustainable.

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### [Get Involved And Help Shape Revere's 2025 Annual Action Plan](#)

Each year, the DPCD team puts together an annual action plan to determine how to use the City's Community Development Block Grant, a yearly federal grant received to support community development projects throughout the city. We invite community members to participate in the planning process for the 2025 CDBG Annual Action Plan, February 18, 2025, 5:30 PM at 281 Broadway, Revere, MA. This is an opportunity to learn about the plan and provide your feedback on proposed programs and initiatives.

The Draft Annual Action Plan will be released on April 1, 2025, followed by a 30-day public comment period. Visit [Revere's CDBG page](#) for more details.

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## Promising Updates on MassDOT's Bottleneck Grant

The City of Revere has also received promising updates from the **MassDOT Bottleneck Program**. Two key intersections—Broadway at Malden and Ambrose Street, along with Broadway at Cushman Avenue and School Street—have been selected for this work. MassDOT engineers will evaluate whether these projects should advance to Phase 1 Design and Engineering. If approved, the design will be completed at no cost to the city, with \$500,000 in construction funding available for each project.

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### Revere's Bluebike Network Expands

Revere's seventh Bluebike station has been installed outside of Amaya at Suffolk Downs, sponsored by the HYM Investment Company. Revere's Bluebike network continues to grow, with four stations conveniently located near Revere Beach and the MBTA Blue Line. As part of a regional bike share system, Revere is connected to Boston, Chelsea, Everett, and Malden.

This new station expands access to affordable, sustainable transportation for residents and visitors alike. With Revere's growing Bluebike network, getting around the city and neighboring communities has never been easier. Learn more about [the bike share system](#) and plan your next ride!

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## Casassa Bridge Design Public Hearing Recap

The Design Public Hearing for the Casassa Overpass took place on January 15, 2025, with a great turnout from residents and business owners. Attendees reviewed renderings of the proposed bridge replacement, currently at 25% design.

Reconstruction is slated to begin in spring 2026, with emergency repairs kicking off this January. Public comments are encouraged and can be submitted to [MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us).

A copy of the 25% Design Public Hearing presentation can be viewed [here](#).

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## Update on The Housing Production Plan

On Monday, January 29th, the **City Council's Council-as-a-Whole Committee** heard an update on the City's Housing Production Plan. The HPP was presented with slight updates, removing one proposed strategy and modifying a few others.

The plan was then referred to the Zoning Sub-Committee for its February 3rd meeting. We hope that the plan will be adopted by the Council at some point in the near future.

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## Shirley Avenue TDI Partnership Receives \$90k Creative Catalyst Award

The Shirley Avenue TDI Partnership received \$90k in grants through MassDevelopment's Creative Catalyst Program. The grants will fund the partnership's goal of encouraging residents and visitors to spend time on Shirley Ave and form meaningful connections to the place and to each other through a cluster of projects.

One of the grants will fund the work of Josue Vides Erazo (pictured), a member of DPCD's **Walk/Bike/Roll** Working Group. The grant will support Josue's goal of creating a "**Ciclovia**" series—a series of "open street" events designed to reimagine how our streets serve the neighborhood, with an emphasis on biking, sidewalk sales, and entertainment along Shirley Avenue. Congratulations to Josue and all the other grantees!

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## Revitalization of Beachmont's Historic Fire Station Begins

In 2021, Ward One Councillor McKenna proposed turning the decommissioned Beachmont Fire Station into a community art center. The City received a grant from the Metropolitan Planning Council to explore this **idea through public input and a stakeholder group**.

The first phase of this work will begin next month with a roof replacement, thanks to a donation from Link Logistics, with further renovations scheduled for spring/summer 2025.

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