



Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) November Newsletter



Housing Production Plan Presented to City Council, Planning Board

This month, DPCD presented a Housing Production Plan (HPP) to the City Council and Planning Board for adoption. The HPP sets a plan for housing production in the city: building the right kind of housing, in the right locations, at various levels of affordability. The HPP sets a roadmap that includes zoning changes, strategies for publicly-owned land, plans for mitigating traffic impacts, and a recommendation to adopt the **Community Preservation Act**.

You can find the full text of the plan [here](#), and the presentation given to Council [here](#).

The plan was adopted by the Planning Board on November 26th and was referred to the City Council's Council-as-a-Whole Sub-committee for further deliberation on December 16th.

Aggressive Economic Development Bill Impacts Revere

Governor Healy's recently signed **Economic Development Bill** will allocate substantial funding for several projects in Revere, including a \$1 million earmark for the McKinley

School and \$280,000 designated for the Squire Road Master Plan.

This bill also enhances state programs such as **MassWork**, **Seaport Economic Council**, and the creation of a **Downtown Vitality Fund** aimed at fostering cultural development within downtown districts.

We appreciate the advocacy of our state delegation, who worked hard to get this bill passed but also included critical local projects for Revere.



TND Launches Crowdfunding Campaign for Fitzhenry Dog Park

On Saturday, November 16th, The Neighborhood Developers (TND) hosted a **special event** to highlight a **Crowdfunding Campaign** underway to restore the park into a vibrant space for our furry friends.

Mayor Patrick Keefe Jr. and Councillor Novoselsky attended and made the first donations to kickstart the efforts. This project will be funded through various City grants, including **CDBG**. Through this crowdfunding effort, once \$5000 is raised, TND can unlock an additional \$50,000 in funding for the project from **MassDevelopment**.

To learn more about how to get involved visit **The Neighborhood Developers page**.



DPCD Loan Fund Offers Support for Income-Eligible Small Businesses

DPCD offers loans of up to \$75,000 for businesses, through its CDBG-funded Business Loan Fund. Eligible businesses must have a physical location in Revere, meet income requirements, and align with CDBG criteria. To date, the program has invested over \$300,000 in 15 local businesses and aims to distribute \$200,000 more.

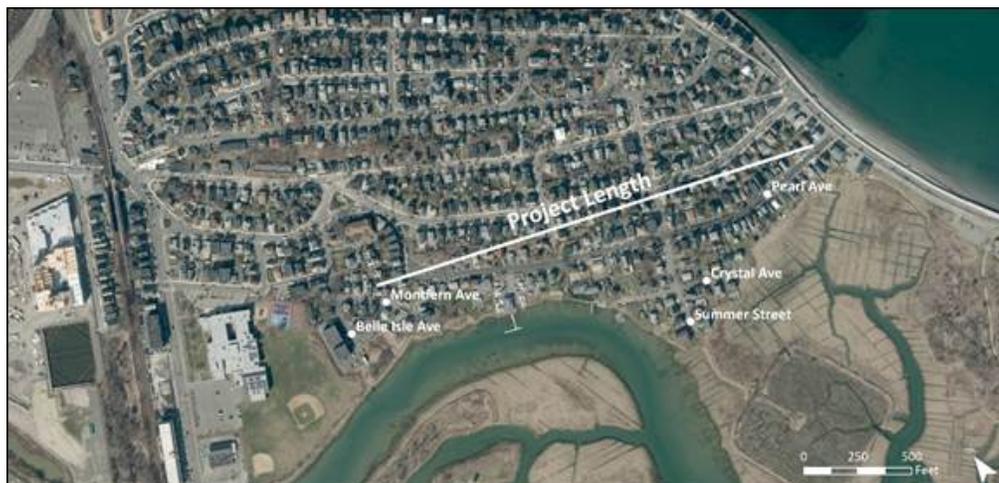
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis in **English and Spanish**. Visit our [website](#) or contact **John Festa** to learn more and apply.

Riverfront Master Plan Public Meeting: December 11th at 6:00

The Riverfront Master Plan meeting will be held to discuss the city's submission of MEPA SEIR (Single Environmental Impact Report) for the 1A Roundabout and Gibson Park Access Road, as well as updates related to the Gibson Park Resiliency Project.

The meeting will be held at the Point of Pines Yacht Club on December 11th, from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

The SEIR filing will be available for public viewing after it is filed in early December. It is relatively unchanged from the roundabout designs presented at previous public meetings. The design for the Roundabout is currently at 100% design and is being reviewed by MassDOT. The Gibson Park Access Road is under design; however, the final design will be completed later. The Gibson Park Resiliency Project is working to respond to its most recent MEPA filing.



CZM Grant will study flooding in Beachmont Neighborhood

The City of Revere is launching a coastal resilience project in the Beachmont neighborhood to address flooding, sea-level rise, and erosion, with support from the CZM's Coastal Resilience Grant Program. The project focuses on vulnerable areas near Belle Isle Marsh, engaging Environmental Justice populations and providing tailored preparedness resources.

By collaborating with neighboring municipalities and building on previous climate assessments, the project aims to study near-term emergency actions and long-term solutions to enhance community resilience and reduce flood risks.

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

The first phase of Bus Network Redesign starts December 15.

Phase 1 changes will affect six bus routes in **Chelsea, Everett, Revere, Malden, Somerville, Cambridge, Allston, Brighton, and East Boston**, increasing service for these routes by 60%.

- 86** Route 86 shortened to run between Reservoir and Harvard. Route 109 will replace service between Harvard and Sullivan.
- 104** Instead of going to Sullivan, Route 104 will head east after Everett Square and go to Logan Airport via Bellingham Square. It will become a Frequent Bus Route.
- 109** Route 109 will extend past Sullivan to Harvard. It will become a Frequent Bus Route.
- 110** Route 110 will become a Frequent Bus Route. The routing will not change.
- 116** Service will combine into single Route 116, which will be a Frequent Bus Route. Riders on Beach Street and Central Avenue can still take Route 110 and transfer to Route 116.

Bus Network Redesign: Phase 1 Changes
Beginning December 25, 2024

Frequent Bus Route
Every 15 minutes or better, 5 AM to 1 AM
Schedules may start as late as 6 AM

Future Routes
Route 86
Route 104
Route 109
Route 110
Route 116
Route 117

Discontinued Route Segment
Route 86
Route 104
Route 116
Route 117

Route 104 will turn east toward the airport. Route 109 will still run between Everett Square and Sullivan Square.

Route 109 will be extended from Sullivan Square to Harvard Station, replacing this part of Route 86.

Routes 116 and 110 will continue to serve these streets. Route 117 will be discontinued.

Learn more at [MBTA.com/BNRPhase1](https://www.mbta.com/BNRPhase1)
Contact us at BetterBusProject@MBTA.com

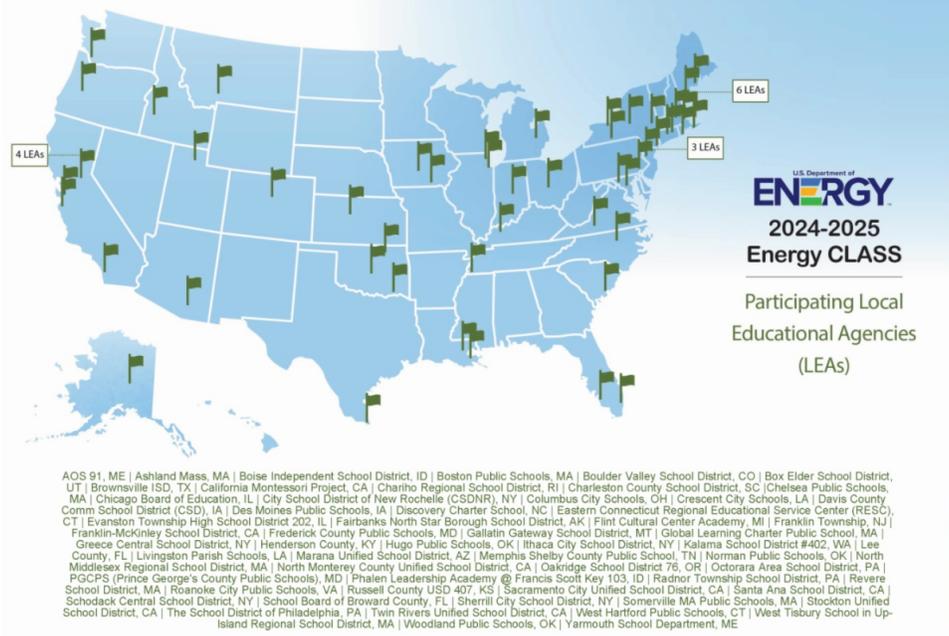
Better Bus Project

Bus Network Redesign Launches December 15th

Phase 1 of the MBTA's Bus Network Redesign launches on December 15, bringing significant service improvements to six routes across Chelsea, Everett, Revere, and other communities. The changes include a 60% increase in service, the introduction of Frequent Bus Routes operating every 15 minutes or less, and new bus stop signage. The redesign aims to enhance reliability, connectivity, and travel times based on extensive public feedback, with additional phases planned for the future.

Additional phases of the Bus Network Redesign will be rolled out as resources become available with Phase 2 anticipated in 2025.

For more information, visit [mbta.com/BNRPhase1](https://www.mbta.com/BNRPhase1).



Revere Joins The Department of Energy’s Energy CLASS

This month, the Department of Energy released 60 winners of the Energy CLASS Program, which included Revere. The **U.S. Department of Energy’s Energy CLASS Prize** offers a unique opportunity for up to 50 school districts to receive coaching and expert advice on energy management, project development, and sustainability goals.

Here are **testimonial videos** from the previous Energy Class Prize.

While in the early planning stages, this initiative positions Revere Public Schools to leverage federal funding opportunities related to sustainability improvements in school facilities. This work will be led by the North Suffolk Office of Resiliency and Sustainability (NSORS), a partnership between Chelsea, Winthrop, and Revere.



Walk/Bike/Roll Survey Reaches Over 800 Respondents

The Walk, Bike, and Roll Plan survey has officially closed, and we’re excited to announce that it received over 800 responses—making it one of the most successful surveys in the City’s history! We are incredibly grateful to everyone who completed the survey, shared it with friends and family, and helped spread the word about this project. The data collected will help shape the Plan, which is set for release in summer 2025.

There's a lot of data to dig through, but the main points are clear: 76.3% of respondents support walk, bike, and roll improvements, and 61% said they would choose these options if they were safer and more accessible. In short, we’ve got work to do, but we look forward to using this feedback to help plan out those investments, and create a safer environment

to walk, bike, and roll in Revere!

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