



Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) September Newsletter



Broadway Master Plan Presented this Wednesday

Last Wednesday, DPCD and our consulting team **presented a final draft of the Broadway Master Plan**. You can see the full presentation [here](#), and a copy of the presentation is available [here](#). Next steps will be to bring this in front of the City Council for approval, and then on to implementation. Any questions about the plan or what's next, please contact [Tom Skwierawski](#).



Beachmont Connector Design Public Hearing Set for October 15th

On October 15th, MassDOT will be holding a Design Public Hearing for the **Beachmont Connector project**, which will aim to provide multimodal accommodations along the northbound and southbound sides of State Road, between Beachmont Square and Eliot Circle. As DPCD works to build a safer network for pedestrians and cyclists in the City, this \$7m project will be a critical step along that path. The meeting will be held on Zoom. You can find more information [here](#).

Municipal Aggregation Plan Presented to Council, deadline for Comments October 9th

At the September 9th meeting of the City Council, DPCD's consultants at the [Mass Power Group presented the](#) City's Municipal Aggregation Plan. The plan's goals are to provide stable electricity prices, new electricity choices (including a green energy option), and provide consumer protections to Revere residents. **The plan can be viewed [here](#), and will be open for public comment until October 9th.** After that, the plan will be submitted to the Department of Public Utilities for approval, which will likely take several months.

We Want to Hear From You!

Revere Walk, Bike, and Roll Plan Survey

If you live, work, play, pray, or visit Revere, we want to hear from you! What is working well, and what needs to be improved?



Take our survey!

mapc.ma/walk-bike-roll-survey



Walk/Bike/Roll Plan Survey Goal Met, Survey Open until October 10th

We asked for your help getting 500 respondents to our Walk/Bike/Roll survey, and we got there! **We are now over 775 responses.** Thank you to all who helped spread the word!!

Still interested in responding? There is a little more time, as **we'll keep the survey live until October 10th**. The survey can be found [here](#), and on the link above. Surveys are available in English, Spanish, Arabic, and Portuguese.

First Time Home Buyer Down Payment Assistance Grant Program

Do you qualify?

You may qualify for up to \$10,000 to purchase your first home!

See if you qualify and apply by visiting the Mezzanine floor at City hall or reach out to the Department of Planning and Community Development at

lescolero@revere.org

or

781-286-8181

QUALIFY FOR UP TO
\$10,000



City Launches First-Time Home-Buyer Down Payment Assistance

With the receipt of a \$25,000 State Earmark and match funding from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the **City of Revere is proud to announce the establishment of the a First-Time Home-Buyers Program.**

\$50,000.00 is available for eligible Revere residents and City of Revere employees. **Funds may be used to purchase a condo or single-family home at an affordable rate or market price rate.** If purchasing a 2-3-family home, the applicant must enter into an agreement with the city and the state to rent all non-owner-occupied units below market in accordance with EOHLC guidelines. This assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. To be considered, submit a completed application, along with supporting documentation and proof of eligibility and priority status, until funding is exhausted.

The application can be found [here](#), and is also on the [City's webpage](#)! Any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Community Development Planner [Lorena Escolero](#).



Bluebikes are at the Beach!

Two weeks ago, DPCD—in partnership with Bluebikes and DCR—worked to get **two Bluebikes stations installed at Revere Beach**: one at the Markey Bridge, the other adjacent to Eliot Circle. It is part of a broader effort by City officials to build a stronger Bluebike network throughout the City. Stations will soon be going up in additional high-traffic locations in the city, including two stations at Suffolk Downs, and one along the Northern Strand Trail. Any questions about the City's Bluebikes network, please contact [Julie DeMauro](#), DPCD's Transportation Manager.



McKinley School Building Committee Chooses Project Designer

Last week, [Cambridge Seven](#) architects was awarded the contract to serve as the designers for the **McKinley School Renovation project**, which will transform the former school into a mixed-use facility with an Early Childhood Center, 911 Call Center, and Commercial Kitchen Incubator. Over the next year, Cambridge Seven will be working with the Owner's Project Manager at [PMA Consultants](#) to develop construction-ready designs for this project, which is aiming for a 2025 construction.



Grand Opening Held for Suffolk Downs Amaya

On September 26th, HYM held a grand opening for the [Amaya](#), the first building in the Suffolk Downs redevelopment project. This 475-unit mixed-use development includes indoor and outdoor amenities and several retail locations, including the recently-announced [Twisted Fate Brewery](#), which was announced earlier this month. The next development in the Master Plan, Portico, is planned for a construction later this year.

Recreational Marijuana Zoning Nears Finish Line

Earlier this year, City officials began work on a plan to allow recreational marijuana retail and other uses in select locations throughout the City. This plan was presented to the City Council in September. **Discussion will continue at the October 7th meeting of the Zoning Sub-Committee and it will then proceed to a full council vote.**

Among other things, the plan would allow three retail licenses, 20% of the number of "package store" licenses in the City. It would allow for the location of retail shops in the TED zoning districts, as well as in select GB and HB zoning districts in the city. Sites would be prohibited to locate within 300 feet of schools, playgrounds, and similar facilities unless otherwise decided by the City Council, which would be responsible for granting these permits. If you have any questions about the legislation, please contact [Tom Skwierawski](#).

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