

**21****COMMUNITY
MITIGATION
FUND**

**APPENDIX H - TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION GRANT
APPLICATION**

BD-21-1068-1068C-1068L-56499

Please complete the entire Application.

1. PROJECT INFORMATION

a) NAME OF MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENT ENTITY/DISTRICT

City of Boston

b) PROJECT NAME (LIMIT 10 WORDS)

Connecting the Lost Village

c) BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION (LIMIT 50 WORDS)

Geometric changes to the intersection of Brighton Street and Cambridge Street in Charlestown, to create safer crossings and better line of sight for turning vehicles, as well as a fiber connection from Sullivan Square to the Parker Street intersection.

d) CONTACT PERSON(S)/TITLE (Persons with responsibility for this grant)

William Conroy, Senior Transportation Planner

e) PHONE # AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF CONTACT PERSON(S)

617-635-2318

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f) MAILING ADDRESS OF CONTACT PERSON(S)

One City Hall Plaza,
Boston MA 02201

2. IMPACT DESCRIPTION / CONNECTION TO GAMING FACILITY

a) Please describe in detail the impact that is attributed to the operation of a gaming facility.

The City of Boston is working to reasonably accommodate traffic generated by the Encore Boston casino/hotel. Some 70% of the traffic generated by Encore will go through Sullivan Square in Charlestown, which will affect nearby intersections, including the area known as the Lost Village.

b) Please provide documentation, specificity or evidence that gives support for the determination that the operation of the gaming facility caused, is causing the impact (i.e. surveys, data, reports).

Casino-related traffic will increase the number of vehicles using local streets, increasing the risk of pedestrian injuries and creating heavier traffic flow, which will need to be managed comprehensively.

c) How do you anticipate your proposed remedy will address the identified impact?

The City of Boston will be making transportation improvements that will create safer pedestrian crossings and improved lines of sight for turning vehicles.

3. PROPOSED USE OF TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION FUNDS (Please attach additional sheets/supplemental materials if necessary.)

a) Please describe how you propose to use the Transportation Construction Grant for a transportation construction project related to the gaming facility.

All funds will be used to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety.

b) Please describe how the mitigation request will address the impact indicated.

The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services has engaged in focused outreach to this area of Charlestown, prior to and after the opening of the Encore casino/hotel. This community expressed significant concerns about the changes to the traffic network and pedestrian facilities. Neighborhood Services personnel have held several meetings in the neighborhood, who members wish that construction of these proposed improvements can begin as soon as possible.

Geometric improvements, traffic signal improvements, wheelchair ramp and crosswalk installation, and sidewalk improvements will minimize the risk of injury to pedestrians and improve traffic flow.

4. BUDGET & TIMELINE

a) Please identify the amount of funding requested.

\$238,900

b) Please provide a detailed budget for the use of funds.

Design Estimate	93,500
Traffic Signals	147,300
Pavement markings and signals	10,600
Traffic management	53,800
Civil/Construction	206,300
Miscellaneous Landscaping/Hardscaping.	22,400
TOTAL PROJECT COST	533,900

c) Please provide the estimate and percentage of the costs projected to be funded from other federal, state, local, private contributions or unspent CMF Reserves. (Applicants may include contributions from gaming licensees and private contributions.) Please provide a detailed itemized estimate for each type of funding.

With the initial award of \$295,000 from the 2020 Community Mitigation Fund, the balance is being requested in this application in order to fully fund the project. This mitigation is necessitated by traffic generated directly from the casino.

d) Please indicate, through a commitment letter or otherwise, how such other funding will be available for the project. In the absence of a final commitment to such funding, please provide detail on any process needed to secure any non-CMF funding.

City of Boston departments, including Police, Public Works and Neighborhood Services, will contribute in-kind resources to the project, in the form of staff time for traffic safety, construction scheduling and community outreach.

e) Please include a detailed timetable for the project, including but not limited to, the timetable for planning, for securing additional funds and the timetable to implement the project. Construction of the project must commence by June 30, 2022.

Construction will commence prior to June 30, 2021.
The project is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2021.

5. MEASUREMENT OF IMPACT

a) Please describe how you propose to measure the impact of your project.

Active monitoring of traffic conditions will be conducted during and following completion of the project.

6. CONSULTATION WITH MASSDOT/ REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY (RTA) / REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (RPA) AND NEARBY COMMUNITIES

a) Please provide details about the Applicant's consultation with MassDOT, the Regional Transit Agency/MBTA and the Regional Planning Agency serving the community, and nearby communities to determine the potential for cooperative regional efforts regarding transportation construction activities.

The City of Boston is maintaining ongoing coordination with MassDOT and the MBTA, as well as agents local to the Charlestown neighborhood, through its participation in the Lower Mystic Regional Working Group.

7. RELEVANT EXCERPTS FROM HOST OR SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

a) Please describe and include excerpts from any relevant sections of any Host or Surrounding Community Agreement.

Terms and Conditions

1. Stipulations of Known Impacts

1.1 The Parties [Boston and Wynn] intend that this Section 1 shall be deemed the "stipulations of known impacts" that are required to be included in this Agreement pursuant to Section 15(9) of Chapter 23K.

1.2 The Parties acknowledge and agree that the Project will result in additional vehicular traffic that may burden the transportation infrastructure in Boston, particularly the Sullivan Square area in the neighborhood of Charlestown. Wynn's mitigation under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA") and its payments to Boston under this Agreement will mitigate any transportation impacts of the Project. Boston acknowledges and agrees that such mitigation will adequately mitigate such impacts.

1.3 The Project may also have an impact on Boston's municipal services and require additional expenditures by Boston in order to provide such services. Wynn's payments to Boston under this Agreement will provide Boston with adequate resources to mitigate any such impacts. Boston acknowledges that such payments adequately mitigate all such impacts.

8. Obligations of the Parties

8.5 Boston, in coordination with Wynn and the City of Everett, shall exercise best efforts to petition the Massachusetts Gaming Commission for monies made available under the [Massachusetts Gaming] Act, including, but not limited to, those monies in the Community Mitigation Fund and the Transportation Infrastructure Fund. For the avoidance of any doubt, any monies successfully obtained pursuant to this section 8.5 shall not alter Wynn's obligation to the City under this Agreement.

b) Please explain how this impact was either anticipated or not anticipated in that Agreement.

The SFEIR Certificate states "Mode share goals were reviewed and approved by MassDOT with the understanding that actual trip generation and travel patterns will be tracked through the [Transportation Monitoring Program]. If monitoring demonstrates that proposed mitigation is not effective in accommodating the future traffic volumes at key area intersections impacting the state highway system, the Proponent will be responsible for identifying and implementing additional improvements at these locations. These may include improvements to roadway infrastructure and design, adjustments to traffic signal timing and phasing modifications, optimization of the coordinated/interconnected signal system, and/or further refinement of the [Transportation Demand Management] program to improve its effectiveness.

- 2016 MAPC letter referencing EEA #15060

8. INTERNAL CONTROLS/ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS

a) Please provide detail regarding the internal controls that will be used to ensure that funds will only be used to address the impact.

This grant is earmarked within the City of Boston's FY22 Budget and all work will be reviewed by the Boston Public Works Department prior to acceptance of quotes from consultants and contractors.

b) If non-governmental entities will receive any funds, please describe what reporting will be required and how the applicant will remedy any misuse of funds.

Transportation Department contracts are monitored, quarterly, for time, expenses and materials, and audited prior to payment for appropriate use of funds.

9. CERTIFICATION BY MUNICIPALITY/GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

On behalf of the aforementioned municipality/governmental entity I hereby certify that the funds that are requested in this application will be used solely for the purposes articulated in this Application.



Date: 2/1/2021

**Signature of Responsible Municipal
Official/Governmental Entity**

Gregory Rooney

(print name)

Commissioner of Transportation

Title: