

# 2023 Transportation Planning Grant Application Bid No. BD-23-1068-1068C-1068L-81256

All completed applications must be sent by January 31<sup>st</sup> to be considered for funding for the 2023 Grant Round. Please submit this completed form as well as any relevant attachments to MGCCMF@Massgaming.gov.

For more detailed instructions as well as the 2023 Application Guidelines please visit <a href="https://massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/">https://massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/</a>

## I. Project Summary

Legal Name of Applicant: City of Boston Transportation Department

Project Name (Please limit to 5 words): Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue

Amount Requested: \$250,000

**Brief Project Description (approx. 50 words):** Reconfiguration of Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue in Charlestown

# II. Applicant Contact Information

Please provide below the manager for this grant and any other individuals you would like to be copied on all correspondence.

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## III. Detailed Project Description & Mitigation

 Please describe in detail the impact that is attributed to the operation of a gaming facility. Please provide documentation or evidence that gives support for the determination that the operation of the gaming facility caused or is causing the impact (i.e. surveys, data, reports)

Prior to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's decision to award a gaming license authorizing [Wynn] Encore Boston Harbor to locate a casino/hotel along Broadway in Everett, the City of Boston had a concept plan in place for the reconstruction of Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue. Now that the casino/hotel is in operation, Boston has re-assessed its prior plan, and is in the process of revamping it. The MEPA filing related to the casino/hotel states that some 70% of the traffic generated is projected to go through Sullivan Square. *As* such, the City of Boston has revamped the prior plan with the intention to have the final design reasonably accommodate casino/hotel traffic. The City is leading the new 25% design with MassDOT.

# 2) *(If applicable)* Please explain how this impact was not anticipated in the Applicant's Host or Surrounding Community Agreement.

Please refer to MEPA filing (February 2017 - Status of Project Mediation, sections 5-4 to 5-6) with reference to offsite transportation improvements in Boston as well as the Surrounding Community Agreement that was executed with the City of Boston.

# 3) Please describe what the Applicant is proposing and how the mitigation request will address the impact indicated.

Reconstruction of Sullivan/Rutherford will ease the impact of casino/hotel traffic on the Charlestown neighborhood.

# 4) Please provide details around any consultation with MassDOT, your RTA or MBTA, and or the regional planning agency serving your community as applicable.

Although this is a substantial change to the project, it will further boost transit mobility in the Lower Mystic region, and will be a significant benefit to the residents of Charlestown and East Boston. Internal discussions over the course of many months about the design concepts and evaluation of project goals resulted in consensus for a preferred design alternative that includes center running BRT and brings all intersections along Rutherford Avenue and within Sullivan Square to the surface, thereby eliminating all underpasses within the project limits.

While this change is significant, we are committed to maintaining key project goals and reflecting the priorities expressed by the community in the final design. These include:

- 1. Enhancements to open space and the addition of a linear park
- 2. Better connectivity to the Charlestown neighborhood

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3. Traffic planning investments in Charlestown to reduce neighborhood cut-through traffic

- 4. Safer crossings for pedestrians
- 5. Increased resiliency, especially in areas prone to flooding

6. Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and local pollution by encouraging transit use and active transportation

IV. Scope, Budget, and Timeline	
Applicant:	Vendor Code:
Total Grant Amount Requested:	Estimated Total Project Cost:

#### Scope of Work

Please include below a breakdown of the proposed work. The project scope should be sufficiently detailed to allow the review team to understand the steps required for project completion.

The project's federal funding through the Massachusetts Planning Organization (MPO) is still committed but will be moved out from Federal Fiscal Year 2023 to 2024. While this design change will extend the project's timeline somewhat, we are committed to maintain forward momentum and continuing community engagement in the work.

We are currently working on a conceptual sketch of this alternative design for internal feedback, which will be followed by coordination with the MBTA, FHWA, and MassDOT. We anticipate that a revised 25% submission will be required by MassDOT and work on this project phase will be initiated later in 2023.

These grant funds will support Tetra Tech consulting services to accommodate this change in design, as follows:

Total Limiting Fee	3,950,238
Direct Expense	1,177,650
Special Engineering	323,934
Sub-Consultants	3,924,678*
TOTAL OBLIGATION	9,376,500

\*Sub-Consultant Breakdown

Surveying (Allowance)	114,999
Jacobs Engineering	1,921,060
City Point Partners	470,890
BRR - Landscape Architecture	942,805
AECOMM (Right-of-Way)	474,924

## Proposed MGC Grant Budget

Please use the following table to outline the budget of your project. Include any requests for proposals, quotes, or estimates that would quantify the costs associated with the mitigation as an attachment. In determining the funding request, please round up to the nearest hundred dollars.

Timeline	Description of Purchase/Work	QTY	Budget
*Please See Above	Redesign of Sullivan Rutherford		250,000
	TOTAL:		
Funding Source	Description of Purchase/Work	QTY	
In Kind Services			
Federal	80% Federal/State for Design		
State			
Local Match	20% City of Boston		

# V. Regional Incentive Award Are you applying for a Regional Incentive Award?

\_\_ Yes

\_x\_\_ No

Partner Community Contact-
Name:
Role:
Email Address:
Telephone Number:
Address:

# VI. Waiver If you are applying for a waiver, please submit the Waiver Form with your application. The form can be found at www.massgaming.com/about/community-mitigation-fund/forms/ Are you applying for a waiver? \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_X\_\_\_No

VIIPlease provide a brief description of each attachment.	
Attachment	
Attachment	

# **VIII. Applicant Certification**

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.

MM-H

Signature of Responsible Municipal Official/Governmental Entity 2023-01-31

Date:

Jascha Franklin-Hodge

(print name)

Chief of Streets

Title: