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# Massachusetts Gaming Commission 101 Federal Street, 12th Floor Boston, MA 02110

#### Appendix D

# 2018 COMMUNITY MITIGATION FUND 2018 Transportation Planning Grant Application BD=18=1068-1068C-1068L-22137

Please complete the entire application. Check if a joint application NAME OF MUNICIPALITY(IES)/GOVERNMENT ENTITY(IES)/DISTRICT(s) City of Revere and Town of Saugus DEPARTMENT RECEIVING FUNDS Revere Department of Strategic Planning and Economic Development 3. LEAD APPLICANT - NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS (CONTRACT MANAGER) Robert O'Brien, Director of Strategic Planning and Economic Development ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS (CONTRACT MANAGER) Department of Strategic Planning and Economic Development Revere City Hall 281 Broadway Revere, MA 02151 5. PHONE # AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING OF FUNDS (CONTRACT MANAGER) 781-286-8184 robrien@revere.org NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF JOINT APPLICANTS - MUNICIPALITIES /GOVERNMENT **ENTITIES/DISTRICTS** City of Revere, MA **Town of Saugus** 

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10. NAME OF GAMING LICENSEE

Wynn MA LLC (Everett)

#### 1. IMPACT DESCRIPTION

Please describe in detail the transportation related impact that is attributed to the construction or operation of a gaming facility. Please provide support for the determination that the construction or operation of the gaming facility caused, is causing or may cause the impact.

In 2017, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission awarded a joint Transportation Planning grant of \$150,000 to the Town of Saugus and the City of Revere. This grant funds the one year engagement of a transportation planning specialist. This person will soon begin to

focus on achievable transportation improvement projects that are intended to mitigate anticipated traffic increases generated by the Wynn Casino in Everett on the Route 1 – Route 99 corridor as well as along Routes 1A, 107 and 16. The position has been advertised and the communities expect to have this position filled by February 2018.

The City of Revere and the Town of Saugus have long been plagued by the woeful inadequacy of outmoded old Route 1. The highway is subject to ever increasing traffic volumes and virtual gridlock during attenuated morning and evening rush hours. A number of Route 1 interchanges have very high accident rates because of this increased traffic. The City and the Town believe the Wynn Casino will bring substantial volumes of new traffic onto the Route 1-Route 99 corridor.

Saugus believes that to a lesser but still significant degree, some casino generated traffic may bypass lower Route 1 exiting the highway onto Walnut Street-Central Street or Main Street-Center Street and on to Winter Street then Ballard Street and then Route 107 as an alternative way to access route 16 towards Everett.

Revere will be negatively impacted by traffic heading to Route 16 west from Route 1 south and some northeast originated traffic will choose to follow route 107 through the heart of the city to access route 16 west. And of course Revere will undoubtedly see an increase of traffic along already overtaxed route 1A as residents of North Shore coastal communities use that route to connect to route 16 and the Wynn Casino.

The City and the Town hope to work together and enlist the support of other nearby impacted communities, so as to affect key roadway improvements along these arterials that will help alleviate existing traffic and offset anticipated traffic problems resulting from increased volume attributable to the new casino.

As neither Revere nor Saugus has been recognized as a Surrounding Community to the Wynn Casino, the grant would provide the means to these communities to jointly and cooperatively begin pursuing measures to mitigate anticipated casino traffic impacts. In the process, some negative conditions that pre-date the casino may be alleviated.

Additionally, certain transportation improvement projects that may be advanced as a result of this MGC planning grant will help set the stage for both Revere and Saugus to realize positive mixed-use development at two major vacant but valuable sites along the Route 1 corridor. The first is the former Weylu's/Caddy Farms property, a more than 40 acre site located partly in Revere and partly in Saugus. The second is the Saugus Quarry for which the Town and Aggregate Industries have entered a Land Reclamation Agreement and have begun a collaborative master-planning process. Reclamation of the quarry began in the fall of 2017 as the importation of fill commenced.

#### 2. PROPOSED USE OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FUND

- a) Please identify the amount of funding requested.
- b) Please identify below the manner in which the funds are proposed to be used.
- c) Please provide documentation (e.g. invoices, proposals, estimates, etc.) adequate for the Commission to ensure that the funds will be used for the cost of planning to mitigate the transportation impact from the construction or operation of a proposed gaming establishment.
- d) Please describe how the planning request will address the specific transportation impact indicated and is for a demonstrated public purpose and not for the benefit or maintenance of a private party. Please attach additional sheets/supplemental materials if necessary.
- e) For joint grant requests, please state the amount requested for the joint request. Please also state the amount of any Regional Planning Incentive Award requested and provide separate detail on the use of these additional funds.
  - a.) The Town of Saugus and the City of Revere are together seeking a total of \$425,000 for the second phase of a transportation planning effort. aimed at mitigating expected transportation impacts from the Wynn Casino in Everett.
  - b.) The funding requested will be used for two specific integrally related purposes:
    - To support the second year salary and associated costs for the joint sub-regional Transportation Planner being engaged by Revere and Saugus - \$150,000
    - To obtain preliminary traffic improvement designs for key elements "early action items" –
      within the phase 1 Route 1 improvement Project as directly impacts the Route 1 Route 99
      corridor, a major arterial feeder for the Wynn Casino in Everett.
  - c.) The City of Revere and Town of Saugus do not as yet have traffic design service proposals for these work elements, but have had discussions with consultant firms who have worked on the 25% design stage of Route 1 Improvement Project and are confident that the amount allocated is sufficient for the intended result.
  - d.) \$150,000 will support the second year of the sub-regional transportation planning effort among Revere and Saugus specifically targeting advocacy for traffic improvements necessary to mitigate expected traffic impacts on the Route 1-Route 99 corridor resulting from the operations of the Wynn Casino in Everett scheduled to open in 2019.
  - e.) This joint regional Transportation Planning requests a total of \$425,000 for the City of Revere and the Town of Saugus. The total amount includes \$25,000 in Regional Planning Incentive Award funds which are intended to be combined with \$75,000 of each community's requested

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base funding yielding \$175,000 for the specific purpose of advancing preliminary designs for select roadway improvement projects, particularly at the interface of Route 1 and Route 99 to mitigate traffic impacts expected to result from the opening of the Wynn Casino in Everett in the second half of 2019.

#### 3. CONNECTION TO GAMING FACILITY

Please provide specificity/evidence that the requested funds will be used to address, issues or impacts directly related to the gaming facility.

The Town of Saugus and the City of Revere will use \$175,000 of the requested funds solely to address through the preliminary design phase, traffic issues and impacts directly related to anticipated traffic volume increases from the opening of the Wynn Casino in Everett in 2019. These will focus on key locations along the Route 1 – Route 99 corridor. The \$150,000 remainder of the joint request will be used to continue to provide salary support and necessary benefits for the Revere-Saugus contracted Joint Transportation Planner whose function is to advance needed casino related traffic improvements through the regional transportation planning and funding processes.

#### 4. IMPACT CONTROLS/ADMINISTRATION OF IMPACT FUNDS

Please provide detail regarding the controls that will be used to ensure that funds will only be used to plan to address the specific impact. 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.

The City of Revere will again act as Administrative agent for this second year joint transportation planning effort with the Town of Saugus. The sole purpose of the first and second year joint transportation planning effort is aimed at mitigation of specific local/regional traffic impacts that will come from the opening of the Wynn Casino in the second half of 2019. The City of Revere will adhere to all applicable state and local procurement policies and administrative/fiscal controls. No non-governmental entities will receive any of these funds directly or indirectly.


# 5. CONSULTATION WITH REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY (RPA)/NEARBY COMMUNITIES

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Please provide details about the Applicant's consultation with the Regional Planning Agency serving the community and nearby communities to determine the potential for cooperative regional efforts regarding planning activities.

The City of Revere and the Town of Saugus have been in communication with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council regarding the goals and approaches to this joint transportation planning effort.

Additionally, Saugus and Revere have frequently consulted with the Cities of Malden and Chelsea as to the prospect of greater collaboration with them, and perhaps more surrounding communities, to advance regional transportation planning efforts on a number of fronts, but most specifically on mitigation of casino related traffic impacts.

## 6. MATCHING FUNDS FROM GOVERNMENTAL OR OTHER ENTITY

Please demonstrate that the governmental or other entity will provide significant funding to match or partially match the assistance required from the Community Mitigation Fund. Please provide detail on what your community will contribute to the planning projects such as in-kind services or planning funds.

As with the case of the 2017 joint Transportation Planning Grant, both the City of Revere and Town of Saugus will provide significant in-kind services to support this initiative. This includes: the provision of office space and supplies; administrative and fiscal support services; and substantive interrelationship with not only line planning personnel, but other municipal experts in the public safety, Traffic, public works and engineering departments.

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7.	AND MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (MEPA") DECISION				
a)	Please describe and include excerpts regarding the transportation impact and potential mitigation from any relevant sections of any Host or Surrounding Community Agreement.				
b)	Please provide a demonstration that such mitigation measure is not already required to be completed by the licensee pursuant to any regulatory requirements or pursuant to any agreements between such licensee and applicant.				
c)	Please also briefly summarize and/or provide page references to the most relevant language included in the most relevant MEPA certificate(s) or comment(s) submitted by the community to MEPA.				
d)	Please explain how this transportation impact was either anticipated or not anticipated in that Agreement or such MEPA decision.				
e)	If transportation planning funds are sought for mitigation not required under MEPA, please provide justification why funding should be utilized to plan for such mitigation. For example, a community could provide information on the significance of potential impacts if trip generation totals exceed projected estimates.				
N/A	•				
1.0	Jynn Casino has no Host or Surrounding Community Agreements with either the City of Revere or own of Saugus.				

No Community is eligible for more than one Transportation Regional Planning Incentive Award.

## 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.

Scott Crabtree, Saugus Town Manager

Signature(s) of Responsible Municipal Official(s)/Governmental Entity(ies)

Date January 30, 2018

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Brian Arrigo, Mayor - City of Revere

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