

Letter of Intent

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (Authority) on this day of February 7, 2024, commits to improvements to the visual appeal of the property lines of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center along D Street, New Cypher Street and West Service Road. The Authority shall engage, within 21 days of the date of this agreement, a Design Firm to create design development documents for these improvements. The BCEC's green space investment along the north side of Cypher street between the South Boston Bypass Road and D Street shall constitute a "buffer zone" park. The quality shall be equal to that of Massport's Thomas J. Butler Buffer Zone Park along East First Street in South Boston acting as an environmental buffer between the industrial uses at Conley Terminal. Similarly, the BCEC's Buffer Zone park along Cypher Street shall include trees, benches, and other passive green space infrastructure including grass and flower beds.

The Authority further commits that the Lower End/St. Vincents Neighborhood Association and the Fort Point Neighborhood Association will each supply (2) members to an advisory group and shall have full participation in this design development process with the Authority. The Authority will schedule bi-weekly meetings of the advisory group commencing on or about 21 days from agreement, to monitor the design development with a completed schematic design on or about May 15, 2024. The Authority will present the final design to the neighborhood associations prior to presentation to the Authority Board. The Authority will attain approval and funding from the Board of Directors for the completed design and will advance the project to construction within that upcoming fiscal year. The completion of the project shall not exceed (15) months from initiation barring unforeseen conditions.

Inclusive of this commitment shall be a series of public meetings to inform, update and notify all stakeholders of the project's progress including implementation and scheduled developments. The Authority will use best efforts to develop a schedule to be substantially complete on or about May 30, 2025.

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To specifically address public art and public access on the Lawn on D, moving forward the Authority will prioritize public access to the Lawn on D St. and commits to form a committee or working group. The committee will include senior staff from the MCCA along with stakeholders from the community, including neighborhood leaders and representatives from the local elected officials and their staff. The purpose and goal of this group is to engage the community in a more inclusive manner regarding scheduling and public access for the Lawn on D. Discussions will focus on several in- season community focused events paid for by the MCCA (aka LOD Signature Series) that shall be planned and made available for the community inclusive of future public art that will be on display or installed.



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