

5.0 COORDINATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

5.1 Introduction

As IMP projects move forward, the Proponents will initiate consultation with other governmental agencies as required.

5.1.1 *Architectural Access Board Requirements*

IMP projects that involve new occupiable space or modifications to the public realm (e.g., sidewalk improvements) will comply with requirements of the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board, and will be designed to comply with the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

5.1.2 *Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act*

The renewal or the approval of a new Institutional Master Plan by the BRA is not a trigger under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act and the Regulations set forth in 301 CMR 11, and the filing of the IMP will not require a simultaneous filing with the MEPA office. However, as in the past when a proposed institutional project is the subject of a filing with the BRA as a project within an Institutional Master Plan Application and is subject to MEPA, Boston University Medical Center will meet with the MEPA office to coordinate the filing of documentation required by MEPA, including, if necessary, an Environmental Notification Form (“ENF”) or Notice of Project Change (“NPC”) for a proposed project. The ENF or NPC will be consistent with the project documentation filed with the BRA for such proposed institutional project.

5.1.3 *Massachusetts Historical Commission / South End Landmark District Commission*

In the event that a proposed institutional project requires state permits or receives state funding such as HEFA bond financing, such action will require the filing and consultation with the Massachusetts Historical Commission (“MHC”). As in the past, Boston University Medical Center has filed copies of the relevant documentation, including an ENF or PNF, with MHC to seek MHC approval of the proposed project.

The majority of the land and buildings in the BUMC IMP are located within the South End Harrison/Albany Protection Area of the South End (“Protection Area”). Activities relating to demolition, land coverage, height of structure, topography and landscaping are subject to review by the South End Landmarks District Commission (“SELDC”). Boston University Medical Center will submit an application for a certificate of design approval to the SELDC for each proposed project when Article 80B Large Project Review is initiated for each project.

5.1.4 Boston Civic Design Commission

The Proponent will meet with the Boston Civic Design Commission (BCDC) to review the proposed Institutional Master Plan Amendment and the IMP Large Project Review documentation. The IMP Amendment and IMP Large Project Review documentation will be submitted to the BCDC by the BRA in accordance with the provisions of Article 28 of the Boston Zoning Code.

5.1.5 Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities

The Proponent will meet with the Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities to review proposed pedestrian improvement plans as each IMP project moves forward. The Commission will be consulted with to ensure that paths of travel are designed for universal accessibility and will comply with the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

5.1.6 Boston Groundwater Trust

The proposed IMP projects are located within the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District ("GCOD"). Boston University Medical Center will incorporate systems into the proposed IMP projects that meet the groundwater conservation standards set forth in Article 32 of the Boston Zoning Code. Boston University Medical Center will obtain a written determination from the Boston Water and Sewer Commission as to whether said standards are met and will provide a copy of this letter to the BRA and the Boston Groundwater Trust prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Consistency. Accordingly, Boston University Medical Center comply with the requirements of Article 32 and so will not be required to obtain a conditional use permit from the Board of Appeal for its proposed IMP projects.

5.1.7 Other Permits and Approvals

Anticipated permits and approvals for the proposed IMP projects are identified in Section 2.4 Table 2-2.