

## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development JOSEPH A. CURTATONE, MAYOR

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## Office of the Executive Director

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**TO:** Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

**FROM:** Philip Ercolini, Acting Executive Director

**DATE:** July 14, 2011

**SUBJECT:** EXTENSION OF CONTRACT #09-047 (HOWARD/STEIN-HUDSON, INC.

FOR THE UNION SQUARE ROADWAY AND STREETSCAPE

IMPROVEMENTS STUDY AND DESIGN)

The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) respectfully recommends that you request the Board of Aldermen to approve a one year extension of contract #09-047 between the City and Howard/Stein-Hudson, Inc., Inc in accordance with s. 2-369 of the Somerville Code. The new expiration date would be August 30, 2012.

The current three-year contract expires on September 1, 2011. The contract extension is needed to allow the City to work more closely with peer review professionals at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as it continues to evaluate roadway alignments in Union Square to finalize a Locally Preferred Alternative that meets the needs to current and future Somerville residents and businesses. Additions to the scope of work include expanded services to conduct land, sewer connection and utility surveying along Webster Street, Prospect Street, Washington Street and Bow Street. This information will allow the City to take the next steps with planning Union Square and addressing utility and sewer issues along the south eastern part of the City.