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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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Honorable Alderman Heuston
City Hall
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Re: Board Orders #: 190096 & 190097
Green Line Planning in Brickbottom/Inner Belt

Alderman Heuston:

Please be advised that OSPCD is in receipt of your Board Orders #190096 & 190097, dated September 7, 2010, which requested an update on Green Line and maintenance facility planning in Brickbottom/Inner Belt.

The City's current priority is to improve the existing conceptual design of the facility to reduce its impact on Brickbottom, adjacent businesses, and taxable land. OSPCD is working with MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning, independent engineers, and MassDOT to shrink the facility's footprint and combine it, wherever possible, with the existing Boston Engine Terminal. Once a design is agreed upon by the City and MassDOT, we will begin discussing air rights over the facility in order to ensure that all economic development opportunities can be pursued.

If you have any further questions regarding the Green Line, please direct them to Michael Lambert, Director of Transportation & Infrastructure, at mlambert@somervillema.gov or at extension 2522.

Respectfully,

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Executive Director

