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PIC COVID-19 Update, Temporary Practices

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With the ongoing public health concerns surrounding the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the Public Improvement Commission (PIC) has implemented the following temporary practices and procedures in an effort to promote social distancing and to comply with federal, state, and local directives:

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Until further notice, only one full-size set of all PIC plans (rather than the customary three) is required to be submitted by the relevant filing deadline. All PIC plans, including revised versions, are required to also be submitted electronically as .pdf's.
- A project may be considered eligible for a New Business agenda only if a 100% complete submission package (one hard copy of everything, including plans) is delivered to the PIC office by 4:00 PM on the Thursday prior to the target PIC hearing. Incomplete and/or piecemeal submissions will not be placed on a hearing agenda. For additional information on submission requirements, please reference the relevant PIC procedural checklist(s) found online: boston.gov/PIC#related-documents.
- In addition to the typical hard-copy submission, all prospective New Business projects are also required to submit a digital copy of all submission materials (plans as noted above, signed petitions, agency responses, etc.) to PIC@boston.gov.
- All dissemination of PIC plans to <u>Public Agency</u> and <u>Utility Company</u> reviewers should be done via email; certified mailings are no longer necessary.

HEARING LOGISTICS

- Upcoming <u>PIC hearings</u> will tentatively be held as scheduled using either the Zoom or Google Meet teleconferencing platform.
- Hearing participants will be digitally connected, per the City's Department of Innovation & Technology.

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- All project team members attending the hearings should be prepared to be seen on camera and each should be identified and introduced at the beginning of their project's presentation. At least one project team member should be prepared to share their screen and present at least the subject PIC plans.
- Members of the public are strongly encouraged to participate in the hearings virtually; all hearings will
 continue to be televised and may also be viewed online via <u>Boston TV</u>,
- Written testimony for all agenda items will continue to be accepted via email; testimony should be directed to <u>PIC@boston.gov</u>.

STAFF AVAILABILITY

- While City Hall is now generally open to the public, please continue to contact PIC staff (PIC@boston.gov) ahead of time to confirm staff availability to receive any hard copy submissions and to schedule a delivery time. Unannounced/unexpected in-person deliveries may not be able to be accepted by City Hall staff.
- PIC staff will <u>not</u> be accepting in-person meetings until further notice; requests for phone and teleconference meetings will be accommodated to every reasonable extent. Such requests should be scheduled in advance via email.
- PIC staff will continue to be available via email during normal business hours.

These practices should be considered in effect immediately and will remain in effect until further notice by PIC staff. Updates to these practices will be posted as appropriate. Please feel free to contact PIC@boston.gov should you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Todd M. Liming, P.E. Chief Engineer



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April 27, 2023 - Hearing Agenda Boston City Hall room 801 - 10:00 AM

Hearing Minutes

HM 1. At the request of the Public Improvement Commission staff, the Acceptance of the Minutes of the PIC hearing held on April 13, 2023

Public Hearing Continued

PHC 1. On a joint petition by LPB Albany LLC and the Boston Redevelopment Authority (d/b/a Boston Planning & Development Agency) for the **Vertical Discontinuance** of portions of the following public ways in Boston Proper, vertically above the grades of the sidewalks:

- Albany Street on its northwesterly side at address no. 595, northeast of East Canton Street;
- East Canton Street on its northeasterly side between Albany Street and Thorn Street.

(NB 3/16/2023; PH 3/30/2023) As shown on a plan entitled "City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Vertical Discontinuance Plan, 595 Albany Street, East Canton Street, Boston Proper," 1 sheet dated December 2, 2022.

PHC 2. On a petition by LPB Albany LLC for the making of **Specific Repairs** within the following roadways in Boston Proper, consisting of curb realignment, sidewalk reconstruction, as well as new and relocated pedestrian ramps, street lighting infrastructure, street trees, and driveway curb cuts:

- Albany Street at address no. 595, northeast of East Canton Street;
- East Canton Street between Albany Street and Thorn Street;
- Thorn Street (private way) northeast of East Canton Street.

(NB 3/16/2023; PH 3/30/2023) As shown on a plan entitled "City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Specific Repair Plan, 595 Albany St & East Canton St, Boston," 1 sheet dated April 27, 2023.

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Public Hearing

Repairs within Cummins Highway and each of its intersecting streets (public ways), Dorchester and West Roxbury, located generally between Annafran Street and Fairway Street, consisting of curb realignment, roadway and sidewalk reconstruction, as well as new and relocated pedestrian ramps, specialty pavement, traffic signal infrastructure, street lighting infrastructure, street trees, landscaping, green stormwater infrastructure, stormdrain infrastructure, street furniture, bollards, driveway curb cuts, raised crosswalks, median islands, pedestrian railings, and separated bike facilities.

(NB 4/13/2023) As shown on a set of plans entitled "City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Specific Repairs Plan, Cummins Highway, Boston," 19 sheets dated April, 2023.

New Business

- NB 1. Calumet Street, Pequot Street, Darling Street; Roxbury Specific Repairs On a petition by the City of Boston Public Works Department
- NB 2. Walk Hill Street, Wenham Street; West Roxbury Specific Repairs On a petition by the City of Boston Public Works Department
- NB 3. **Weld Street, Maple Street, Pomfret Street**; West Roxbury **Specific Repairs** On a petition by the City of Boston Public Works Department
- NB 4. **85 West Newton Street**; Boston Proper **Pedestrian Easement, Specific Repairs** On a set of petitions by IBA Real Estate Support Corp.
- NB 5. **80 West Broadway, A Street**; South Boston **Vertical Discontinuances, Specific Repairs, Projection License, Earth Retention License** On a set of petitions by 80 West Broadway

 Operator LLC
- NB 6. 380 Stuart Street; Boston Proper Earth Retention (Crane Pad) License On a petition by SCD 380 Stuart LLC