

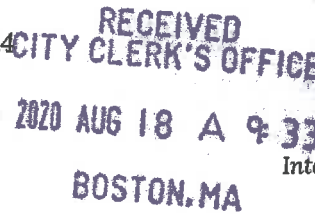
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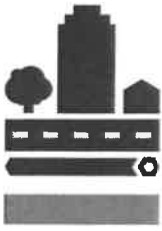
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PIC COVID-19 Update, Temporary Practices

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:

- The PIC hearing scheduled for August 6th has been canceled. The next PIC hearing is tentatively scheduled for August 20th.
- Subsequent PIC hearings will tentatively be held as scheduled.
- Hearing participants will be digitally connected, per the City's Department of Innovation & Technology.
- For those members of the public who are unable to attend the proceedings in person, all hearings will continue to be televised and may also be viewed online via Boston TV.
- Written testimony for all agenda items will continue to be accepted via email; testimony should be directed to PIC@boston.gov.
- **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.**
- 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, a prospective New Business project is also required to submit a digital copy of all submission requirements to PIC@boston.gov.
- Public access to City Hall continues to be limited. As such, hard copy submissions should be made via standard mail. Should any particular submission need to be delivered by hand, please contact PIC staff



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ahead of time via email to confirm staff availability to receive such a submission and to schedule a delivery time. Unannounced/unexpected in-person deliveries may not be accepted by City Hall staff.

- All dissemination of PIC plans to Public Agency and Utility Company reviewers should be done via email; certified mailings are no longer necessary.
- PIC staff will not 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,

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MEMO

TO: All City of Boston Employees
FROM: Emme Handy, Chief of Administration and Finance
SUBJECT: City of Boston's Recommendation for All Boston Residents to Wear a 'Face Covering' when Going Out in Public
DATE: April 5, 2020

What is the Recommendation and Why is it Being Made?

It is important to remember that social distancing remains the primary strategy to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, based on evidence that some level of transmission is occurring by people who are asymptomatic and may not know they have COVID-19, the CDC on April 3, 2020, issued a recommendation that everyone cover their mouth and nose with a "face covering" when "in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain" in order to help reduce the risk that someone may unknowingly spread the virus. Based on this guidance, the Boston Public Health Commission and the Mayor are now advising all residents to wear a "face covering" when out in public in instances where social distancing cannot be predictably maintained. Accordingly, effective Monday, April 6, 2020, the City of Boston will begin requiring its employees to wear a "face covering" when reporting to physical work locations.

It is important to remember that the face covering does not protect the person wearing the covering from contracting COVID-19. Instead, it is to protect those whom you are interacting with. Thus, even when wearing a face covering it is important to continue to practice social distancing.

NOTE: Employees who continue to report to work in direct care and other settings where personal protective equipment (PPE) and related guidelines have already been issued should continue to use PPE in accordance with those guidelines, as directed by their programs/departments.

What is a "Face Covering"

A “face covering” is **not** necessarily a face mask. The administration is NOT recommending all employees or the public begin wearing masks. Instead, a “face covering” is a cloth, scarf, bandana, etc. that can cover a person’s mouth and nose.

- It should be fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face and secured with ties or ear loops,
- Include multiple layers of fabric,
- Allow for breathing without restriction, and
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.

These can be made at home using intact, close-weave cloth that allow comfortable breathing. For those interested in creating their own face covering, [here](#) are instructions provided by the CDC, there are examples of both a folded model and a model that is sewn.

A face covering is NOT a surgical mask or N95 masks. Those masks should continue to be reserved for emergency personnel and healthcare providers who need them in order to keep safe when providing critical and emergency services.

What Will the City Provide Employees Required to Wear A “Face Covering”?

Beginning Monday, April 6, 2020, the City will provide all employees reporting to work at a physical location a “face covering.”

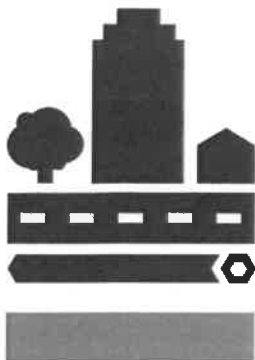
The City will endeavor to acquire and distribute reusable cloth face coverings as soon as practicable to employees reporting to physical work locations. In the interim, the City encourages employees with reusable cloth face coverings to bring their own to work.

For employees who do not own a reusable cloth face covering and who are reporting to physical work locations, the City will provide surgical masks in the interim. Please note, the guidance on the use of such masks permits for the reuse of these masks when they have not been exposed to symptomatic persons. Face masks should be carefully folded so that the outer surface is held inward and against itself to reduce contact with the outer surface during storage. The folded mask can be stored between uses in a clean sealable paper bag or breathable container. Note: face masks should be discarded if soiled, damaged, or hard to breathe through.

For those using reusable cloth face coverings, they should be laundered daily to ensure they remain clean. If reusing without cleaning, advice about storage outlined above should be followed. In addition, employees are reminded that such face coverings must comply with all City rules and policies regarding professionalism in the workplace. Accordingly, no face covering should express offensive language or graphics, discriminatory language or graphics, political opinions, religious views, or otherwise be viewed as violating City policies or procedures.

How to Safely Remove Your Face Covering

Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.



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August 20, 2020 - 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 **July 23, 2020**.

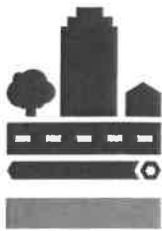
Utility Pole Hearing

UP 1. On a joint petition by Verizon New England Inc. and Eversource Energy for a **Pole Relocation** within **Norwell Street** (public way), Dorchester, to relocate one existing utility pole to be located on its westerly side at address nos. 233-235, south of Park Street.

Public Hearing Continued

PHC 1. On a petition by Mark Kenmore LLC for the **Widening, Relocation, and Extension** of the existing right-of-way lines of **Commonwealth Avenue** (public way), Boston Proper, generally at Beacon Street/Kenmore Square, located west of Brookline Avenue.

(NB 4/23/2020; PH 5/21/2020; PHC 6/18/2020, 7/23/2020) As shown on a plan entitled "City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Widening and Relocation Plan, Commonwealth Avenue, Fenway," 1 sheet dated March, 2020.



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PHC 2. On a petition by Mark Kenmore LLC for the making of **Specific Repairs** within the following public ways in Boston Proper, consisting of curb realignment, roadway and sidewalk reconstruction, as well as new and relocated pedestrian ramps and driveway curb cuts:

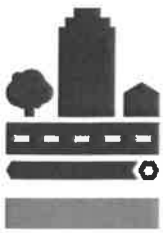
- **Commonwealth Avenue** – at address no. 560-574, generally at Beacon Street/Kenmore Square;
- **Beacon Street** – generally at Commonwealth Avenue/Kenmore Square.

(NB 4/23/2020; PH 5/21/2020; PHC 6/18/2020, 7/23/2020) As shown on a plan entitled “City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Specific Repairs Plan, Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street, Fenway,” 1 sheet dated March, 2020.

PHC 3. On a joint petition by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and the City of Boston Transportation Department for the making of **Specific Repairs** within the following public ways in Roxbury, consisting of curb realignment, roadway and sidewalk reconstruction, as well as new and relocated pedestrian ramps, street lighting infrastructure, traffic signal infrastructure, traffic control infrastructure, stormdrain infrastructure, raised crosswalks, pedestrian barriers, driveway curb cuts, and median islands:

- **Columbus Avenue** – between Walnut Avenue and Centre Street/Ritchie Street;
- **Walnut Avenue** – generally at Columbus Avenue;
- **Dixwell Street** – southwest of Columbus Avenue;
- **Weld Avenue** – southwest of Columbus Avenue;
- **Washington Street** – generally at Columbus Avenue;
- **West Walnut Park** – generally at Columbus Avenue;
- **Bray Street** – east of Columbus Avenue;
- **Bancroft Street** – west of Columbus Avenue;
- **Bragdon Street** – generally at Columbus Avenue;
- **Dimock Street** – generally at Columbus Avenue;
- **Academy Road** – east of Columbus Avenue;
- **Amory Street** – west of Columbus Avenue;
- **Ritchie Street** – east of Columbus Avenue.

(NB 6/18/2020; PH 7/23/2020) As shown on a set of plans entitled “City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Specific Repairs Plan, Columbus Avenue, Centre Street to Walnut Ave, Boston,” 16 sheets dated June 18, 2020.



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Public Hearing

PH 1. On a petition by the City of Boston Public Works Department to **Rescind the Line & Grade Approval of Brewery Lane** (public way), Roxbury, located from Amory Street/Amory Street Connector to a point generally 290 feet northwesterly at Alliance Way, as approved by the Public Improvement Commission on July 25, 2019.

(NB 6/18/2020) As shown on a set of plans entitled "City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Line and Grade Plan, Brewery Lane, Jackson Square, Public Way, Jamaica Plain," 2 sheets dated October, 2018.

PH 2. On a joint petition by Jackson Square Partners LLC, 25 Amory Apartments LLC, 250 Centre Street Housing LLC, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the **Layout Approval** of a new private way (open to public travel) in Roxbury known as **Brewery Lane**, from Amory Street/Amory Street Connector to a point approximately 290 feet northwesterly at Alliance Way.

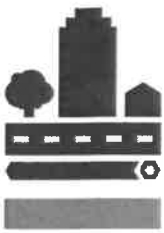
(NB 7/23/2020) As shown on a set of plans entitled "City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Layout Approval Plan, Brewery Lane, Jackson Square, Private Way Open to Public Travel, Jamaica Plain," 2 sheets dated July, 2020.

PH 3. On a petition by Washington Pine MM LLC for the acceptance of a **Pedestrian Easement** adjacent to **Washington Street** (public way), West Roxbury, located on its southeasterly side at address no. 3368, generally southwest of Glen Road.

(NB 7/23/2020) As shown on a plan entitled "City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Pedestrian Easement Plan, 3368 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain," 1 sheet dated August, 2020.

PH 4. On a petition by Washington Pine MM LLC for the making of **Specific Repairs** within **Washington Street** (public way), West Roxbury, located on its southeasterly side at address no. 3368 generally southwest of Glen Road, consisting of curb, sidewalk, and roadway reconstruction, as well as new and relocated specialty pavement, street lighting infrastructure, stormdrain infrastructure, street trees, planters, landscaping, irrigation infrastructure, bike racks, and the removal of a driveway curb cut.

(NB 7/23/2020) As shown on a set of plans entitled "City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Specific Repairs Plan, 3368 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain," 3 sheets dated August, 2020.



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PH 5. On a petition by Washington Pine MM LLC for the granting of an **Earth Retention License** for the installation of a temporary earth support system within **Washington Street** (public way), West Roxbury, located on its southeasterly side at address no. 3368, generally southwest of Glen Road.

(NB 7/23/2020) As shown on a plan entitled "City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Support of Excavation Plan, 3368 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain," 1 sheet dated June 3, 2020.

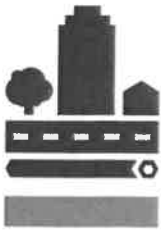
PH 6. On a petition by Northeastern University for the making of **Specific Repairs** within **Columbus Avenue** (public way), Roxbury, located on its northwesterly side at address no. 815 northeast of Melnea Cass Boulevard, consisting curb, sidewalk, and roadway reconstruction, as well as new and relocated traffic islands, pedestrian ramps, specialty pavement, street trees, planters, landscaping, bollards, and protected bicycle facilities.

(NB 7/23/2020) As shown on a set of plans entitled "City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Specific Repairs Plan, 815 Columbus Avenue, Northeastern University EXP, Boston," 3 sheets dated June, 2020.

PH 7. On a petition by Charles River Park "D" Company for the acceptance of a **Pedestrian Easement** adjacent to the following public ways in Boston Proper:

- **Lomasney Way** – on its southwesterly side at address no. 35, southeast of Martha Road/Nashua Street;
- **Martha Road** – on its southwesterly side, northwest of Lomasney Way/Nashua Street.

(NB 7/23/2020) As shown on a plan entitled "City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Pedestrian Easement, Lomasney Way and Martha Road, Boston," 1 sheet dated June, 2020.



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PH 8. On a petition by Charles River Park “D” Company for the making of **Specific Repairs** within the following public ways in Boston Proper, consisting of curb realignment, roadway and sidewalk reconstruction, as well as new and relocated pedestrian ramps, specialty pavement, street lighting infrastructure, street trees, planters, landscaping, stormdrain infrastructure, street furniture, bike racks, driveway curb cuts, and the removal of traffic islands:

- **Lomasney Way** – generally at address no. 35, southeast of Martha Road/Nashua Street;
- **Martha Road** – on its southwesterly side, northwest of Lomasney Way/Nashua Street;
- **Thoreau Path** – generally north of William Cardinal O’Connell Way.

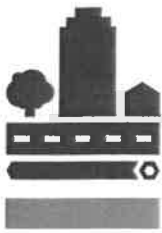
(NB 7/23/2020) As shown on two sets of plans entitled “City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Specific Repair Plan, Lomasney Way, Garden Garage - Lomasney Way Improvements, West End,” 2 sheets dated June 12, 2020, as well as “City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Specific Repairs Plan, Thoreau Path, West End,” 2 sheets dated June, 2020.

PH 9. On a petition by 4 Payne St LLC for the making of **Specific Repairs** within **Houghton Street** (public way), Dorchester, located on its northeasterly side at Payne Street, consisting of sidewalk and curb cut reconstruction.

(NB 7/23/2020) As shown on a plan entitled “City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Specific Repairs Plan, Houghton Street, 4-6 Payne Street, Dorchester,” 1 sheet dated June 25, 2020.

PH 10. On a petition by CKG Columbus LLC for the acceptance of a **Pedestrian Easement** adjacent to **Columbus Avenue** (public way), Boston Proper, located on its southeasterly side at address no. 566, between Massachusetts Avenue and West Springfield Street.

(NB 7/23/2020) As shown on a plan entitled “City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Pedestrian Easement Plan, 566 Columbus Avenue (AKA 450 Massachusetts Avenue), Boston (South End),” 1 sheet dated June 15, 2020.



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PH 11. On a petition by CKG Columbus LLC for the making of **Specific Repairs** within the following public ways in Boston Proper, consisting of consisting of curb realignment, sidewalk and pedestrian ramp reconstruction, as well as new and relocated specialty pavement, street lights, street trees, irrigation infrastructure, stormdrain infrastructure, bike racks, and driveway curb cuts:

- **Columbus Avenue** – on its southeasterly side at address no. 566, between Massachusetts Avenue and West Springfield Street;
- **Massachusetts Avenue** – on its northeasterly side at address no. 450, southeast of Columbus Avenue;
- **West Springfield Street** – on its southwesterly side southeast of Columbus Avenue.

(NB 7/23/2020) As shown on a set of plans entitled “City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Specific Repair, 566 Columbus Avenue (AKA 450 Massachusetts Avenue), Boston (South End),” 2 sheets dated June 15, 2020.

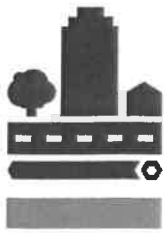
PH 12. On a petition by CKG Columbus LLC for the granting of a **Projection License** for the installation of a canopy over a portion of the sidewalk within **Massachusetts Avenue** (public way), Boston Proper, located at the easterly corner of its intersection with Columbus Avenue.

(NB 7/23/2020) As shown on a plan entitled “City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, License Plan, 566 Columbus Avenue (AKA 450 Massachusetts Avenue), Boston (South End),” 1 sheet dated June 15, 2020.

PH 13. On a petition by CKG Columbus LLC for the granting of an **Earth Retention License** for the installation of a temporary earth support system within the following public ways in Boston Proper:

- **Columbus Avenue** – on its southeasterly side at address no. 566, between Massachusetts Avenue and West Springfield Street;
- **Massachusetts Avenue** – on its northeasterly side at address no. 450, southeast of Columbus Avenue;
- **West Springfield Street** – on its southwesterly side southeast of Columbus Avenue.

(NB 7/23/2020) As shown on a set of plans entitled “City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Conceptual Temporary Excavation Support Plan, 450 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston,” 3 sheets dated June, 2020.



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PH 14. On a petition by Crown Castle for a **Grant of Location** with lead company status and no participants to install new telecommunication conduit with City shadow within the following public ways in Charlestown:

- **Soley Street** – from Warren Street to the rear of 34 Winthrop Street;
- **Warren Street** – at Soley Street.

(NB 7/23/2020) As shown on a plan entitled “City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Grant of Location Plan, 34 Winthrop St (Soley St), Boston (Charlestown),” 1 sheet dated May, 2020.

PH 15. On a petition by Crown Castle for a **Grant of Location** with lead company status and no participants to install new telecommunication conduit with City shadow within **Tremont Street** (public way), Boston Proper, located generally at address no. 611, between Aguadilla Street/West Canton Street and Dartmouth Street/West Dedham Street.

(NB 7/23/2020) As shown on a plan entitled “City of Boston Public Works Department, Engineering Division, Grant of Location Plan, 611 Tremont St , Boston ,” 1 sheet dated November 25, 20219.

New Business

NB 1. **85 Seaport Boulevard**; South Boston – **Specific Repairs** – On a joint petition by Seaport B/C Retail Owner LLC and Seaport Square Development Company LLC

NB 2. **95 North Harvard Street**; Brighton – **Specific Repairs** – On a petition by the President and Fellows of Harvard College

NB 3. **1241 Boylston Street, Ipswich Street**; Boston Proper – **Pedestrian Easement, Specific Repairs, Projection License, Temporary Earth Retention License** – On a set of petitions by 1241 Boylston LLC