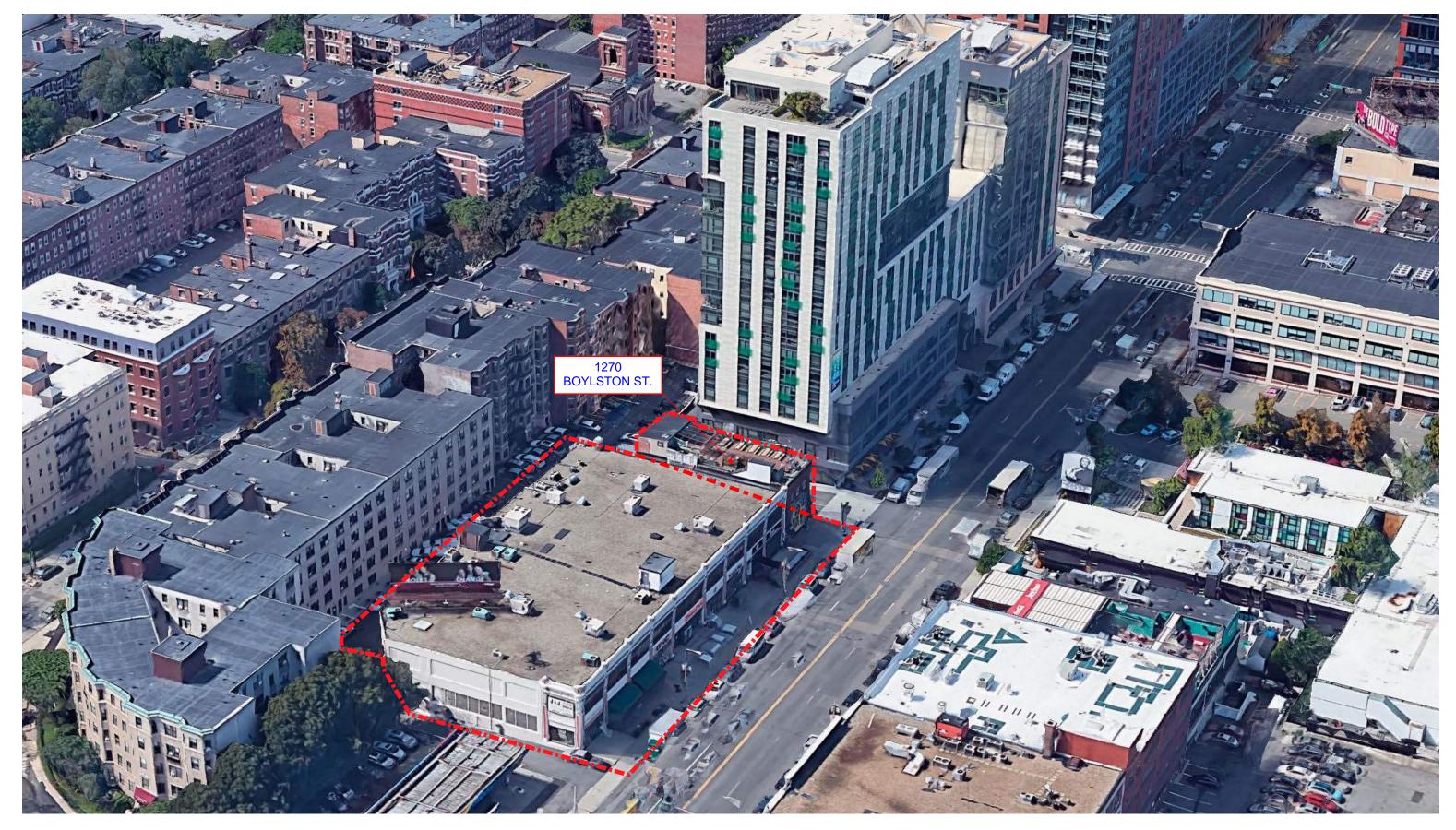
# **ARTICLE 85: DEMOLITION DELAY**

1270 BOYLSTON STREET



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# **EXISTING STRUCTURES DESCRIPTION**

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#### 1270 Boylston Street, Boston **Building History**

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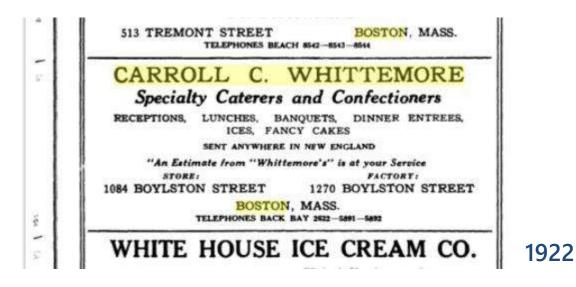
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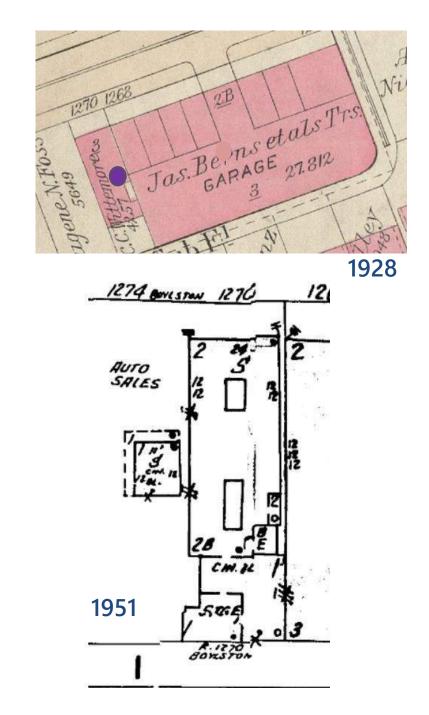
Presented by Nicole Benjamin-Ma, Senior Preservation Planner

**Boston Landmarks Commission Hearing** November 10, 2020

## 1270 Boylston Street

- Constructed 1919
- Catering headquarters and food manufacturing
- Used for food manufacturing and/or restaurant throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century



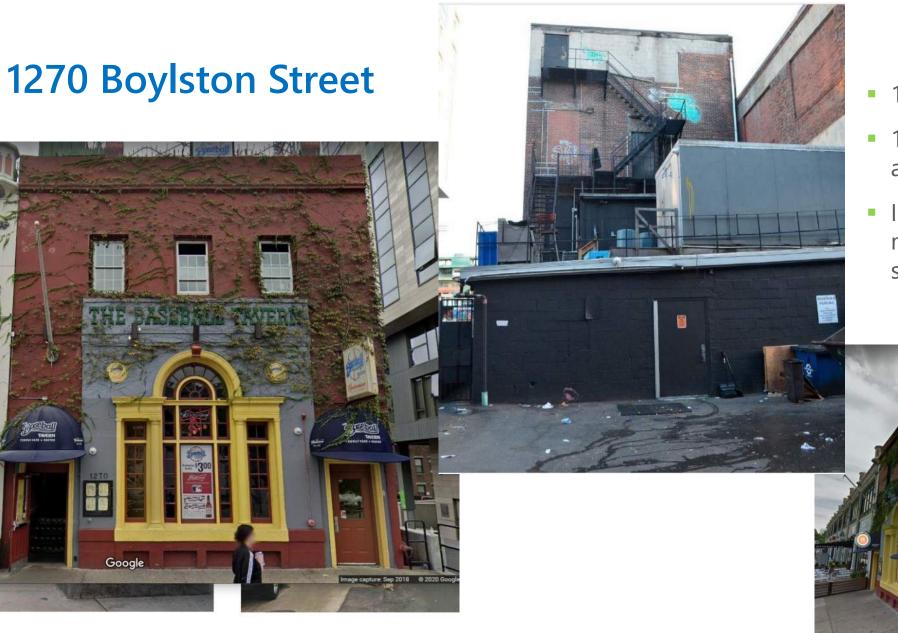


## 1270 Boylston Street

- 1935: Vacant
- 1945: Hung Food Sales Inc. and Green Pagoda restaurant
- 1955: Green Pagoda
- 1965: Vacant
- 1974: Bob White's Cocktail Lounge
- 1970s ~2000: 1270 Club, Maximum Security, Quest
- Recent: The Baseball Tavern



1970s



- 1930s?: Façade window
- 1970s-1980s: Rear addition and roof deck
- Irregular fenestration infill, modern vinyl/aluminum sash windows



## EXISTING BUILDINGS

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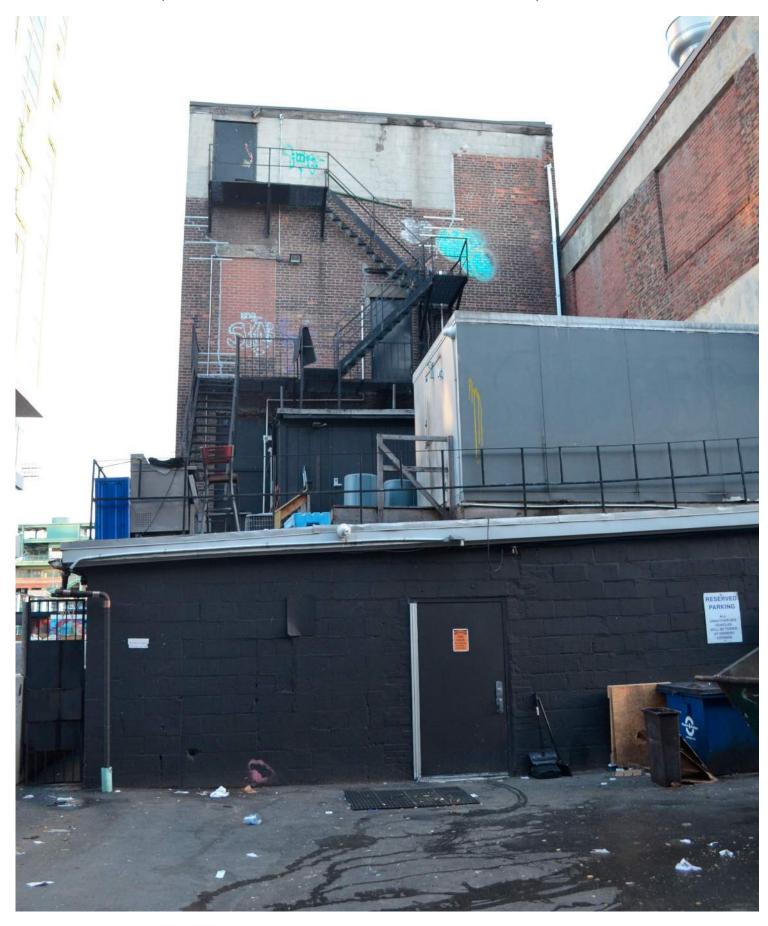
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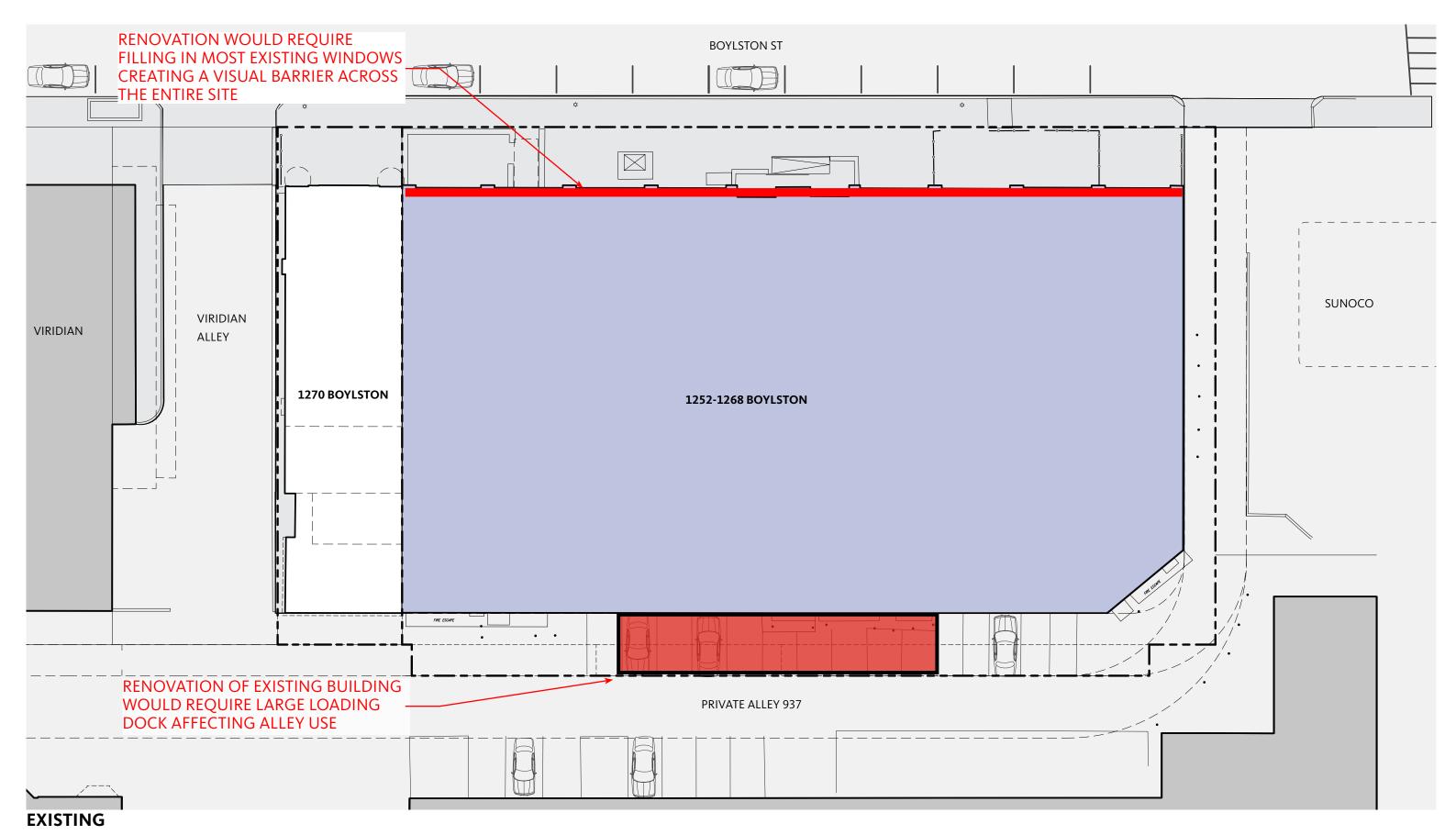
# **ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS**

1270 BOYLSTON STREET

## 1252-1270 BOYLSTON STREET ALTERNATIVE NO. 1

### **ADAPTIVE REUSE**

#### ALTERNATIVE NO. 1 | OPAQUE FACADE & IMPACT ON ALLEY



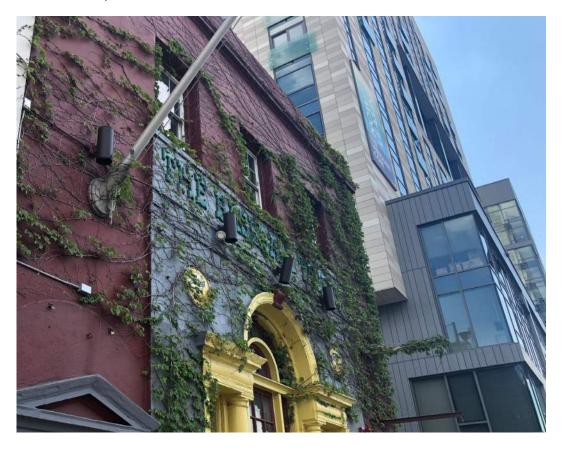
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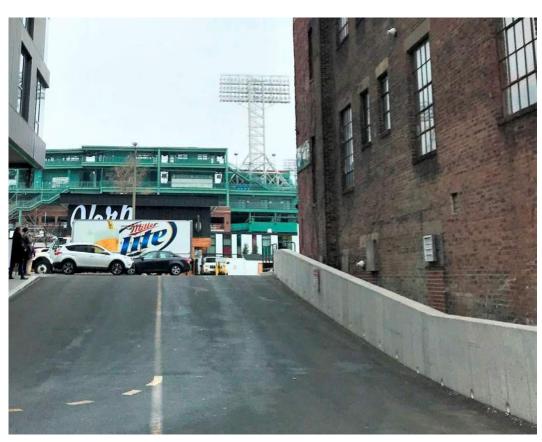


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### ALTERNATIVE NO. 1 | 1270 BOYLSTON ST









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## 1252-1270 BOYLSTON STREET ALTERNATIVE NO. 2

**RETENTION OF EXISTING BUILDING COMPONENTS:** NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

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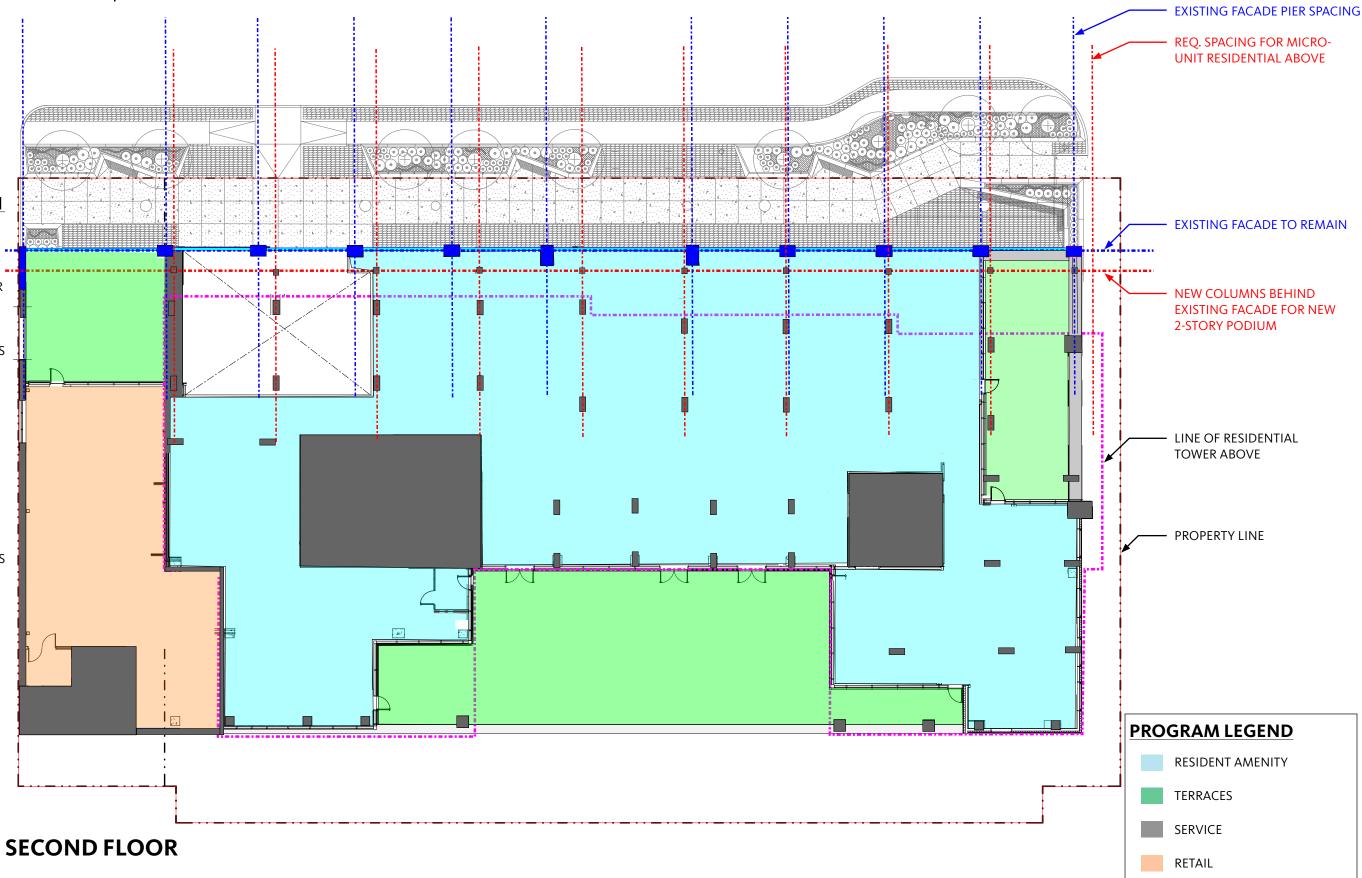
- FACADE LOCATION ALONG BOYLSTON STREET DOES NOT STEP BACK THUS LOSING THE POCKET PARK AT THE NE CORNER
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- COLUMN SPACING OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS ABOVE DOES NOT MATCH COLUMN SPACING OF EXISTING FACADE PIERS. THIS CREATES ODD OFFSET OF COLUMNS.
- ADDITIONAL SET OF COLUMNS REQUIRED FOR MAINTAINING EXISTING FACADE CREATE CHALLENGE FOR LEASABILITY IN RETAIL SPACE
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  - SECONDARY BLACK BOX
     THEATER
  - TERTIARY RETAIL



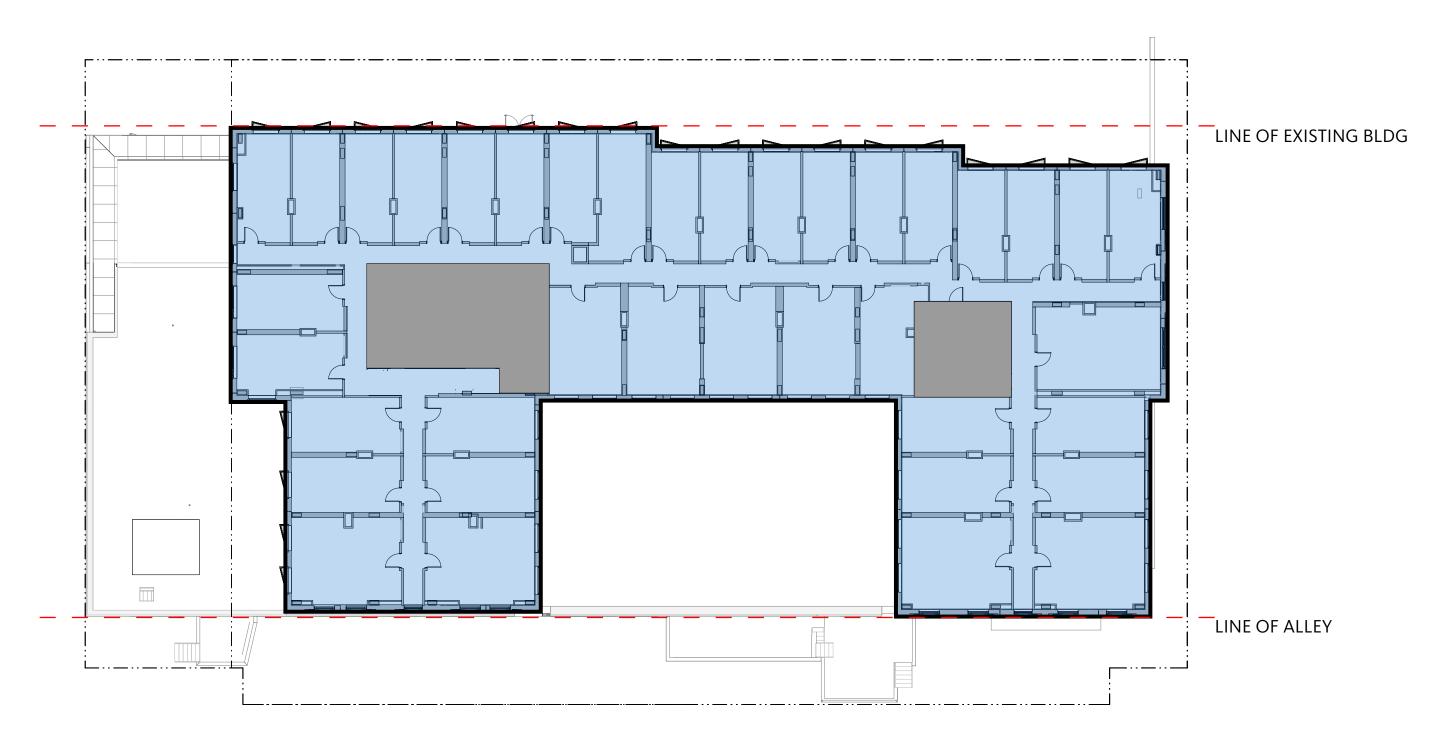


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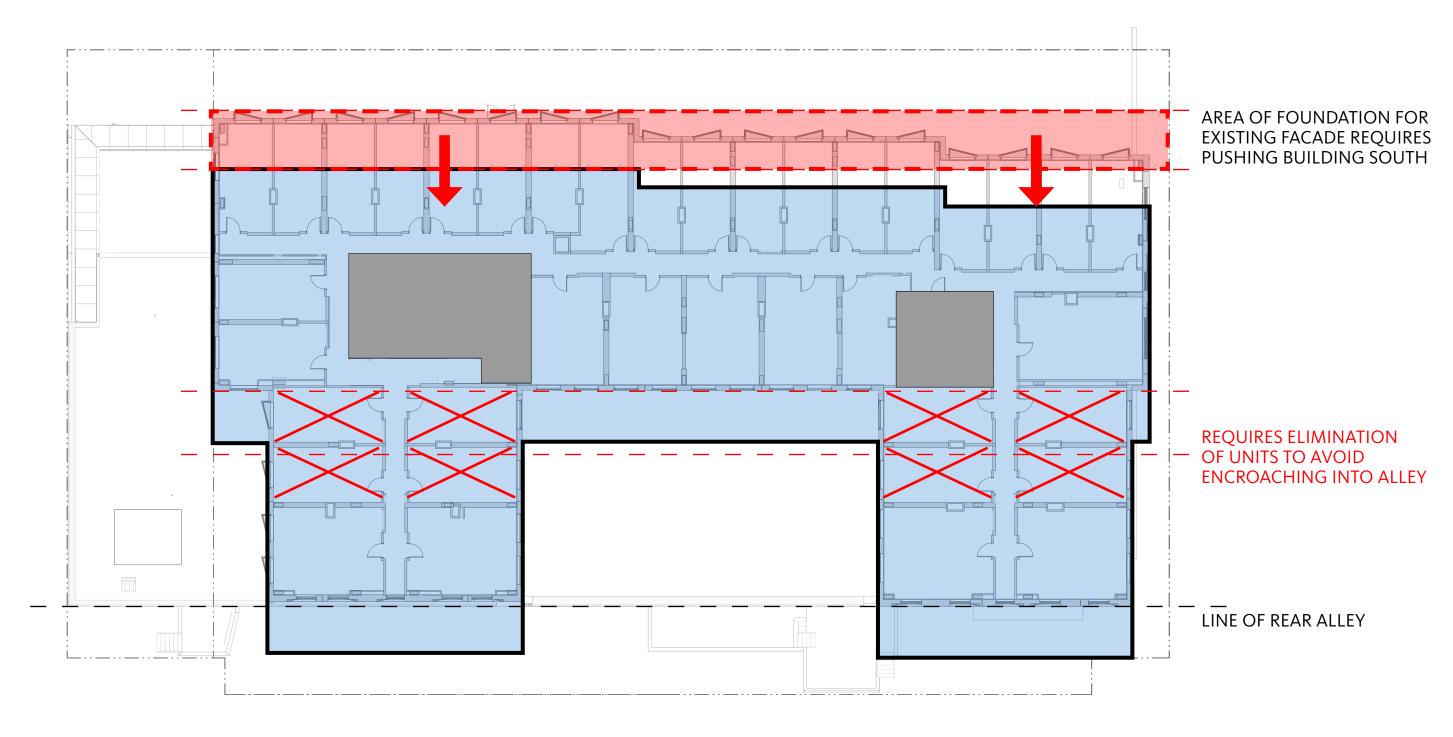






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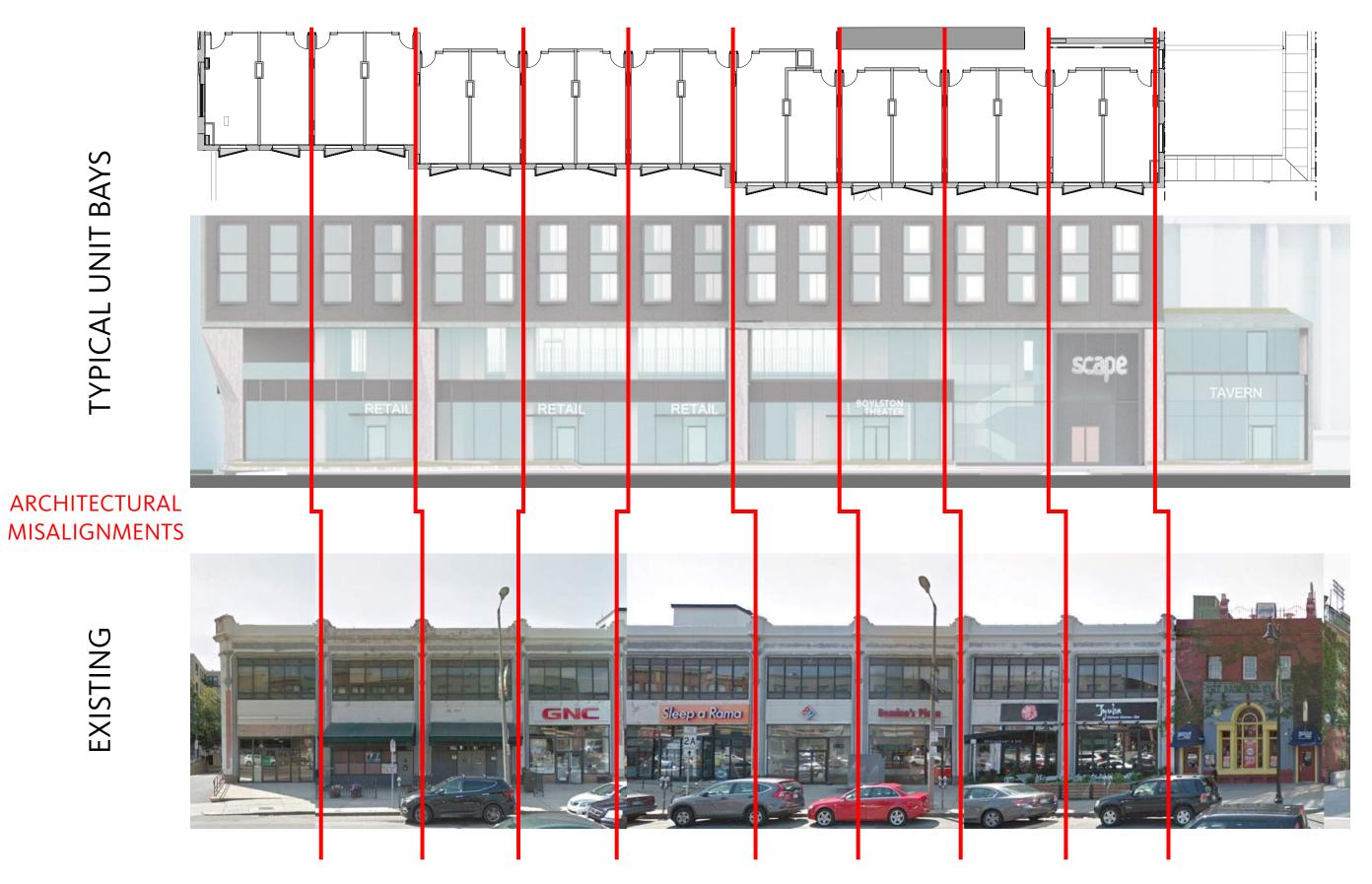


**EFFECTS OF MAINTAING EXISTING FACADE ALONG BOYLSTON ST** 





#### ALTERNATIVE NO. 2 | ARCHITECTURAL BAY ANALYSIS



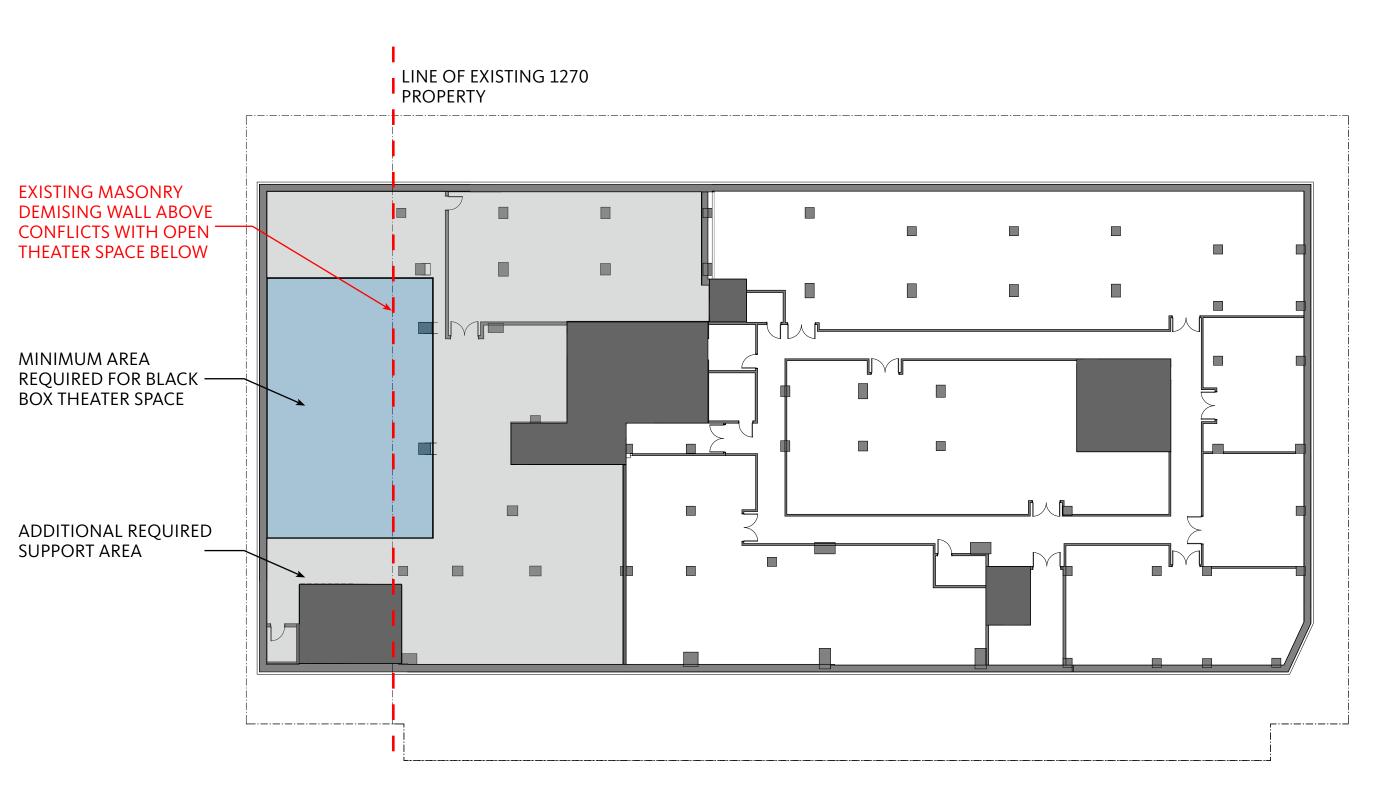
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#### ALTERNATIVE NO. 2 | FACADE IMPACTS ALONG BOYLSTON ST



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#### ALTERNATIVE NO. 2 | PROGRAM ANALYSIS - BLACK BOX THEATER



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**BASEMENT PLAN** 

#### ALTERNATIVE NO. 2 | PROGRAM ANALYSIS - BLACK BOX THEATER





CONCEPTUAL THEATER ENTRY ALONG BOYLSTON ST

**BOYLSTON STREET EXISTING CONDITION** 





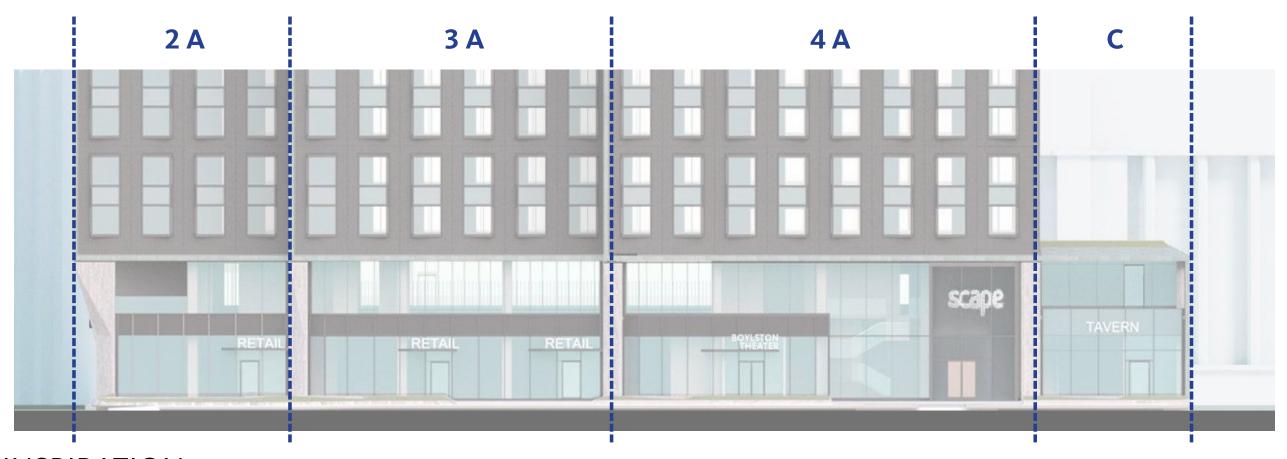
## 1252-1270 BOYLSTON STREET ALTERNATIVE NO. 3

### **NEW DEVELOPMENT:** NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING, 12,000 SF LGBTQ THEATER & PERFORMANCE CENTER, AND BOYLSTON STREET RETAIL

#### **ALTERNATIVE NO.3** | EXISTING RETAIL FACADE ANALYSIS



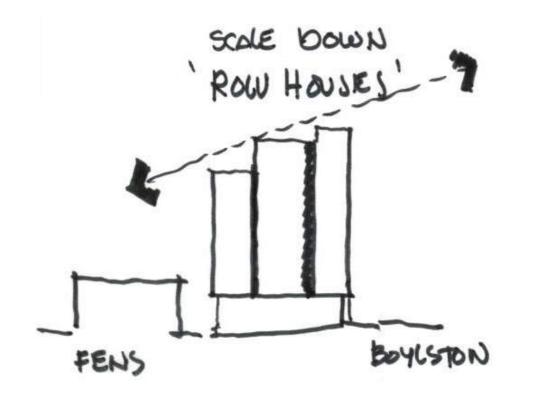
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#### ALTERNATIVE NO. 3 | FACADE RHYTHM







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#### ALTERNATIVE NO. 3 | SITE & STREETSCAPE IMPACT



**BOYLSTON STREET PROPOSED CONDITION - POCKET PARK** 



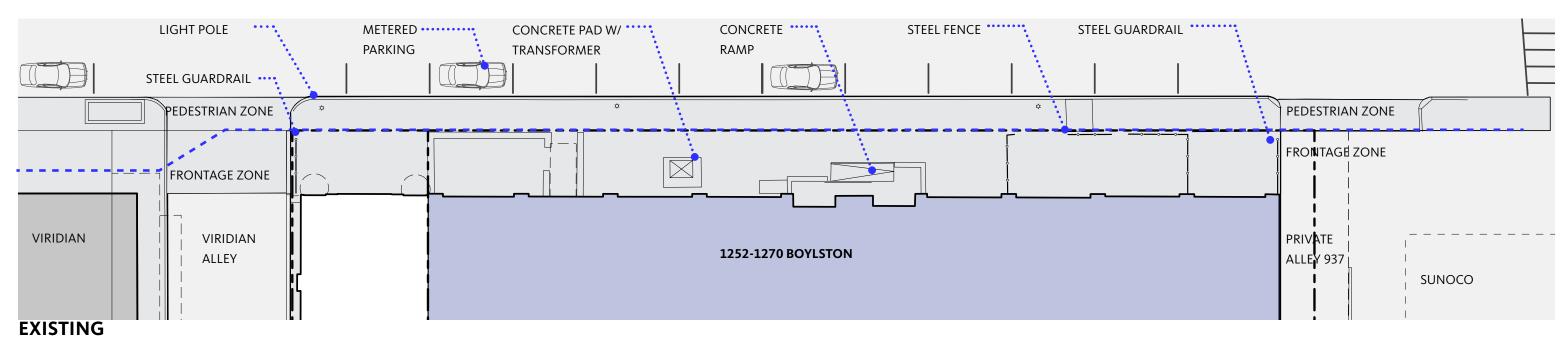


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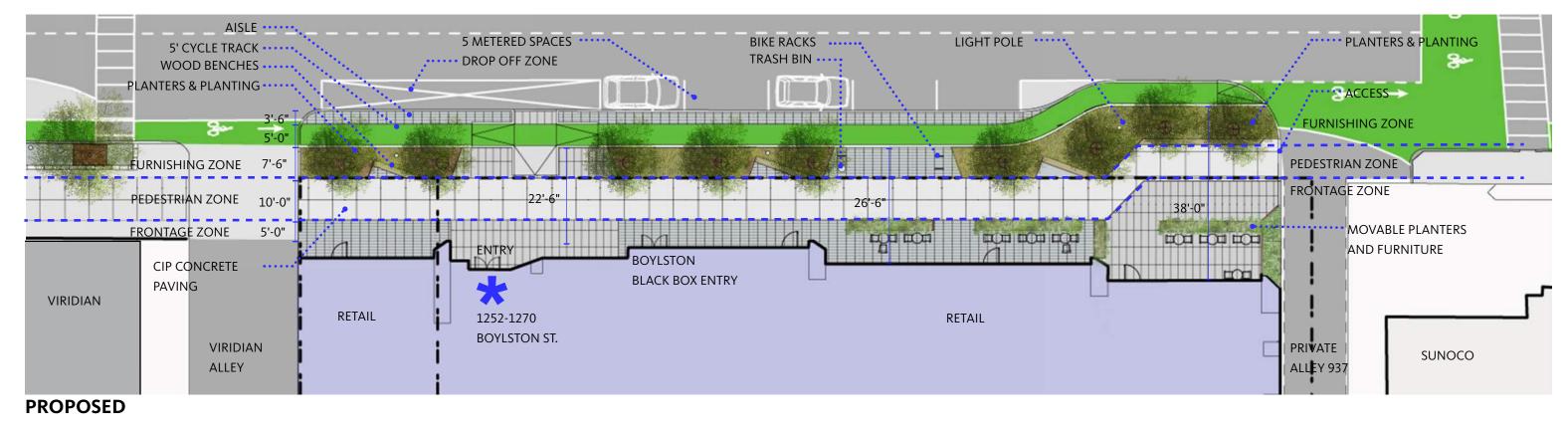
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#### ALTERNATIVE NO. 3 | SITE & STREETSCAPE IMPACT

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### ALTERNATIVE NO. 3 STREET VIEW LOOKING WEST



#### ALTERNATIVE NO. 3 STREET VIEW LOOKING EAST





We are excited to share that we have signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Scape North America to deliver a performing arts Black Box Theater as part of Scape's Boylston Place development at 1252-1270 Boylston St.

In our New Strategic Plan, we articulated 10 specific strategy-driven goals, which included three related to facilities:

- Develop and execute a comprehensive facilities plan
- Create and execute a capitalization plan
- Increase TTO's role in local, national and international alliances

"In the summer of 2017, The Theater Offensive gathered staff, board, and community members to develop a new three-year organizational strategy. In short order, we have realized a number of our strategy-driven goals. We are excited to support this partnership with Scape on the Black Box Theater, which will provide facilities stability for The Theater Offensive and other queer and trans organizations locally for the next 30 years and beyond", said Donna Owens, Chair of the Board of Directors of The Theater Offensive.

This project with Scape is directly linked to these goals and we plan to deliver an iconic, innovative and enduring space to advance our mission; to present liberating art by, for, and about queer and trans people of color that transcends artistic boundaries, celebrates cultural abundance, and dismantles oppression.

We intend to provide an accessible space for artistic experimentation, expression, and public discourse in service to the Fenway and greater Boston communities. We also seek to honor the site's historical importance to the Boston LGBTQ community.

"We are excited by the opportunity to establish a creative hub for our thought provoking programs, including educational programs, youth-centered leadership programs, community-led artistic experiences, and people-powered civic engagements. We look forward to securing a permanent home for queer and trans artists and youth, who have long sought a place for belonging in the Boston area, through our programming in the Boylston Black Box", said Harold Steward and Evelyn Francis, Producing Co-Executive Directors of The Theater Offensive.

The Boylston Black Box Project will also help ground and grow a permanent community within the Fenway. As an established and thriving organization, The Theater Offensive will aid in creating a sense of stability, by acting as a conduit for maintaining, growing and defining the culture of the Fenway. The Theater Offensive is in a preliminary, planning phase of a capital campaign that will ultimately provide support for the building project, operations and endowment. This Letter of Intent reflects months of thoughtful engagement between TTO, Scape, and the City of Boston. This is the first significant step in this partnership, and we expect lots of work ahead to realize this opportunity. In the next few months, we expect to continue negotiations with Scape, sign a Letter of Acquisition, address public feedback, and outline the project's feasibility. We look forward to updating you on progress in the future.

Thanks so much for being a valued member of the TTO Community.

#### Scape Announces Letter of Intent to Partner with The Theater Offensive on Black Box Theater at 1252-1270 Boylston

The 10,000 square-foot theater will support The Theater Offensive's commitment to supporting LGBTQ performing artists

BOSTON, January 16, 2019 -- Scape North America, which delivers innovative urban living solutions, announced today that it has signed a Letter of Intent with The Theater Offensive (TTO) to develop the Black Box Theater as part of Scape's development at 1252-1270 Boylston Street. The Theater Offensive (TTO) is a 30-year social change organization that uses theater and the creative process to deconstruct oppressive practices and policies to liberate queer and trans people of color.

"The Theater Offensive is honored to be selected by Scape and the City of Boston to honor the LGBTQ legacy of the development site and build a permanent space for groundbreaking artistic programming and people-powered civic engagement," said Harold Steward and Evelyn Francis, Producing Co-Executive Directors of The Theater Offensive. "Over the last 30 years, TTO has been recognized for advancing positive cultural shifts in the Boston area and we are uniquely positioned to develop and manage an open and inclusive space in the Fenway neighborhood."

In recognition of 1252-1270 Boylston Street's important heritage and affiliation with the LGTBQ community, Scape will work with TTO to deliver the Black Box Theater, a not-for-profit LGBTQ-centric venue for the performing arts. The Black Box Theater will measure 10,000 sq. ft. and will include a 156-seat theater and dedicated community space, flexible space, actor spaces, public spaces and support spaces.

"Preserving the onsite heritage of the LGBTQ Fenway community, we are pleased that the Black Box Theater will be a cornerstone of 1252-1270 Boylston," said Andrew Flynn, CEO, Scape North America. "Our partnership with The Theater Offensive reflects our commitment to listening to the communities we serve, and we look forward to continuing to work with all stakeholders over the coming months."

#### **About The Theater Offensive**

The Theater Offensive is a social change organization that uses theater and the creative process to deconstruct oppressive practices and policies to liberate queer and trans people of color. TTO grew out of the queer guerilla street theater troupe, United Fruit Company, and was founded in 1989 by Abe Rybeck and other activists in response to the HIV/AIDS crisis. Since its founding, TTO has become the lead presenter of LGBTQ theater in New England and continually supports the creation of new and original work.

Today, the organization's mission is to present liberating art by, for, and about queer trans people of color that transcends artistic boundaries, celebrates cultural abundance, and dismantles oppression. TTO employs groundbreaking, interactive artistic programming to

discover and promote works by queer and trans people of color. TTO also creates thoughtprovoking programs, including educational programs, youth-centered leadership programs, community-led artistic experiences and people-powered civic engagement opportunities.

#### **About Scape North America**

Scape North America is headquartered in Boston and was formed in 2017 and focuses on innovative urban living solutions across the U.S. and Canada.

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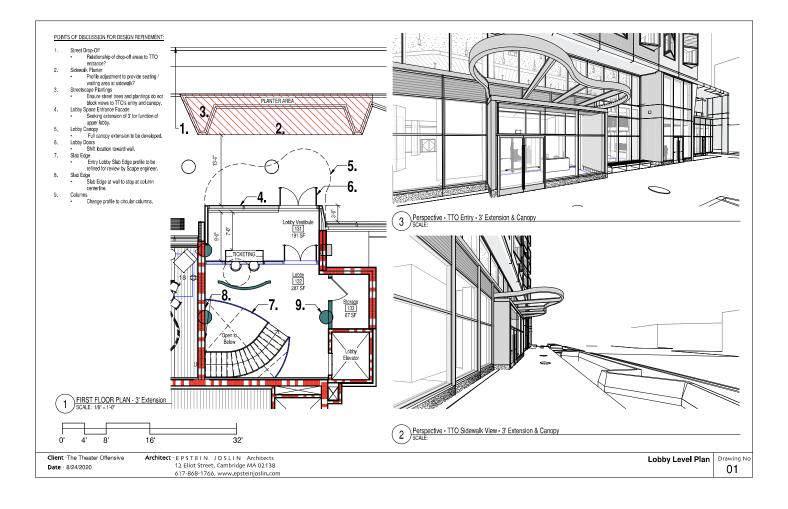
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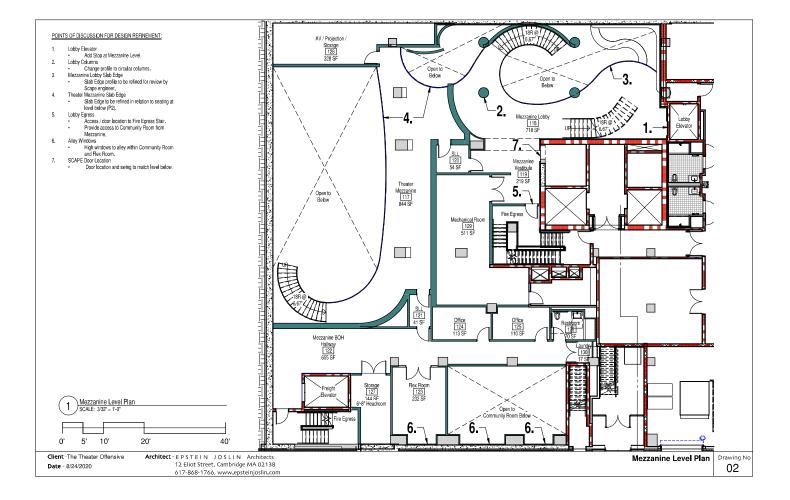
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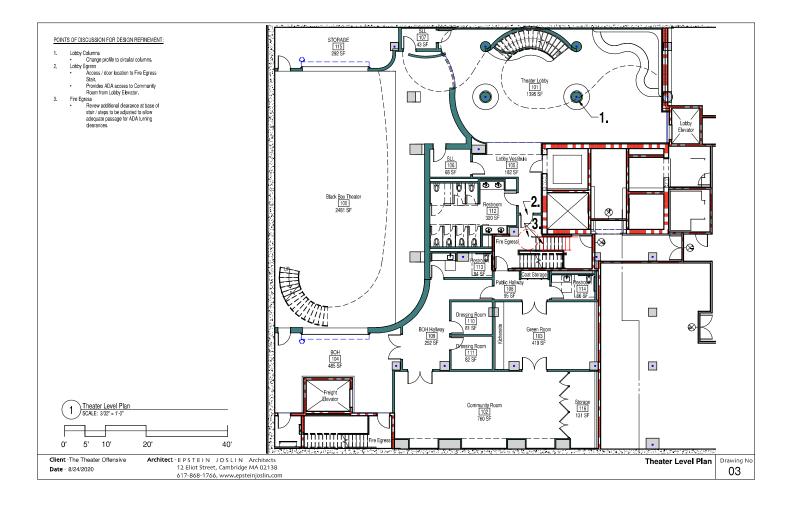


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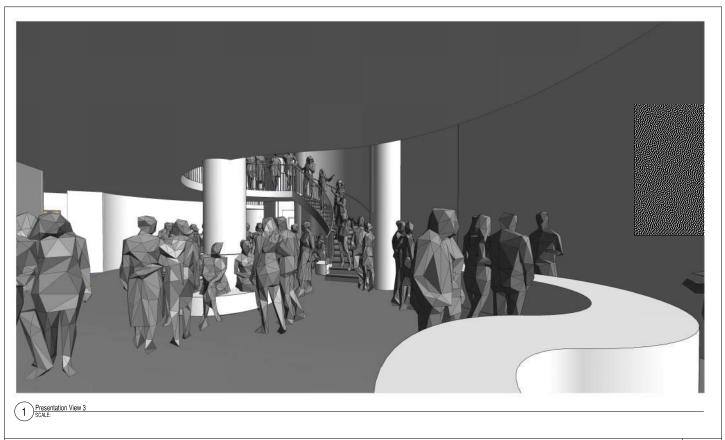






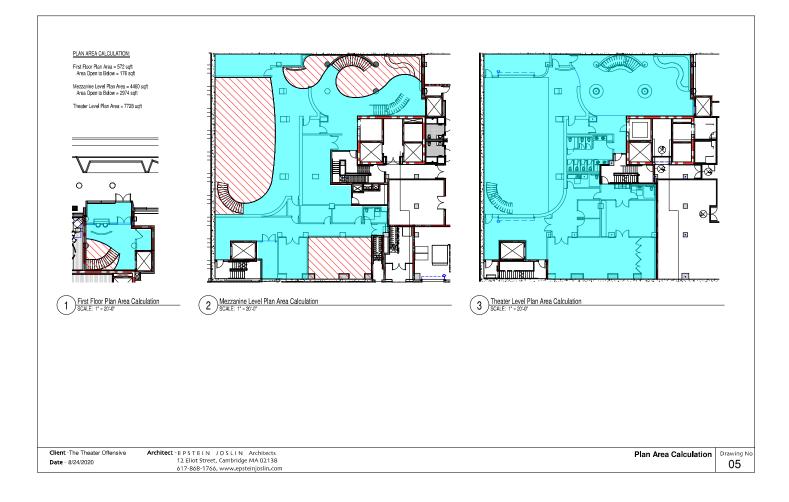


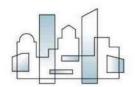




Client -The Theater Offensive Date - 8/24/2020







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### RE: SCAPE Boylston – Boston, Massachusetts Article 85 Demo Delay Mc/Sal Project Nº 18055.003

#### Subject: Development Alternative Analysis | 1252-1270 Boylston Street

Dear David,

In response to the Notices of Preliminary Determination by the Boston Landmarks Commission for Application #21.0049D2671 and #21.0048D2670, McNamara - Salvia has reviewed the viability of "Alternative #2: Retention of existing structure and new development above."

The existing building at 1252-1268 Boylston Street is a 2-Story structure consisting of reinforced concrete slabs, beams, and columns founded by shallow, drilled concrete caissons. At 1270 Boylston Street, the existing building is wood framed supported by masonry bearing walls. The structural limitations of the columns, masonry walls, and foundations of each of these existing buildings would not support the addition of 13- stories of residential use above.

At the time the buildings were constructed, there were no code provisions requiring resistance to seismic lateral forces and, accordingly, the building is not specifically detailed to resist these types of loads. Per Chapter 34 of the International Existing Building Code, the significant alteration and addition would also trigger seismic upgrades for the existing buildings and the addition of the building above would also increase the wind exposure to the existing building, also triggering a lateral force resisting system upgrade. The addition of these lateral force resisting systems (new concrete shear walls) would be cost prohibitive as it relates to the remaining usable space after the alteration and the planned programming for the space.

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Furthermore, in order to accommodate the geometric requirements of the proposed community black box theater, significant below-grade modifications to the structure would be needed to provide an adequately sized space. These modifications include removing existing columns and reinforcing the existing structure for longer spans which create the open theater space. A 4ft thick concrete mat foundation would need to be placed in order to support the new structure and resist hydrostatic pressures from the water table. Providing deep foundations instead of a mat foundation is not practical because of the high design water table that will be experienced due to the excavation of the basement. The depth of excavation and the height of the design water table would require a continuously running, below-slab drainage operation which was determined to be cost-prohibitive for this project. In lieu of this, the hydrostatic pressures will need to be resisted by the fully waterproofed mat foundation. The incompatibility of the deep existing foundations supporting the existing structure with the mat that supports new structure would pose settlement concerns by not allowing the entirety of the building to settle uniformly.

Should you need any further assistance with your alternative analyses, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Very truly yours, McNamara - Salvia

Brent R. Shannon, P.E. Senior Project Manager



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#### Memorandum

Date:	August 14, 2020	Project#:	187374
To:	David Hunt - SCAPE		
From:	Caitlin Gamache - Code Red Consultan	nts	
Re:	1252 - 1268 Boylston – Article 85		
Cc:	Rich Curtiss - Gensler		
	Zach Blanchard - Code Red Consultant	ts	

The building consists of a basement and 2-stories above grade. The building is currently arranged to provide ground floor retail spaces with individual points of entry from Boylston Street. There is a building lobby off Boylston Street that provides access to the Basement and Second Floor tenant spaces. The building is a concrete structure and provided with an automatic sprinkler system.

#### Alternative #1: Preservation and Reuse of the Existing Structure

Any major renovation and/or a change of use may require substantial upgrades to the building. The building was originally constructed as a parking structure. This poses challenges for both the means of egress system and eventual accessibility upgrades that will be required in order to address the varying floor elevations while efficiently utilizing the space.

First Floor tenant spaces have egress points at the front (Boylston Street) and rear of each space. The grade at the rear of the building is a story lower than Boylston Street, providing nonaccessible means of egress at the rear of the building. The tenant spaces on the west side of the First Floor (formally two restaurants) share a fire escape that measures 24-inches wide, capable of serving a maximum of 120 people. The Second Floor is provided with two interior stairs that measure 43-inches and 34-inches, limiting the use of the floor that utilize these exits to 385 people maximum. There are tenant spaces at the rear of the Second Floor that are served by existing fire escapes; one of which that requires the use of a ladder to reach grade. These egress components will limit the reuse of the space for certain uses/tenants.

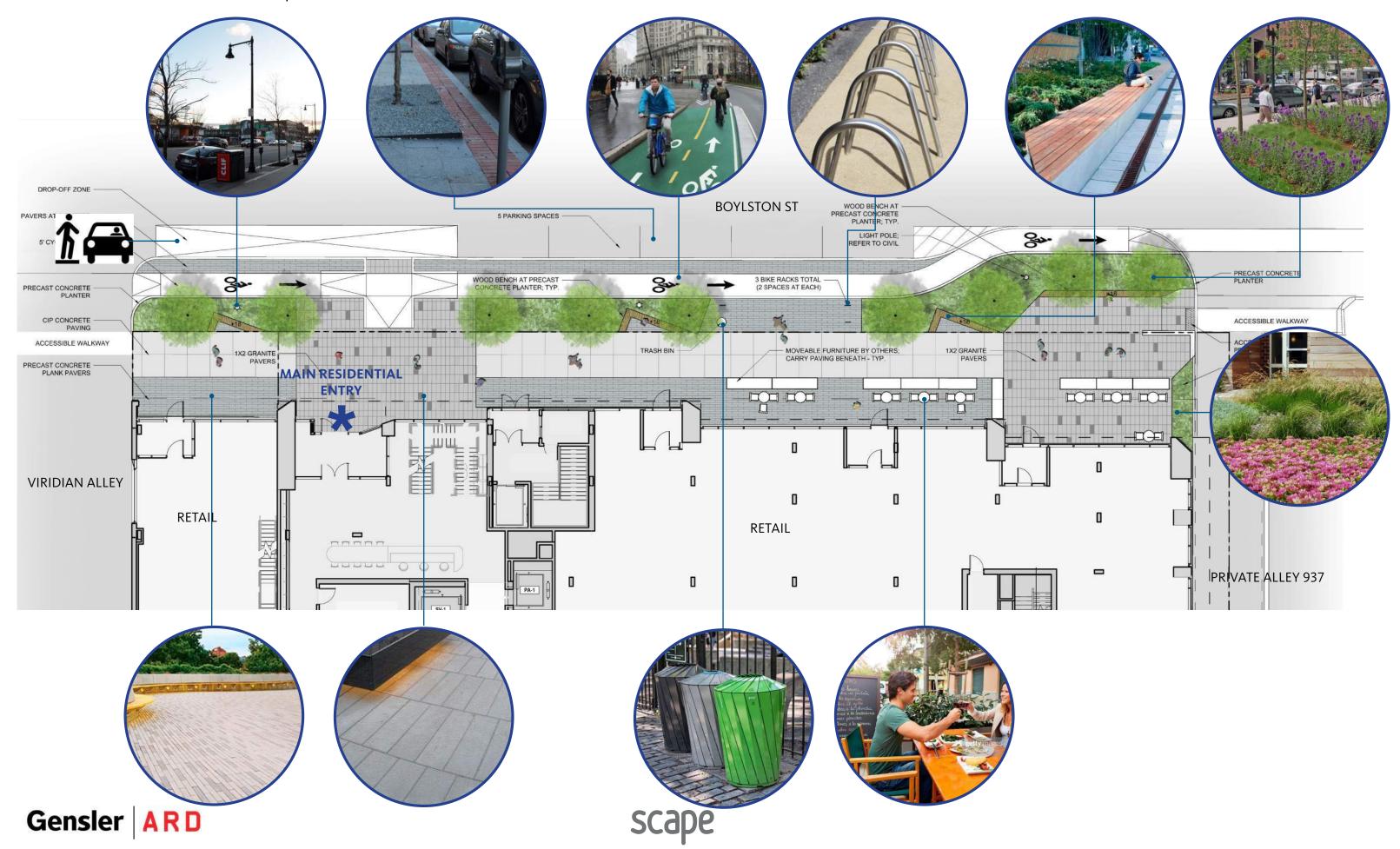
Additionally, if any work in a 3-year period exceeds 30% of the full and fair cash value of the building all public areas within the building will need to be upgraded to meet the current accessibility provisions of 521 CMR. Minimally, this would require the repair/upgrade of the existing elevator as well as additional vertical means of transportation (elevators and/or lifts) given the varied floor elevations throughout the building and the fact that the First Floor tenant with access to a Basement space is not provided with an elevator currently.

#### Alternative #2: Retention of Existing Structure & New Development Above

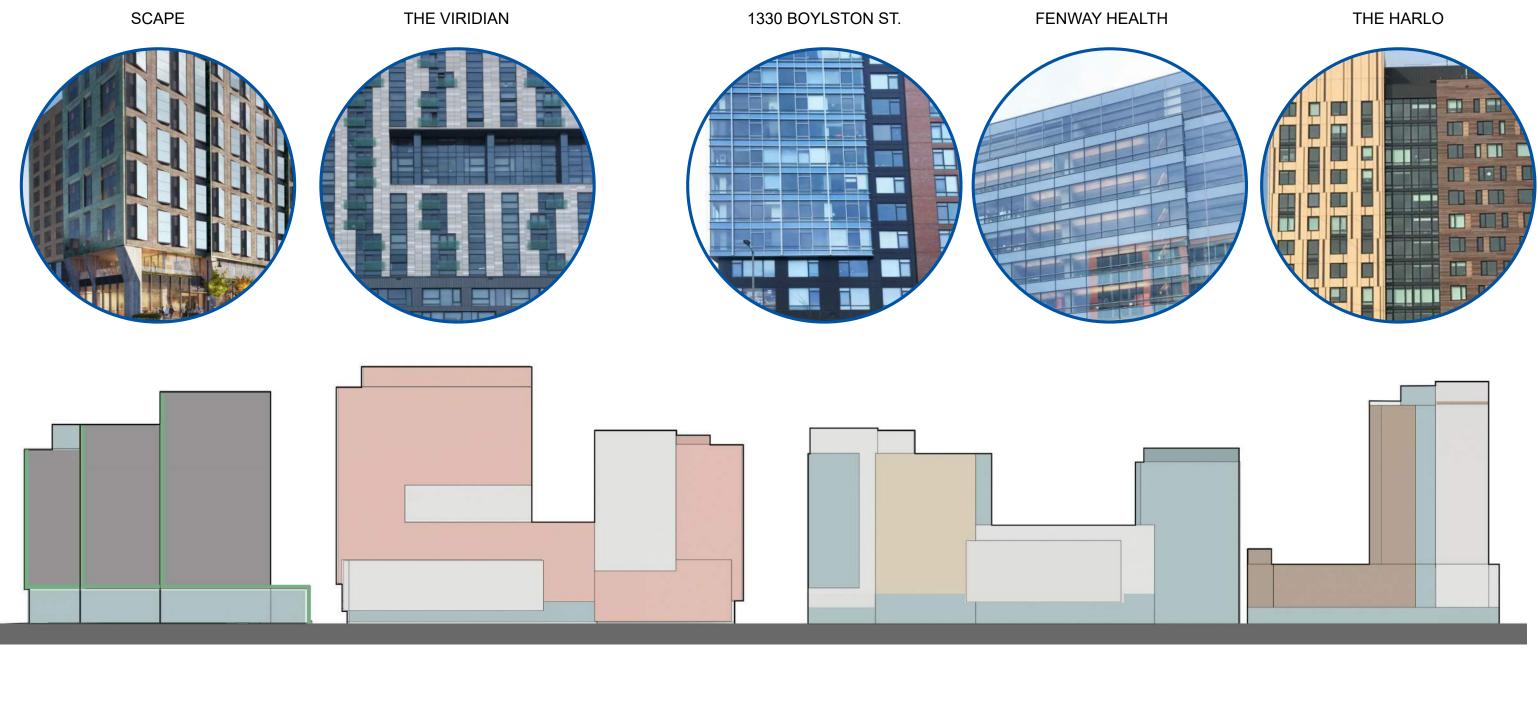
This option will demolish all interior members associated with the building and only the exterior walls would remain. This will require the new construction portion of the project to comply with new construction provisions of the applicable building and accessibility requirements.



### ALTERNATIVE NO. 3 | PROPOSED STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PLAN



### ALTERNATIVE NO. 3 | MATERIAL ANALYSIS





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GLASS METAL PANEL PRECAST

### ALTERNATIVE NO. 3 | PROPOSED MATERIALS

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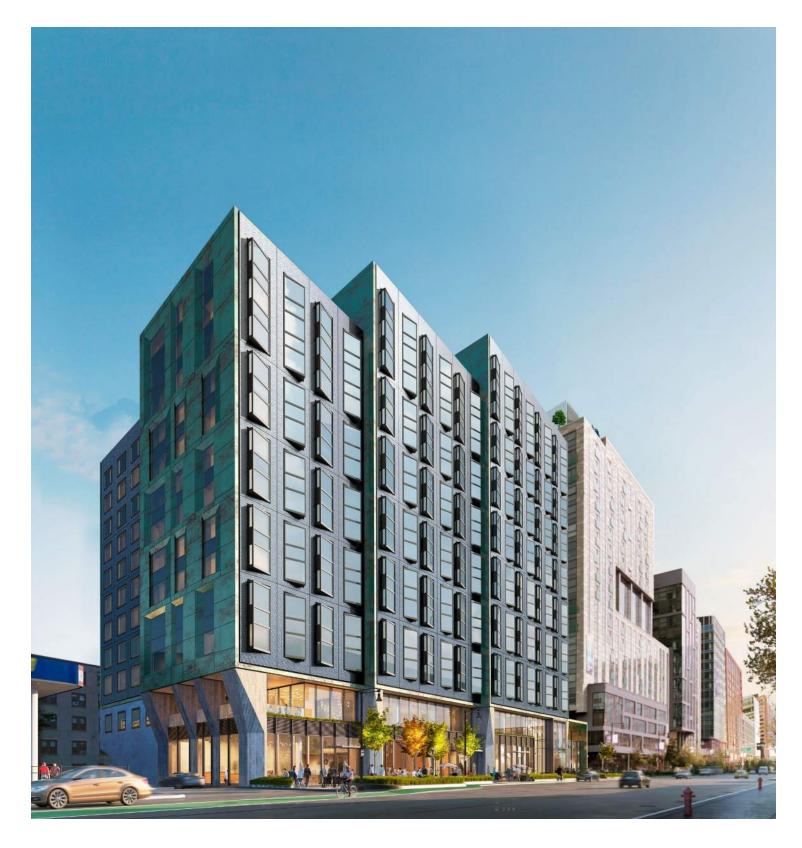


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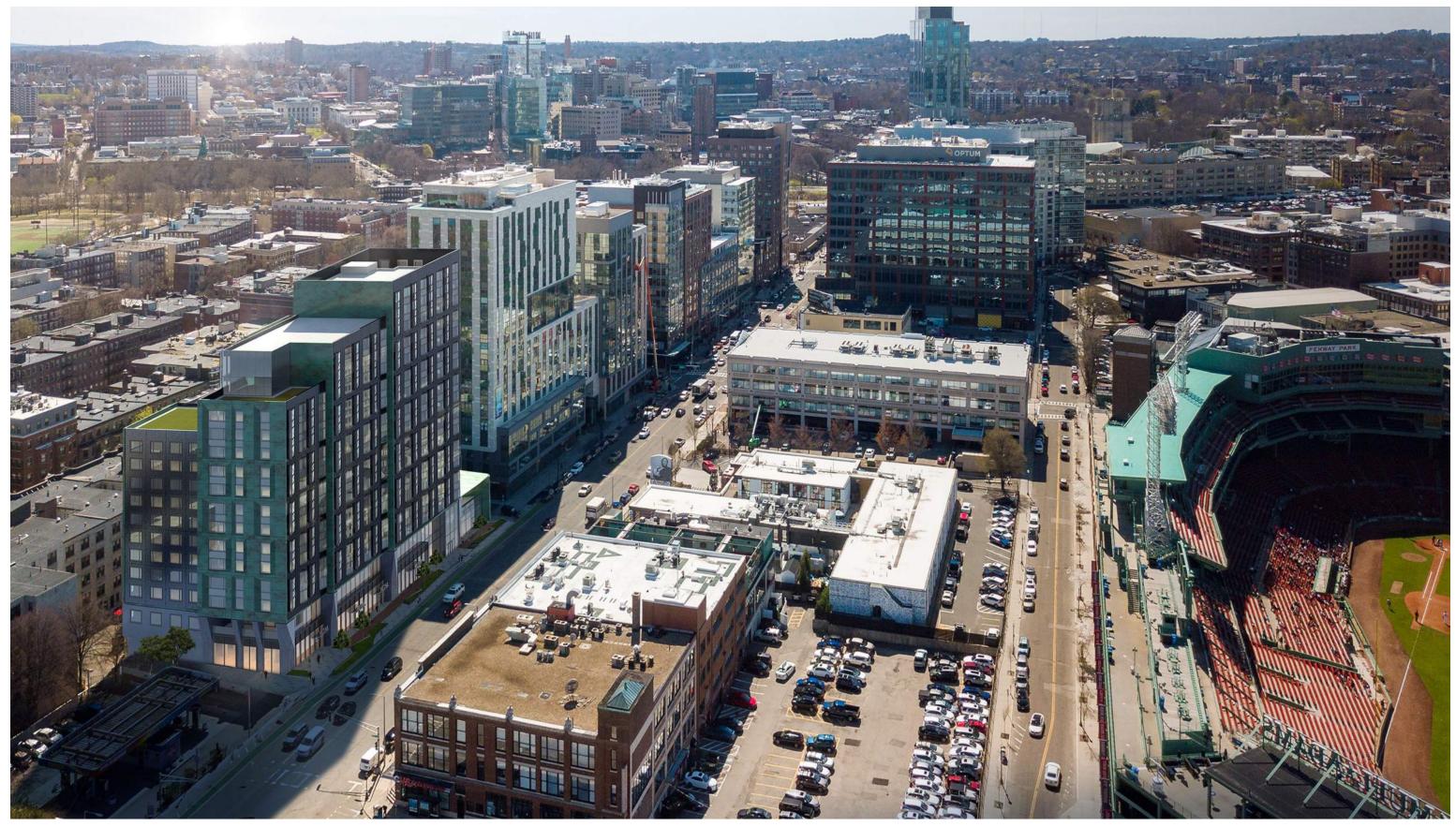


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## ALTERNATIVE NO. 3 AERIAL VIEW LOOKING WEST



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