



Metropolitan Area Planning Council

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FYI

October 21, 2004

Dear Local Official:

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) continues to bring people together from throughout the Metro Boston region to discuss critical issues related to "smart growth." We want to take this opportunity to invite you to a very special gathering on Friday morning, November 19, at Suffolk University Law School, 120 Tremont Street in Boston (see public transit and driving instructions enclosed).

The morning's activities span three complementary events. From 8 to 10 am, Secretaries Doug Foy and Ranch Kimball will discuss Romney Administration initiatives regarding smart growth. This is your opportunity not only to learn about Administration policies, but to provide input and ideas directly to these key leaders. [Please see the enclosed brochure, and **complete the separate registration form.**]

From 10 to 11 am, we welcome two nationally-known syndicated columnists, Neal Peirce and Curtis Johnson, who recently published "Boston Unbound," a report on the future of the Metro Boston region – along with provocative recommendations for change. MAPC staff worked closely with Neal and Curtis throughout their research, which was commissioned by The Boston Foundation. We guarantee that Neal and Curtis will leave you brimming with ideas and enthusiastic about the future!

But, for those of you who are Council members, we will ask you to stay in your seats for just another half hour, as we hold our Fall business meeting and fill a vacancy on the MAPC Executive Committee.

We look forward to seeing you on November 19!

Sincerely,

Richard Dimino
President

Marc Draisen
Executive Director

Please Join Us on November 19, 2004 for Three Important Events

Location: Suffolk University Law School
120 Tremont Street, Boston

Arrival time: 7:30 A.M. (complimentary continental breakfast)

Meeting #1

Smart Growth in Massachusetts: Regional Discussion

Time: 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Sponsored by: Office for Commonwealth Development

You are cordially invited to join Secretary Douglas I. Foy of the Office for Commonwealth Development, Secretary Ranch Kimball of the Executive Office of Economic Development, and MAPC staff to discuss smart growth in the 101 city and town MAPC region.

Meeting #2

Neal Peirce and Curtis Johnson, *Citistates*

Time: 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Syndicated journalists Neal Peirce and Curtis Johnson will join us to discuss their recent *Boston Unbound* report. The Boston Foundation commissioned the pair to take an independent look at the most critical challenges facing the Greater Boston region, and they offer insights to guide it "to become one of the most rewarding places on earth to live, learn and prosper for the 21st century."

Boston Unbound:

- Emphasizes the importance of collaboration to achieve a "resourceful, smart, truly successful 21st century Boston citistate community."
- Cites MAPC's MetroFuture project as one of the "groundbreaking efforts in that direction."
- Shares findings and recommendations for a diverse range of the region's sectors, from higher education to "smart energy."

Launched in May 2004, *Boston Unbound* is the subject of a series of special briefings this fall about the report's key findings, intended to activate change across the region. Neal and Curtis have stories to share from hundreds of interviews with opinion leaders across the region and will be available to answer questions. Their report is located online at: http://www.tbf.org/uploadedFiles/Citistates_final.pdf.

Meeting #3

MAPC Fall Council Meeting

Time: 11:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Fall Business meeting of the MAPC Council. A full agenda will be sent to all Council members before the meeting date.

DIRECTIONS TO SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

120 TREMONT STREET; BOSTON, MA

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Suffolk University is located at 120 Tremont Street, diagonally across from the Park Street MBTA station (red and green lines). It is also a short walk from the Government Center (green and blue lines) and Downtown Crossing (red and orange lines).

We strongly encourage the use of public transportation to access the building, as parking at the Law School is not available.

Via the Blue Line

From Wonderland Station to Government Center.

Via the Green Line

From Lechmere to Park Street;
from Riverside to Park Street;
from Boston College to Park Street;
from Cleveland Circle to Park Street.

Via the Orange Line

From Oak Grove or Forest Hills to Downtown Crossing, then the Red Line to Park Street.

Via the Red Line

From Alewife, Braintree or Ashmont to Park Street.

driving from the airport, see "by car" directions below.

By CAR

Please consult the following web pages for the most current driving information: www.mapquest.com and www.bigdig.com.

- **From the North:**
Take Expressway 93S or Route 1 South (the two merge in Boston) across the Leonard Zakim-Bunker Hill bridge into the new 93S tunnel. Take exit 24A to Government Center. At stoplight, veer right. At end of exit, go straight onto Clinton Street to next stoplight, and turn left onto North Street. Turn right onto State Street; State Street becomes Court Street; turn left onto Tremont Street.
- **From the South:**
Take Southeast Expressway (I-93N) to Boston to exit 23 Government Center. Turn left onto William McClellan Highway; turn slight left onto North Street; turn left onto Congress Street; turn right onto State Street; State Street becomes Court Street; turn left onto Tremont Street.
- **From the West:**
Take Massachusetts Turnpike 90 East to Expressway I-93N; enter the new I-93N tunnel; take exit 23 toward Government Center; turn left onto William McClellan Highway; turn slight left onto North Street; turn left onto Congress Street; turn right onto State Street; State Street becomes Court Street; turn

left onto Tremont Street.

- **From Logan Airport:**

Exit the airport and follow the signs to Boston/Sumner Tunnel;

there is a \$3.00 toll when traveling from the tunnel into Boston; upon exiting the tunnel bear right; immediately after the first traffic light, take the second left and then a sharp left onto Blackstone Street; at the end of Blackstone Street turn right onto North Street; proceed to the first traffic light, intersection of North Street and Congress Street; turn right onto Congress Street; follow the signs to the Government Center Garage on New Chardon Street (Safe Harbor Parking) approximately three blocks ahead on your left.

NEARBY PUBLIC GARAGES:

- Boston Common Underground Garage
- Province Street Garage (behind the Omni Parker House)
- Center Plaza Garage at One Center Plaza
- Charles River Garage at Lomasney Way
- Charles River Plaza Garage at Cambridge Street
- Government Center Garage at New Sudbury Street
- Longfellow Towers Garage at Staniford Street

November 19 Events Registration Form

Please let us know if you will attend the following events:

- Regional Discussion on Smart Growth (8:00 AM to 10:00 AM)
Complimentary continental breakfast served beginning 7:30 AM
(Registration deadline November 15, 2004)
- Dialogue with Neal Peirce and Curtis Johnson (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM)
- MAPC Fall Council Meeting (full packet to be mailed to Council
Members the week before the meeting) (11:00 AM to 11:30 AM)

Name/ Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

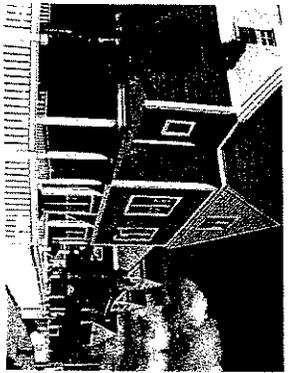
e-mail address _____

Daytime phone number _____

Please FAX this form to MAPC at: (617) 482-7185

OR e-mail to: SJCadet@mapc.org

OR mail to: Sandra Cadet
MAPC, 6th floor
60 Temple Place
Boston, MA 02111



Program

7:30 am – 8:00 am:
Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00-8:15:
Introductions

8:15-8:30:
Smart Growth
-The Smart Growth Continuum
-Buildouts
-418 Plans
-Other State Initiatives

8:30-8:45:
Smart Growth and Economic Development

8:45-9:00:
Best Practices
-Smart Growth Examples

9:00-9:20:
Regional Discussion
-Your Comments
-What Have You Done/What Are You Doing?
-How You Are Growing Smart?

9:20-9:40:
Romney Administration Smart Growth Initiatives
-Commonwealth Capital
-Technical Assistance
-Grant Programs
-Transit Oriented Development

9:40-9:55:
Question and Answer

9:55-10:00:
Concluding Remarks

Please indicate which event you would like to attend

_____ October 1st – Central/Montachusset Regions
RSVP Deadline 9/23

_____ October 13th – Cape Cod and the Islands
RSVP Deadline 10/1

_____ October 22nd – Pioneer Valley/ Franklin Region
RSVP Deadline 10/8

_____ November 12th – Merrimack Valley/ N. Middlesex
RSVP Deadline 10/29

_____ November 18th – Southeastern Mass./ Old Colony
RSVP Deadline 11/4

_____ November 19th – Metropolitan Boston
RSVP Deadline 11/5

_____ December 3rd – Berkshire Region
RSVP Deadline 11/19

Registration Information

Last _____ First _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone(_____) _____

Email _____

Mail to: Smart Growth Seminars / Office for
Commonwealth Development, 100 Cambridge Street,
Suite 101, Boston, MA 02114

e-mail the registration information and event date
listed above to Lauren.curtis@state.ma.us

Or fax your registration to 617-623-1399
Directions to the event will follow along with a
confirmation of your RSVP

Smart Growth in Massachusetts: Regional Discussions

You are cordially invited to join
**Secretary Douglas I. Foy of
the Office for
Commonwealth
Development,**

**Secretary Ranch Kimball of
the Executive Office of
Economic Development**

**And your regional planning
agency**

To discuss smart growth in your
region

Continental breakfast and
registration begin at 7:30 am.
Program to begin promptly at
8am

Space is limited.



Smart Growth in Massachusetts Regional Discussion Partners

Office for Commonwealth Development
Executive Office of Economic Development
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
Executive Office of Transportation
Berkshire Regional Planning Council
Cape Cod Commission
Central Mass Regional Planning Commission
Franklin Regional Council of Governments
Martha's Vineyard Commission
Merrimack Valley Planning Commission
Metropolitan Area Planning Council
Montachusett Regional Planning Commission
Nantucket Planning & Economic Development
Commission
Northern Middlesex Council of Governments
Old Colony Planning Council
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic
Development District

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