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RE: Proposed Smart Growth Overlay District

Dear Mr. Boyle:

Thank you for notifying the City of your intention to issue an Invitation to Bid for four surplus parcels located on Boston Way, Newburyport.

Through its Planning and Development Committee, the City Council has discussed possible adoption of a Smart Growth Overlay District pursuant to G.L. c.40R in this area. We support the general concept and find the MBTA property adjacent to the Newburyport Commuter Rail Station to be an appropriate location for 'smart growth' development. The City Council would be willing to consider creation of a Chapter 40R Overlay District in partnership with the MBTA and its designated developer.

We look forward to working with you on this initiative in the near future.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. O'Brien
City Council President