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Mark Boyle  
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Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority  
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Boston, MA 02116

Re: Proposed Smart Growth Overlay District

Dear Mr. Boyle:

It is my understanding that the MBTA intends to issue an Invitation for Bid (IFB) for four surplus parcels of land located on Boston Way in Newburyport.

This office has been working with the Planning Board to develop a Smart Growth Overlay District covering these and adjacent parcels pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40R. This area and the underutilized MBTA property would be an excellent location for mixed-use transit-oriented development surrounding the Commuter Rail Station. We hope that your IFB will result in the selection of a developer who will work cooperatively with the City to establish mutually agreeable regulations and guidelines for the redevelopment of this area consistent with this vision.

Our office looks forward to working with the MBTA, City Council, Planning Board and others to make smart growth and transit-oriented development a reality at this location.

Please contact me at your convenience at (978) 465-4400 if you have any questions moving forward.

Very truly yours,

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DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

CC: *Honorable Mayor Holaday*  
*Francis X. DeCoste, Jr., Transit Realty Associates*