

NOTICE OF MEPA SITE VISIT AND COMMENT PERIOD EXTENSION

EEA No. 14681 1265 Main, Waltham

Project Description: A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) has been filed with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to construct Phase 2 of a mixed-use development of up to 1,825,000 sf, including: 850,000 sf of office space; a 300-room hotel; 200,000 sf of retail and restaurant uses; 150,000 sf of health and wellness uses; and a potential 350-unit residential component. A Phase One Waiver was granted to the first phase of the project, which is under construction and includes 160,000 sf of restaurant and retail uses, 120,000 sf of office space for Clarks Shoes in a renovated building.

The project requires the preparation of a mandatory EIR pursuant to Sections 11.03(1)(a)(2), 11.03(6)(a)(6) and 11.03(6)(a)(7) of the MEPA regulations because it creates 10 or more acres of new impervious area (62 acres total), generates 3,000 or more new vehicle trips (29,700 new vehicle trips), and includes the construction of 1,000 or more new parking spaces (4,997 new parking spaces) respectively. The project requires a Highway Access Permit and a Transportation Improvement Permit from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT).

A meeting will be held to receive advice and comments from agencies, officials, and citizens regarding which environmental issues, if any, are significant for this project. Opinions as to the extent and significance of possible environmental impact will be welcome.

Please note: A large portion of the site is actively under construction and portions may not be accessible. It's highly recommended that attendees wear boots and/or hard soled shoes for the site walk portion if they plan on attending.

The Proponent has requested an extension to the comment period. On behalf of the Secretary, the Proponent's request is granted. The schedule outlined below reflects the extended comment period.

MEPA public meeting scheduled for: Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 10:00 AM. We will meet at the Flank Steak House Community Room (74 Tower Road, Waltham). A site visit will follow the meeting.

MEPA comments due on or before: 09/09/2016

Certificate due: 09/16/2016

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