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Baker-Polito Administration Celebrates MassWorks Infrastructure Project Groundbreaking in Brockton

**\$10 million in MassWorks funding will create needed parking for residential
and mass transit use**

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BROCKTON — Today, Governor Charlie Baker joined City of Brockton Mayor Bill Carpenter and other local officials to break ground on the second phase of the city’s Enterprise Block project. Brockton received a \$10 million MassWorks Infrastructure Grant Program award in 2016 for the project, which is considered a centerpiece to the city’s effort to reenergize Brockton center. The state provided \$1.27 million in 2015 MassWorks funding for streetscape improvements.

The city is partnering with the Brockton Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and the Brockton Parking Authority (BPA) to redevelop the 3.42-acre Enterprise Center site in downtown Brockton. The \$10 million MassWorks award will be used for the design, engineering, and construction of a new 414-space public parking structure on Petronelli Way. The project will leverage \$2 million in local funds for traffic flow improvements.

“The Baker-Polito Administration has been pleased to facilitate more than \$11.2 million in MassWorks awards in infrastructure projects to Brockton, as the city continues to build on renewed economic growth,” **said Governor Charlie Baker.** “Programs like MassWorks help to serve as a catalyst for downtown revitalization projects in Brockton as well as across the Commonwealth.”

“MassWorks enables municipalities, including gateway cities like Brockton, to advance their economic development agenda through funding a wide range of infrastructure programs,” **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. “Here in Brockton, the creation of much needed parking is a lynchpin for the revitalization of its city center, and will support new housing and new businesses.”

“From streetscapes to parking and traffic improvements in Brockton, the Baker-Polito Administration is responding to the unique needs of our cities and towns through the MassWorks program,” **said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash**. “We look forward to seeing the impact this project will have on residents, visitors, and employers in downtown Brockton.”

The project is located within a state designated Growth District at Petronelli Way, Lot 3 south side of the street between the existing residential building and adjacent to the next phase of Trinity Financial’s Phase II residential development. Petronelli Way will be made a two-way street and a new street will cross existing city-owned D and E parking lots connecting Petronelli Way and Court Street.

The new 414-space public garage will allow for the development of 111 new housing units, and unlock underutilized surface parking lots in Brockton’s downtown for future development. The Enterprise Block is a transit-oriented housing development by Trinity Financial, and permitted under the state’s Chapter 40R Smart Growth Zoning Overlay District Program.

“The parking garage is a transformative investment that will change the face of Downtown Brockton. The construction of this garage will unlock several vacant and empty parcels for development and allow for expansion of our largest downtown employers,” **said Mayor Bill Carpenter**. “More parking is a critical component to the successful revitalization of the Downtown. Thank you to the Baker-Polito Administration and MassWorks for investing in Brockton.”

“Thank you to MassWorks for providing more than \$11.2 million in funding for infrastructure projects for the City of Champions,” **said Senator Michael Brady**. “Brockton’s continuing economic growth will revitalize our downtown and bring business back to our city.”

“The groundbreaking of this parking garage is one of the many redevelopment projects happening in downtown Brockton as we advance Brockton’s economic development goals. The parking garage will create opportunities for new businesses and investment in our downtown,” **said Representative Claire Cronin**. “This is a great example of state government investing in and supporting initiatives that improve our cities.”

“I am pleased that Brockton has secured this funding through the MassWorks Program,” **said Representative Gerry Cassidy**. “This project is an answer to the demand for parking in downtown Brockton and another step towards revitalizing the City of Champions.”

The redevelopment of Brockton's Enterprise Block advances the vision of the city's Transformative Development Initiative district designated by MassDevelopment as well as the completion of its Downtown Action Strategy and an Urban Renewal Plan. The Project complements downtown streetscape improvements funded through a \$1.27 million 2015 MassWorks grant.

The project is expected to be completed by September 2019.

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program provides a one stop shop for municipalities and other eligible public entities seeking public infrastructure funding to support housing production, economic development, and job creation through strategic investments in public infrastructure. Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded over \$274 million to 134 projects in 106 communities throughout the Commonwealth, spurring the development of over 2 million square feet of commercial and retail space, over 7,000 immediate housing units, at least 7,000 square feet of new public space, 1,200 new hotel rooms, and commercial/retail space.

In August 2016, Governor Baker signed [An Act Relative to Job Creation and Workforce Development \(H.4569\)](/governor/press-office/press-releases/fy2017/governor-baker-signs-economic-development-legislation.html), which included a \$500 million reauthorization of the MassWorks program to fund investment in critical infrastructure, a significant commitment by the Commonwealth. In August, the Governor signed economic development legislation that includes an additional \$250 million in new MassWorks authorization.

More information is available at the [MassWorks website](/hed/economic/eohed/pro/infrastructure/massworks/).

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