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Baker-Polito Administration Announces \$1 Million MassWorks Infrastructure Award in Revere

*Grant will fund Ocean Avenue improvements as first step toward
future hotels*



REVERE – Dec. 18, 2019 – Today, Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy joined House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo, Revere Mayor Brian M. Arrigo, Representative RoseLee Vincent, and other local leaders to announce a \$1 million MassWorks Infrastructure Program grant for Revere. The project will relocate overhead utilities and make intersection improvements on Ocean Avenue, clearing the way for two hotels planned near Revere Beach.

The MassWorks Ocean Avenue Gateway project will also include the resurfacing of approximately 2,000 feet of roadway, and the reconfiguration and resignalization of the intersection at Revere Beach Parkway. Collectively, the two permitted hotel sites will generate over 300 rooms and an 80-seat restaurant, with the larger of the two developments valued at \$40 million.

“MassWorks is a valuable program that maximizes return on investment for capital funding, delivering vital infrastructure repairs that improve public safety while stimulating local and private development, job growth and housing production,” **said Governor Charlie Baker.** “We will continue to collaborate closely with local leaders to identify opportunities and target public resources toward the growth and wellbeing of communities across the Commonwealth.”

“As former municipal leaders, Governor Baker and I know firsthand the value of flexible grant programs like MassWorks, which help communities make targeted enhancements and provide opportunities for economic development,” **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito.** “Today’s award will accelerate local commercial growth and job creation, better preparing Revere for the future.”

“This administration recognizes the importance of reliable, modern infrastructure to the safety and success of communities of all sizes,” **said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy.** “This new MassWorks award builds on past grants and supports Revere’s vision for Ocean Avenue by unlocking new hotels and housing and benefiting the restaurants and businesses along Revere Beach.”

These MassWorks improvements will also support increased multi-modal safety and connectivity between two prior MassWorks Infrastructure Projects at Shirley Avenue and Revere Beach Parkway. Additionally, the project will provide ancillary benefits for

an adjacent 200-unit, multi-family housing development, which is currently under construction. All three private developments are located within a half mile of the Revere Beach MBTA Subway Station, and all three will advance the goals and vision of the city's Revere Beach Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) District.

“The infrastructure improvements will help advance the long-term goal of a well-conceived Revere Beach Transit-Oriented Development District. Thanks to the support of Governor Baker, Speaker DeLeo, Senator Boncore, and Representative Vincent, this will fuel the momentum happening in Revere, benefiting residents, visitors, and businesses along Ocean Avenue,” **said Mayor Brian M. Arrigo**. “The grant monies will support the growth of our local economy, creating walkable space between the mixed-use community, centered between two T-stops. Infrastructure improvements that advance transit-oriented development is key to a vibrant, sustainable, and attractive community that encourages residents and visitors alike to utilize public transit.”

“Ocean Avenue is an important corridor in Revere, and this grant will play an important role in improving and maintaining access to this community's most precious natural resources – Revere Beach – as well as develop the surrounding area for current and future residents and visitors,” **said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo**. “The House has a long history in supporting infrastructure investments across the Commonwealth that draw visitors and support local business growth and develop housing in close proximity to public transit and public recreational spaces.”

“Congratulations to the city of Revere on receiving this MassWorks grant. We are excited for the opportunities this grant creates for infrastructure improvements along Ocean Avenue to build on Revere's continued renaissance,” **said Senator Joe Boncore**. “The investment is a springboard for economic gains and makes necessary steps to increase our housing stock. By advancing our goals for transit-oriented development, this grant guarantees that improvements we make are accessible to all.”

“Thank you to the administration and to Speaker DeLeo for his advocacy for this MassWorks Grant. These upgrades from Eliot Circle to Shirley Avenue will enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors to Revere Beach alike. The project the City and DCR seek to undertake includes new lighting fixtures, new crosswalks, upgraded sidewalks and a resurfaced street,” **said Representative RoseLee**

Vincent. “Oftentimes, constituents contact my office concerned about the state of the sidewalks along Ocean Avenue, as well as the condition of the street itself. I believe these targeted upgrades will be a great step toward improving Ocean Ave.”

Through the 2019 MassWorks round, the Baker-Polito Administration will award more than \$72 million in MassWorks awards to a diverse mix of 36 projects in 35 communities across the Commonwealth, including nine Gateway Cities and eight communities that will receive MassWorks funding for the first time. The awards will unlock a total of \$2.3 billion in private investment and more than 4,600 new full-time jobs, along with more than 3,100 new housing units, more than a third of which are affordable, building on the Administration’s efforts to tackle the ongoing housing shortage through complementary programs like [historic funding for affordable housing](#) and the proposed [Housing Choice legislation](#). The transformative projects funded by the 2019 awards were selected from 92 applications, totaling \$223 million in requests.

Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded more than \$456 million in MassWorks grants to support 219 shovel-ready projects in 141 communities. MassWorks funding has leveraged over \$9.2B in private investments and made possible the creation of more than 14,000 new housing units and tens of thousands of construction and permanent jobs.

Governor Baker signed economic development legislation in August 2018 that included substantial new funding for municipalities, including another \$250 million for MassWorks awards. The legislation built on the Baker-Polito Administration’s work to partner with communities to catalyze economic development and create new opportunities for residents across the Commonwealth, including the [2016 Job Creation and Workforce Development act](#), which authorized \$1 billion to support economic development efforts across the state, including a \$500 million authorization for the MassWorks Infrastructure Program, enhanced tools and the introduction of new strategies for job-readiness efforts.

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