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Re: Redevelopment of the John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center

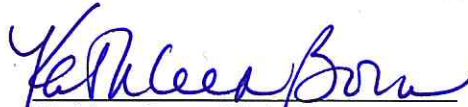
Dear Ms. Sigel:

The Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) is very pleased that the General Services Administration (GSA) and the US Department of Transportation are moving forward with the redevelopment of the Volpe Center – a unique development opportunity in Kendall Square. As you know, the CRA has a long history with this property dating to 1965 and has undertaken multiple efforts over the years to realize the full potential of the site. We continue to work with the City of Cambridge and developers on projects in and around Kendall Square aimed at enhancing the local and regional economy. A redeveloped Volpe property could be the centerpiece of such an effort – no less important that the one the CRA, the City, and the United States Department of Transportation began after the withdrawal of NASA from the property in July of 1970.

The CRA is not a potential purchaser of the site and therefore is not in a position to respond to the specific survey questions within the RFI. We are, however, interested in participating in whatever manner might be most helpful for the City of Cambridge, the GSA, the Volpe Center, and a future redeveloper in order to bring about the delivery of a high quality development consistent with what is currently taking place within the MXD zoning district. As one example of how that involvement might come, the CRA owns a parcel of land on the block at the intersection of Binney and Third Streets that perhaps could be better integrated into the redevelopment.

The CRA is, first and foremost, Cambridge's redevelopment authority, and therefore will continue to work closely with the City on the accomplishing of our unique mission. Please accept this letter as the CRA's formal expression of support for the current collective efforts of our Federal government partners, and our willingness to assist in your redevelopment effort in a positive, practical way that makes sense for all parties. Thank you.

Sincerely,
CAMBRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY


Kathleen Born, Chair

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