

RESOLUTION OF CAMBRIDGE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING  
AMENDMENT NO. 11 TO THE KENDALL SQUARE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN,  
RENAMING THE PLAN THE KENDALL SQUARE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN  
AND MAKING CERTAIN OTHER CHANGES

The Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (the “CRA”), following a public presentation of Amendment No. 11 (the “Amendment”) to the Kendall Square Urban Renewal Plan, as amended to date (the “KSURP”) at its meeting held on September 16, 2020 and after consideration of all of the facts and comments presented to the CRA, hereby finds as follows:

That the CRA, through public notice and hearing, has made the Amendment available for public inspection and comment, has duly considered the Amendment at its September 16, 2020 meeting, and has discussed previous drafts of the Amendment at prior public sessions;

That the Amendment amends and restates the KSURP in its entirety, providing for the CRA, the general public, and all users of the KSURP a comprehensive document incorporating the new changes that are recommended in the Amendment alongside the previous text;

That the City of Cambridge sought to identify alternative sites for a proposed electrical substation to more adequately serve the Kendall Square commercial district and the broader East Cambridge neighborhood;

That the Amendment provides modifications to the land use and development controls to provide the development rights needed to create a suitable substation location within the KSURP, and to extend the duration of the KSURP plan by five years to 2035 to accommodate project implementation;

That the Amendment further seeks to rename the KSURP as the Kendall Square Urban Redevelopment Plan in recognition of the disproportionate impact urban renewal programs of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century had on communities of color and the community equity mission of the CRA in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century;

That the redeveloper impacted by the Amendment has been notified of the Amendment, has been given an opportunity to comment on the Amendment, and that comments offered by the redeveloper have been considered in the Amendment;

That changes to the City of Cambridge Zoning Ordinance (the “Ordinance”) will also be necessary to align with the Amendment; and

That through allowance of a utility substation use and the introduction of additional density in the area, the Amendment represents a significant change in a basic element of the KSURP and it therefore represents a major plan change requiring a public hearing, findings by the Cambridge Planning Board, approval by the Cambridge City Council, and review by the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency;

NOW THEREFORE, the Authority states as follows:

1. The Amendment, attached to and made a part of this vote, is hereby approved.
2. The Executive Director is hereby directed to:
  - a. file a certified copy of the Amendment with the minutes of this meeting;
  - b. forward a certified copy of the Amendment to the Cambridge Planning Board with a request that it make a determination that the proposed change is in conformance with the general plan for the City of Cambridge as a whole;
  - c. forward a certified copy of the Amendment to the Cambridge City Clerk, along with a request that the Cambridge City Council hold a public hearing on the Amendment and that it consider the Amendment for approval<sup>1</sup>; and
  - d. on the condition that the Amendment is favorably considered by the Planning Board and City Council, forward the Amendment to the Department of Housing and Community Development for approval in accordance with applicable law.

Approved by a vote of the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority on September 16, 2020

<sup>1</sup> How about MEPA (ENF and other MEPA Review if Secretary So Requires.]? 301 CMR 11.03 (1)(b)7. Approval in accordance with M.G.L. c. 121B of a New urban renewal plan or a major modification of an existing urban renewal plan