



NORTH END CENTRAL ARTERY COMMITTEE

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Mr. William D. Tuttle  
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RE: Parcel 9 Comments

Dear Mr. Tuttle:

As you know, the North End Central Artery Advisory Committee (NECAAC) was founded in 1993 (originally as NEWCAC) to monitor Big Dig construction and still meets regularly to advise on relevant projects and to protect the unique quality of life in our community.

We want to thank the four respondents that submitted development proposals for Parcel 9. It is wonderful to have so much interest in this important location, one that has great historical significance for the neighborhood.

Rather than express a preference for any single proposal we have conducted a detailed review and evaluation of the key features of each of the four proposals. Below are comments on each proposal (listed in alphabetical order) preceded by general considerations that we urge the Turnpike Authority to give great weight to in its decisions for Parcel 9. These considerations are of utmost importance to maintain and implement the long-term vision and protections for Parcel 9 development that were established with the design guidelines we and many other members of the public helped formulate in the series of community working meetings facilitated by the Turnpike Authority and the BRA last year.

The Haymarket

It is crucial that the historical vending operation at Haymarket be protected and supported so that it can continue in its current location and form, providing the invaluable service it does today as recommended by the Project for Public Spaces. It should be the best market possible.

The Ground Floor Market at Parcel 9 should follow the principles and recommendations in the Boston Market District Feasibility Study prepared for the BRA by the Project for Public Spaces, including the following:

Parcel 9 and its connection to the market should be handicap-accessible.

Public restrooms are a must.