



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
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TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

This is the response to the 17F: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding White Stadium. (**Docket #0637 filed on 3/24/2026**).

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

Franklin Park Coalition closely reviewed and commented extensively on the lease and stadium use agreement. **The most recent public materials, including the latest transportation meeting presentation, are available [here](#).**

3. Please provide all available data related to public input on the White Stadium project, including both support and opposition. This request includes:

- Methodology used to collect input (e.g., surveys, meetings, outreach efforts), including when and how data was collected
- Survey instruments and all questions as presented to participants
- Sample size and selection criteria, including how participants were identified and contacted
- Number and percentage of direct abutters engaged and any available summary of their responses
- Data disaggregated by project version, where applicable
- Respondent characteristics, including neighborhood and any available demographic information
- Identification of responses from direct abutters, where available
- Dates of responses and the method used to collect each response
- Any additional documentation explaining how public input was analyzed or Summarized

Since July 2023, the City has maintained two publicly available feedback forms (general and transportation-specific) at boston.gov/whitestadium, a monitored project email inbox, and public comment periods at all large meetings. Responses were tracked for recurring themes and fed back into planning. In 2024 alone, the project received over 900 public comments. In addition, [the Franklin Park Coalition independently surveyed over 700 park users](#), producing nearly 60 discrete recommendations, the majority of which have been incorporated into the project.

How Input Shaped the Project

1. **Design:** Three major design phases responded directly to community feedback, resulting in: reducing the West Grandstand width and field size; removing the bean building in The Grove; protecting character-defining landscape elements; reducing pavement in The Grove and aligning pathway design with Franklin Park Action Plan recommendations; removing vehicles from Playstead Road; consolidating program into wings; relocating the scoreboard; replacing permanent fencing with temporary

infrastructure; embracing cross-functional use of both grandstands; and maintaining and expanding the 8-lane track with new field sports opportunities.

2. BPS Athletics programming and operations: Coaches, athletic directors, and BPS staff shaped the programmatic scope from the ground up, with ongoing engagement continuing to refine facility specifications and interior spaces.

3. Lease Agreement and Community Benefits: With the support of the Franklin Park Coalition and many neighborhood groups and residents, the City successfully negotiated for legally binding commitments including: a per-ticket surcharge dedicated to Franklin Park and the Franklin Park Action Plan; BLFC's \$500,000 annual community fund contribution for youth sports, health and wellness for local Black and Brown communities, and local business investment; explicit prioritization of BPS and community events in the Stadium; lighting and noise monitoring requirements; new annual funding for BPS athletics, establishment of White Stadium Neighborhood Advisory Council, and [the largest private benefits package ever negotiated by BPS and the City of Boston](#).

4. Transportation: Community input shaped core elements of the transportation plan, including MBTA shuttle station selection and a landmark commitment to electric shuttles. While the City expects to finalize the Transportation Access Plan Agreement (TAPA) shortly, after receiving and incorporating more than 200 comments, the City is continuing to seek feedback on neighborhood parking protection, visitor passes.

4. Please provide documentation detailing the full financial scope of the White Stadium project, including:

- All calculations related to project costs beyond the publicly stated \$135 million

Please see the attached GMP which breaks down the \$135M project cost.

- Any associated debt service, bond authorizations, interest obligations, or other financing mechanisms

The City plans to finance the project with the sale of General Obligation (GO) bonds. The authorization to issue debt for this purpose has been provided by the City Council in various loan orders filed over the past 3 years.

- Total projected cost over time, including repayment schedules

When the City issues bonds to pay for the cost of a project, we end up repaying both the principal and interest on those bonds. Typically, the City expects to see around 3-5% interest rates on our bonds.

- Documentation describing how these costs will be funded

To fund our capital projects, the City issues General Obligation (GO) bonds, which are backed by the full faith and credit of the City. We repay the debt on these bonds from the Operating Budget's debt service.

- The anticipated duration of any repayment obligations

The City typically issues bonds with a 20 year maturity.

5. Please provide all versions of the following agreements, including documentation of revisions and execution dates:

- Lease agreements between the City of Boston and Boston Unity Soccer Partners, Boston Legacy Football Club, or any related entities

Please see the attached zip file which contains the legal agreements associated with the project

- Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) construction contracts with BOND Building Construction or any related entities

Please see the attached GMP which breaks down the \$135M project cost.

For each document, please include:

- Dates of execution and amendment

The lease and shared usage agreement were signed on December 23rd, 2024. There was an amendment to the lease signed on July 25, 2025 , and a second amendment signed on November 24th, 2025

- A summary or redline of changes between versions, where available

Negotiations between parties are not available to be shared.