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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE SOUTH BOSTON WATERFRONT STRATEGIC TRANSIT PLAN

- WHEREAS:** The South Boston Waterfront has been at the center of Boston's development boom, with a large number of existing and future big scale projects that add thousands of housing units, as well as office, commercial, and laboratory spaces in the area; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The explosive growth of the South Boston Waterfront in recent years increased the overall density of and daily trips to the area, bringing tens of thousands of residents, commuters and visitors to the area, and there is a critical need to address issues of connectivity and congestion in the area; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The intention of the South Boston Waterfront Strategic Transportation Plan is to address the transit needs of this neighborhood, with the goal of putting forth recommendations and strategies to improve the operation, capacity, and connectivity of the city's transportation network to the South Boston Waterfront; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The South Boston Waterfront Strategic Transportation Plan, started in 2019, is led by the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) and the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), and so far has had only four public meetings, the most recent one being in March of 2022; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The draft plan recommendations were released in March, and the city seeks to release its final recommendations for the plan during the winter of 2022, however, there were many concerns from the community regarding the recommendations set forth and changing transportation conditions during the pandemic, as well as the lack of community process and meaningful engagement with residents, businesses, and stakeholders; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The impacts of any changes from the plan would most certainly be felt throughout the entire South Boston community, and there are concerns that recommendations for Summer St, Congress St, and Seaport Boulevard would negatively impact residential and commercial areas, as well as the port area- which is a significant driver of our city, state and regional economy; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Concerns remain about a lack of direct and meaningful engagement with both the greater South Boston community and the marine and fishing industries located in Raymond L. Flynn Marine Industrial Park, and it is critical that a thorough community process accounts for their feedback; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss the South Boston Seaport Transit Plan. Representatives from the Boston Transportation Department (BTD), Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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