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FUTURE ADAMS GREEN PARK SPACE REACHES SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE

The City—with Howard/Stein-Hudson as the lead engineering firm—is moving forward with the design of the public works, transportation infrastructure, and streetscape improvements related to the Adams Green park project. On Wednesday, June 13, 2012 the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will hold the 25% Design Public Hearing for the public works, transportation infrastructure, and streetscape improvements necessary to support the design and construction of the Adams Green Park. The hearing will be conducted by MassDOT engineering staff and will take place from 7:00-9:00 P.M. at the Thomas Crane Public Library's Community Room, located at 40 Washington Street in Quincy.

Although the 25% design public hearing is a requirement of the MassDOT review process, this is not the only opportunity for members of the public to register comments on the project. Howard/Stein-Hudson gave a preview of the 25% design to the members of the City Council at the Downtown Committee Meeting on May 9. Many residents and other stakeholders attended this meeting and provided valuable input. Further, the project team has set up a project website (www.adamsgreen.info), Twitter feed, e-mail listserv, and Facebook page to provide regular updates on the project's progress.

The 25% design public hearing marks a key milestone in the Adams Green project. As Quincy Planning Director Dennis E. Harrington explained, "This MassDOT-funded effort is significant because it will result in a final roadway and streetscape design that will allow the design and construction of the Adams Green Park space—the new focal point for Quincy Center—to finally come to fruition. I would like to thank the engineering and planning staff at MassDOT for their efforts to work cooperatively with the City to move this project forward in such an expeditious fashion."

Quincy is using a reprogrammed federal transportation earmark (SAFETEA-LU) in the amount of \$6 million for the design and construction of the roadway, public works and streetscape improvements. Design of the park space, which is currently underway with Halvorson Design Partnership as the lead landscape Architecture firm, is being funded with a \$1 million award under the Commonwealth's Gateway Cities program.

"The funding commitments made by our federal and state partners over the last year are a clear sign that the downtown project has garnered considerable support," said Mayor Thomas P. Koch. "Adams Green is one of many components of the downtown project moving forward, and this project, will be the centerpiece of the New Quincy Center."