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Boston Redevelopment Authority
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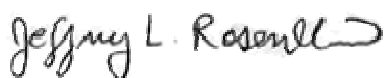
Dear Mr. Autler:

LivableStreets Alliance appreciates the opportunity to provide initial feedback regarding the proposed **amendment to the Harvard University Institutional Master Plan**. Because the IMPA does not meet the requirements of the BRA's Scoping Determination, **we ask that the BRA defer approval** until critical issues are addressed, including:

1. Missing is a full representation of Harvard's intended outcomes for the 5, 10, and 20-year timeframes for streets, blocks, and major physical features. Also missing are details on the relationship to the existing plans, Charles River, open space plans, public realm, pedestrian and bicycle circulation, transit, and architectural form and character.
2. Needed are neighborhood plans showing existing and proposed building heights, building uses, pedestrian circulation, open space, vehicular circulation, and transit. The area to be included in the plans should be at least 1,500 feet in all directions from the proposed project sites. Included must be diagrammatic sections through the neighborhood cutting north-south and east-west.
3. The assumption that 50% mode share can be established for these new projects needs justification. Details regarding the proposed new road Stadium Way must be provided, including the location, connection to existing streets, and vehicular volume.

LivableStreets Alliance would like to collaborate with you on addressing these issues.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director, LivableStreets Alliance