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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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City of Somerville
Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development
93 Highland Ave
Somerville MA, 02143
617-625-6600

Request for Release of Funds

On or after **April 9, 2025**, the City of Somerville will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the following funds: Community Project Funding, and Section 108 Loan funds to undertake a project to be known as Clarendon Hill Phase II located at 34 North St. in Somerville, MA. The project is to be undertaken on A site that contained a 216-unit public housing complex, built in the 1950s, is being demolished and rebuilt in three phases. The new development will be a 591 unit mixed-income development, with 216 units still being public housing, 75 rental units restricted to households at or below 80% AMI, 5 rental units restricted to households at or below 110% AMI, and 295 unrestricted market rate units. The project design includes physical traffic calming treatments, improvement of residents' access to the surrounding community (including safe access to the large, green, open space across the street), and the creation of an equitable neighborhood out of an isolated housing development. The development is currently owned by the Somerville Housing Authority and each phase will be transferred through a 99-year ground lease. An award of \$2,400,000 in CPF funding has been allocated, and an application has been submitted for \$9,750,000 as a Section 108 Loan. The project is a collaboration between the Somerville Community Corporation, the Preservation for Affordable Housing, and the Somerville Housing Authority. The total estimated cost of this phase of the project is \$98,000,000.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The City of Somerville has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) and is available upon request. Any individual, group, or agency may submit written questions on the ERR to Miranda Rubin, City of Somerville, OSPCD, 93 Highland Ave. 3rd Floor Somerville, MA 02143. ERR may be examined or copied during normal business hours' Mon, Tues, and Wed, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Thurs 8:30 AM-7:30 PM, Fri 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on this activity may submit written comments to the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development at the address indicated above or to mrubin@somervillema.gov. All comments received by April 23, 2025 will be considered by the City of Somerville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice and proposed project they are addressing.

Environmental Certification

The City of Somerville certifies to HUD that Katjana Ballantyne, the Certifying Officer, in her capacity as Mayor of Somerville consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Somerville to use HUD program funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Somerville's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Somerville; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the HUD Office of Community Planning and Development at Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building 10 Causeway Street, 5th Floor Boston, MA 02222-1092, (617) 994-8350 or via email: ma_webmanager@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Katjana Ballantyne, Mayor of Somerville, Certifying Officer

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
KATJANA BALLANTYNE
MAYOR

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The **Somerville City Council's Land Use Committee** and the **Somerville Planning Board** will hold a joint public hearing on **Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 6:30 pm**.

This meeting will be held in the Committee Room, on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, and by remote participation, using the Zoom platform. To attend and be heard, enter the link exactly as it appears below into your internet browser. You will then be asked to register for the meeting.
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_djr_iA-BRle8NPCQwWLq6g

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments concerning the following:

- 15 registered voters requesting a Zoning Text Amendment to amend the Zoning Ordinance sections 3.1.8c, 3.1.9c, 3.1.10c, 3.1.13k, 3.1.13l, 3.2.12l. and 3.2.12m.
- Mayor Ballantyne requesting ordainment of an amendment to Articles 2-5 and 10 of the Zoning Ordinance to remove conflicts with the State Building Code.
- Mayor Ballantyne requesting ordainment of an amendment to Article 2 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the Building Official to waive certain dimensional standards for means of egress.

Zoning amendments may be viewed online by searching the Somerville City Council's [online meeting calendar](https://somervillema.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx) (<https://somervillema.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>) for the address or item number.

Final language of the above amendments may be modified by the City Council during the legislative process. Persons unable to attend the hearing may provide comments by email to the Planning Board and the City Council at publiccomments@somervillema.gov. Comments must be received no later than 12 Noon the day of the Hearing to ensure they are conveyed to the Committee for inclusion with the hearing testimony. The Chair(s) may opt to extend the period for written comments, in which case additional comments will be accepted until the date indicated. This information can be found in the minutes of the meeting.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
167 HOLLAND STREET, 3RD FLOOR
SOMERVILLE, MA 02144
BID #S2026-04

The School Committee of the City of Somerville invites sealed bids for:
School Bus Transportation Services for Special Needs Students

The IFB package may be obtained by emailing Leah Arredondo in the Finance Office, larredondo@k12.somerville.ma.us or can be picked up at the Somerville School Department, Finance Office, 167 Holland Street, Somerville, MA 02144 on or after **Tuesday, April 8, 2025**.

Sealed bid responses will be received no later than **4 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2025** at the Finance Office, Somerville School Department, 167 Holland Street, Somerville, MA 02144 at which time and place they shall be publicly opened and read aloud. This is a three (3) year contract: **July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028**.

The School Committee of the City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part or parts thereof, waive any minor informality in the Bid process and to award the Contract that is deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Somerville School Department.

Patricia Durette
Interim Chief Financial Officer
Somerville Public Schools

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
RFP # 25-61

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement and Contracting Services Department, invites sealed bids for:

Parking Management Information System

A request for proposals (RFP) may be obtained online at www.bidexpress.com, <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement>, or from the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **Wednesday, April 9, 2025**. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **2:00 pm, Wednesday, May 7, 2025**. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please email Felisa Garate at fgarate@somervillema.gov for more information.

Felisa Garate
Procurement Analyst
617-625-6600 x3406

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Removal of Public Shade Trees

City of Somerville

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 87, the City of Somerville will hold a **virtual public shade tree hearing on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** using Zoom software to consider the removal of the following 12 public shade tree(s):

- 350 Broadway on Dartmouth Street - Two callery pear: 13.6” diameter, fair condition, 9.3” diameter, fair condition
- 32 Florence Street - One callery pear: 4.8” diameter, fair condition
- 44 Franklin Street - One littleleaf linden: 16.0” diameter, fair condition
- 62 Franklin Street - One green ash: 12.4” diameter, good condition
- Opp 66 Franklin Street (across from) – Two honeylocust: 10.1” diameter, good condition, 8.2” diameter, fair-good condition
- 97 Washington Street on Franklin Street - One callery pear: 16.7” diameter, good condition
- 22 Mount Vernon Street - One Norway maple: 21.4” diameter, fair-good condition
- 57 Myrtle Street - One green ash: 14.8” diameter, good condition
- 41 Myrtle Street - One flowering cherry: 8.4” diameter, good condition
- 63 Perkins Street - One callery pear: 18.5” diameter, good condition

Trees are proposed for removal as part of a sewer rehabilitation project. Removals are required to make spot repairs to sewer mains. Replacement trees will be planted. More information on the project will be provided during the hearing.

The trees identified above have been posted for public inspection. **In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 87, any objections to the removal of any of these trees must be submitted in writing to the Tree Warden prior to or at this public hearing.** Documents may be sent via email to: trees@somervillema.gov, or mailed to: Vanessa Boukili – OSPCD, City of Somerville, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, this Public Shade Tree Hearing will be conducted via remote participation. A recording of this hearing will be available upon request to trees@somervillema.gov.

Registration URL: <https://tinyurl.com/h2m7s8uz>
Webinar ID: 831 1694 5434

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
167 HOLLAND STREET, 3RD FLOOR
SOMERVILLE, MA 02144
BID #S2026-05

The School Committee of the City of Somerville invites sealed bids for:
**School Student Transportation Services Including
Charter Transportation for Somerville Public Schools.**

The IFB package may be obtained by emailing Leah Arredondo in the Finance Office, larredondo@k12.somerville.ma.us or can be picked up at the Somerville School Department, Finance Office, 167 Holland Street, Somerville, MA 02144 on or after **Wednesday, April 9, 2025.**

Sealed bid responses will be received no later than **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2025** at the Finance Office, Somerville School Department, 167 Holland Street, Somerville, MA 02144 at which time and place they shall be publicly opened and read aloud. This is a three (3) year contract: **July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028.**

The School Committee of the City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part or parts thereof, waive any minor informality in the Bid process and to award the Contract that is deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Somerville School Department.

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