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Brockton awarded \$2.65m MassWorks grant

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Brockton, MA The city of Brockton will receive \$2.65 million from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the MassWorks Infrastructure Grants program. These funds will be reimbursed to the city to fund road, utility, and housing development on Garfield St. and Terminal Place.

This project will focus on mixed-use land development and improve connectivity within the neighborhood adjacent to the MBTA's Campello station – one of three commuter rail stations in town. The focal point of the development is 5 Terminal Place, which is currently a tow yard that interrupts the flow between the Campello station and the adjacent neighborhood. The new “Campello Place” will be 94 units of market-rate housing in a mixed-use building. The ground floor will include 5,000 s/f of commercial space.

The grant is part of a \$68 million aid package presented by governor Charlie Baker for 36 housing, road and economic development projects across the state.

“These funds allow us to breathe life into an underutilized resource in our city. Campello Place is a testament to the fact that our ‘City of Champions’ is just that. We are a strong community that is only getting stronger,” said mayor Robert Sullivan. “I thank MassWorks, governor Baker, lieutenant governor Karyn Polito, and Housing and Economic Development secretary Mike Kennealy for this opportunity.”

“Campello is one of the first settled areas in what would become the City of Brockton and remains an important focus of redevelopment efforts. Garfield Street serves as an important link between the historic business district and the Campello MBTA Commuter Rail Station,” said Rob May, director of planning and economic development for the city.

“I am so pleased that the full amount of Brockton’s request for Neighborworks funds has been approved at the state level. The roadway and sidewalk reconstruction planned will further connect Keith Park and the surrounding neighborhood with the MBTA Campello Commuter Rail Station, enhancing the area for already approved and future redevelopment,” said City Councilor Susan Nicastro of Brockton’s fourth ward.

Physical infrastructure improvements will be vital to the construction and success of Campello Place. Critical to this cornerstone development is the replacement of 100-year-old sewer and water lines. The current system is continuously failing and needs upgrading, especially in light of this

multi-million dollar development. Four breaks in the sewer line will be repaired and the water main on Garfield Street will be expanded from six to eight inches, an enhancement that will facilitate more efficient water flow through the area and permit future development.

The MassWorks Infrastructure program is administered by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Brockton was one of nine Gateway Cities to receive funding during the 2020 MassWorks application cycle.

Construction on this project is expected to begin June 2021.

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