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**CITY OF HAVERHILL**

In Municipal Council

ORDERED:

That the sum of **\$65,000.00** be appropriated and transferred from *General Fund Capital Projects* to the Capital Project – *Rail Trails*



JAMES J. FIORENTINI  
MAYOR

**CITY OF HAVERHILL  
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January 6, 2012

City Council President John Michitson  
& Members of the City Council

**RE: Rail land purchase**

Dear Mr. President and City Council Members:

Enclosed, please find an appropriation of \$65,000 for the purchase of land abutting the current Bradford Rail Trail.

Currently, we are in negotiations with parties who occupy the property. We've asked them to provide us with permanent easement and public access to the portions of property next to the Bradford Rail Trail.

The City must purchase this land by January 18<sup>th</sup> or risk the sale of this property to other parties. As you may remember, on November 29<sup>th</sup> the Council authorized me to enter into negotiations for the purchase of this property.

We have every indication that our negotiations will be successful, however we do not want to lose this important opportunity to provide access and parking for the Bradford Rail Trail.

Very truly yours,

James J. Fiorentini  
Mayor

JJF/lk  
Encl.



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MAYOR

November 23, 2011

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President Michael J. Hart  
Haverhill City Council  
4 Summer Street  
Haverhill, MA 01830

RE: Purchase of Additional Railroad Right of Way in Bradford

Dear President Hart and Members of the City Council:

I am attaching the following order that would permit me to secure purchase of land from Pan Am Railways along the western edge of the Bradford Rail-Trail. This land was not part of our original purchase of the 0.5 mile stretch of riverfront land we purchased at the end of 2008.

The land in question is accessory to the Rail Trail, which would provide greater access and parking for users of the Rail-Trail, which continues to grow in popularity. The neighbors of the Rail-Trail, whose support is so critical to the project, have expressed a desire for the City to obtain additional off-street parking for the users of this parkway.

When Pam Am Railways is able to negotiate a private offer to sell portions of their remaining right-of-way and rail corridor, State law provides a public entity, including the city, the opportunity to match the offer and obtain the land for public use. I have notified the Massachusetts Department of Transportation our intention to do just that. There is no negotiation possible on price. \$65,000 is the figure we are required to match.

At this juncture, we are discussing with the State the possibility of using some recently earmarked funds to the City for this land acquisition. If this is not allowed, then we will seek to secure City funds to secure the land before January 18, 2012.

I am acutely aware that there are private businesses and structures which exist on the railroad land, which the City has no desire to own, occupy or eliminate. These entities pay taxes to the City for the buildings themselves but not the land. I will ask City department heads to work to sell off or remove these structures from the land that the City will acquire.

Given the timelines we face with State and Railroad requirements, I would ask the Council or subcommittee to process expeditiously regarding this opportunity.

I have asked Andrew Herlihy to be present to address any questions you might have regarding this process. Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

James J. Fiorentini  
Mayor



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**CITY OF HAVERHILL**

In Municipal Council November 29 2011

ORDERED:

"That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to purchase on behalf of the City of Haverhill the premises located at South Elm Street (Assessor's Map 710, Block 6, Lots 1, 7 and 8), containing 29,400 square feet, more or less, from Pan Am Systems Railways as a designated purchaser pursuant to M.G.L. c. 161C, §7 for a sum not to exceed \$65,000.00, pursuant to the attached "Response Sheet" which is incorporated herein. Further, the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute any and all other documents as required to complete said purchase and comply with all of the terms of sale."

PASSED

APPROVED:

Attest:

*[Handwritten signature of City Clerk]*

*[Handwritten signature of Mayor]*

City Clerk

Mayor

*mayor*

M.G.L. CHAPTER 161C-7

FACT SHEET

INITIATED BY: Aisha Reed, Project Coordinator – Rail Unit  
FILE NUMBER: 11C- 4  
TOWN: Haverhill, MA  
OFFERING RAILROAD: Pan Am Systems Railways  
PRICE: \$65,000.00  
NAME OF RIGHT OF WAY: Georgetown Branch  
PARCEL IS: RIGHT OF WAY IS:

Part of an Abandoned R.O.W.	Yes
Adjacent to R.O.W.	N/A
Other	N/A

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**DESCRIPTION OF PARCEL: (See Attached Plan)**

The offer is for 29,400 square feet in Haverhill, MA which is railroad property of the Pan Am Systems. The property is part of the Georgetown Branch right-of-way.

**POLLING RESULTS: (Pending)**

**AGENCY WISHING TO PURCHASE: (Pending) City of Haverhill**

**RECOMMENDATION: (Pending)**



AGENCY POLLING under MGL 161C SEC.7  
(Attachment to Statement of Interest)

FILE NUMBER: 11C-4

TOWN: Haverhill, MA

INTERESTED AGENCY RESPONDING:

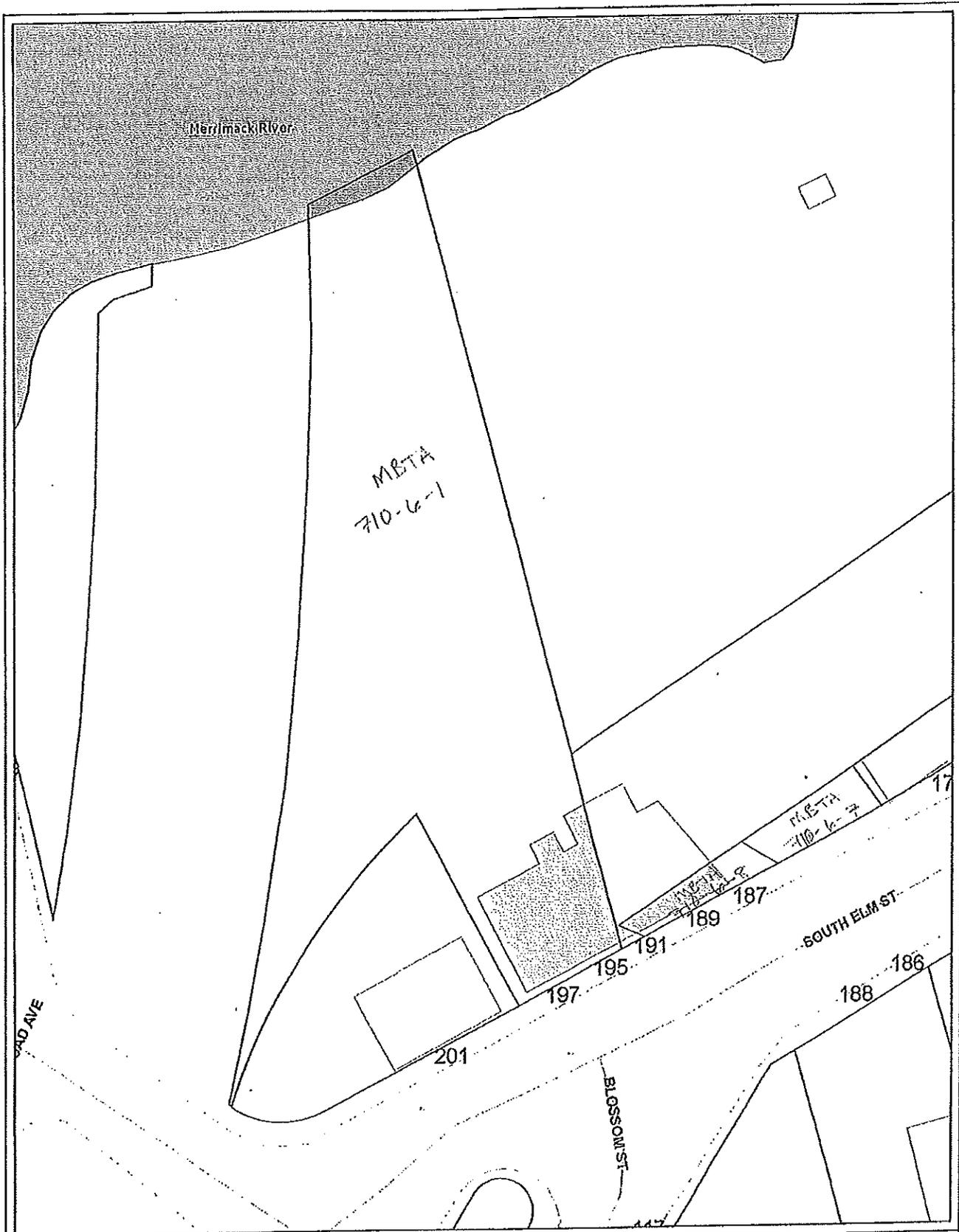
PART A

If your Agency has responded to MASSDOT'S Poll with a Statement of Interest, please complete the following, attaching further information as necessary:

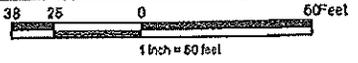
- (1) Describe the transportation use and purpose intended for this property:  
*Please include any plans or maps related to your response*  
*The City of Haverhill is interested in purchasing and securing this property as accessory land to our Bradford Rail-Trail project, which has been officially designated by MassDOT as a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) alternative transportation project. This land would be beneficial for access/egress, parking and other public uses that would benefit the users of the Rail-Trail. It is also the property along the Rail-Trail closest to the MBTA Bradford Train Station, potentially enhancing access to this important facility.*
- (2) State the reasons for and benefits of the recommended acquisition: *This land would be beneficial for access/egress, parking and other public uses that would benefit the users of the Rail-Trail. It would provide a buffer between the Rail-Trail project, the local businesses, and the active Boston and Maine line that intersects nearby to the property in question.*
- (3) Confirm your commitment to provide funds for purchase, including the amount, source, programming status and authorization for funds: *The City of Haverhill is committed to paying \$65,000 for this land, in order to satisfy the terms and conditions of this agreement. These funds would come from our stabilization funds or other Free Cash, if it cannot be accessed through our recent Supplemental Budget Item (Chapter 142 of the Acts of 2011) or supplement local aid allocation.*
- (4) Demonstrate conformance with local and regional transportation plans. *As stated previously, this project will be part of the Bradford Rail-Trail project (MassDOT project #605720). This project is included in the Regional Transportation Plan and is currently slated for construction funding through the Merrimack Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for FFY2013 as a CMAQ project. This project is currently out to bid for design.*

SUBMITTED BY: James J. Fiorentini, Mayor  
(Name and title)

DATE: November 16, 2011



City of Haverhill, MA  
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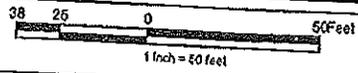


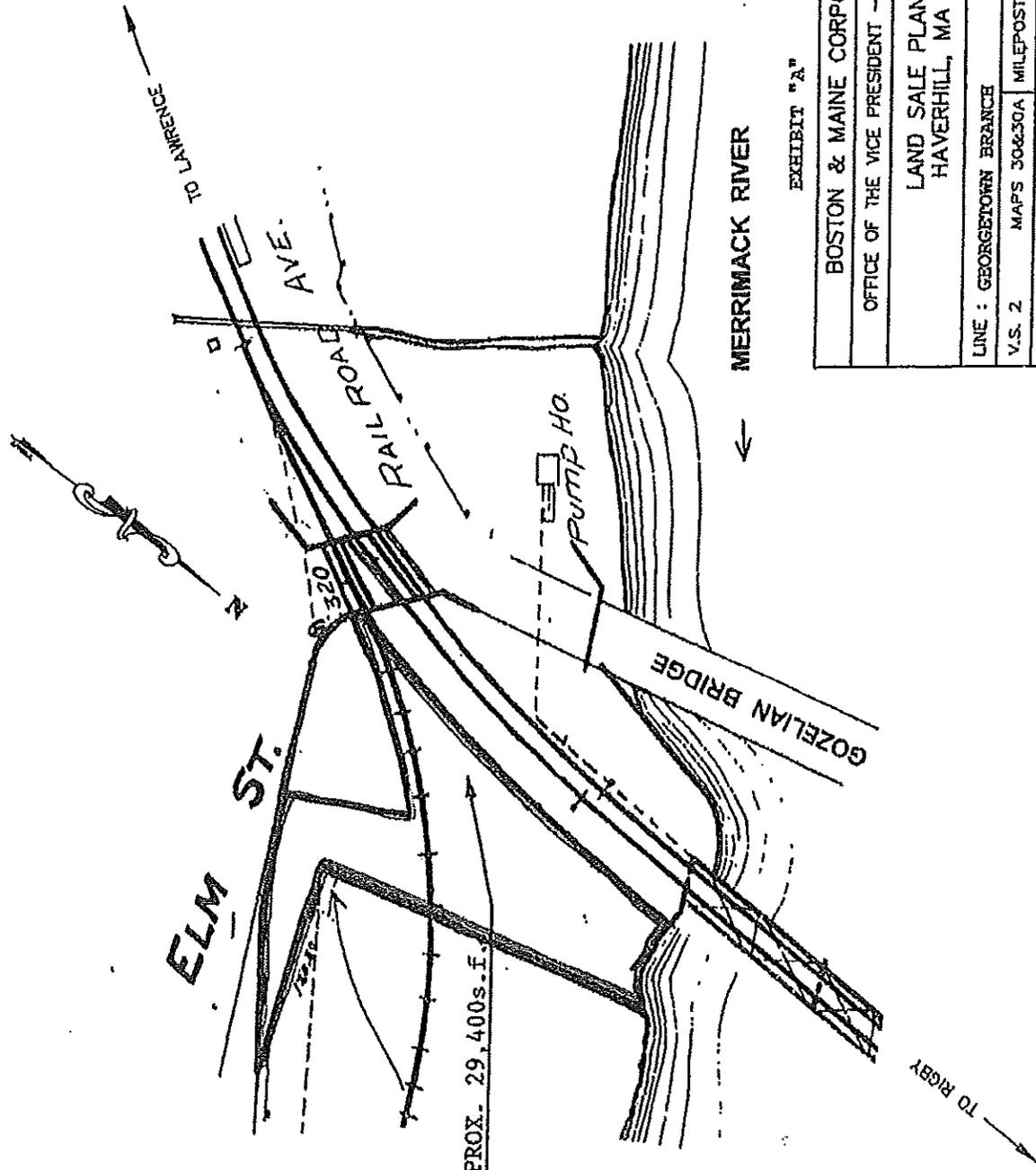
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**City of Haverhill, MA**

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AREA=APPROX. 29,400s.f.

EXHIBIT "A"

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