

Amended Preliminary Master Plan - Planned Unit Development

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Introduction

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Report

This report is submitted in connection with the site plan submission entitled, “Amended Preliminary Master Plan, Planned Unit Development, Assembly Square Drive (APMP PUD ASD), Somerville, Massachusetts”, dated May 2014 (the “Project”) and the previously approved “Amended Preliminary Master Plan, Planned Unit Development, Assembly Square Drive (PMP PUD ASD), Somerville, Massachusetts”, dated June 2010.

For Site Location Map refer to Figure 1.

For existing utilities referenced in this report please refer to the drawings in the Site Plans entitled:

- Utility As-Built SV-1 thru SV-13 dated March 9, 2012

For proposed utilities referenced in this report please refer to the drawings submission entitled:

- Grading, Drainage and Utility Plans 1 thru 5 dated May 2014.

1.2 Study Description

This report confirms and updates findings in a report by Green International Affiliates, Inc., (GIA), which analyzed for the Somerville Office of Housing and Community development (OHCD), all existing utilities, and future improvements within the Assembly Square Revitalization Area (ASRA). The GIA report is entitled “Utility Analysis Report (UAR) for Assembly Square Revitalization Area Somerville, Massachusetts” and was completed in November, 2001. The report describes the locations, sizes and capacities of the following existing utility systems: sanitary sewers, water mains, storm-water surface drainage, telephone, gas, electric, cable TV, communication and fire alarms. The OHCD developed a potential build-out scenario in that report for the entire ASRA which was used as the base for the existing utility analyses and to identify the necessary improvements needed to support the potential build-out.

This report confirms the existing utility findings in the GIA Report and suggests proposed utility improvements in a similar format as was presented in the GIA report to support this Project.

This report was prepared using some of the information contained in the 2001 GIA Utility Analyses. In order to avoid repeated references to the GIA 2001 Utility Analyses, this report contains all the utility existing information, data and analyses that are valid for current conditions. Any additional information regarding existing utility information that has been recognized since the previously approved PMP PUD is also reflected in this report.

1.3 Existing Utilities

Existing utilities information within the PUD area were obtained from actual on the ground instrument survey performed by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) in March of 2010 and March of 2012. Some underground utilities are based on field observation and information of record. They are not warranted to be exact.

1.4 Existing Utility Improvements follow-up

The master developer, Federal Realty Investment Trust, has constructed all necessary utility infrastructure for the full buildout of the Project in the proposed streets of the PUD area in 2010 and 2012.

Water Distribution System

Existing Conditions

2 WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

2.1 Existing Water Supply and Distribution System

The City of Somerville owns and maintains the public water distribution system that services the Assembly Square Revitalization Area (ASRA). The City's water distribution system supplies both domestic and fire protection water to the area. This system is part of a city-wide interconnected network that is supplied by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) through seven metered connections. The City is supplied by both MWRA's high service and low service pressure systems. The water distribution system within the Assembly Square area is part of the City's low service system.

MWRA Meter 91 is located at the intersection of the Fellsway West and Middlesex Avenue and provides the closest supply of water to the Assembly Square area from a 48-inch cast iron water main located in Middlesex Fells Parkway (Fellsway). The City does not have any water storage facilities or any pumping stations that service this area.

The MWRA has preformed water main improvements to Meter 91 and the existing 48-inch water main located in Middlesex Fells Parkway. The water main improvements consisted of cleaning, cement-mortar lining, internally sealed joints, 48-inch restrained joint pipe and valving.

Information provided by the MWRA concerning Meter 91 is as follows:

The Average Hydraulic Grade Line Elevations is 184 ft. (Boston City Base Datum)

Refer to Appendix "B" for the MWRA Meter 91 water readings and Somerville's total daily water flows between 2004 and 2006.

The existing system is comprised of water mains ranging in age from 1917 to 1982 and in varying conditions. The water distribution system is described as follows:

- More that half of the system was installed in the 1920's while most of the remaining mains were installed during the 1970's and 1980's.
- The City's water mains sizes are all 8-inch diameter and larger which meets the minimum recommended size for adequate fire flows.
- The primary connection to the MWRA meter is a 20-inch diameter cast iron main installed in 1925 by the City within and along Middlesex Avenue.
- Several branch lines of varying diameter feed off the 20-inch main between Middlesex Avenue and the Fellsway.
- The remainder of the system along Foley Street, Assembly Square Drive and Mystic Avenue consist of a 12-inch diameter pipe interconnected to create several loops.

- The piping network in this area, for the most part, was installed to create a looped system around buildings sites and is interconnected to the city-wide network at several locations.
- The piping has generally been installed within the limits of the City's roadway system and has sufficient valving at most intersections to facilitate isolation and redirection of the flow during emergency or maintenances situations.
- As part of the ongoing approved work a portion of the existing 12-inch water main within Assembly Square Drive was replaced due to its poor condition. Also, a 20-inch water main has been constructed within Foley Street and the future extension of Assembly Square Drive in order to service the future development.

2.1.2 Existing Water System Demands

Average Day and Maximum Day Demands

Currently, the ASRA is primarily being used for retail, office and industrial purposes. Existing water demand was calculated for the average day and the maximum day demand based on the existing uses that make up the ASRA. Based on existing information the flow rates calculated for the existing uses for the average day demand and maximum day demand were 64 GPM and 115 GPM, respectively.

Needed Fire Flow

The water system within the Project area provides both domestic and fire flow water supply. The City's existing water distribution network within this area has, on average, fire hydrants located 300 feet apart throughout the entire area. This spacing meets the typical maximum recommended distance between hydrants in an urban setting.

The minimum Needed Fire Flow (NFF) for MWRA Meter 91 and maximum Insurance Services Office (ISO) requirements for a Community are:

	<u>Fire Flowrate</u>
Estimated minimum NFF requirements to be supplied by MWRA for meter 91:	2,000 gpm
Maximum requirements a community is required to supply according to the ISO:	3,500 gpm

The required minimum residual pressure at any location within the distribution system during a fire flow situation is 20 psi.

2.1.3 Existing Water System Analysis

Computer hydraulic analysis was performed by GIA, and confirmed by VHB, for the existing ASRA area water distribution system to determine system capacity and to provide a baseline for comparison of future system demands. The analysis included a limited computer network model on order to simulate several scenarios including:

1. Existing Average Day Demand
2. Existing Maximum Day Demand
3. Existing Maximum Day Demand Plus 2,000 gpm Fire Flow

The computer hydraulic analysis has indicated that the existing system has sufficient capacity for all scenarios.



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