



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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To: Robert W. Healy
City Manager

From: Michael H. Rosenberg *MHR*
Assistant City Manager for Community Development

Re: City Council Order #35, dated May 13, 1991
Acquisition of Site at North Point for DPW Facility

Date: June 20, 1991

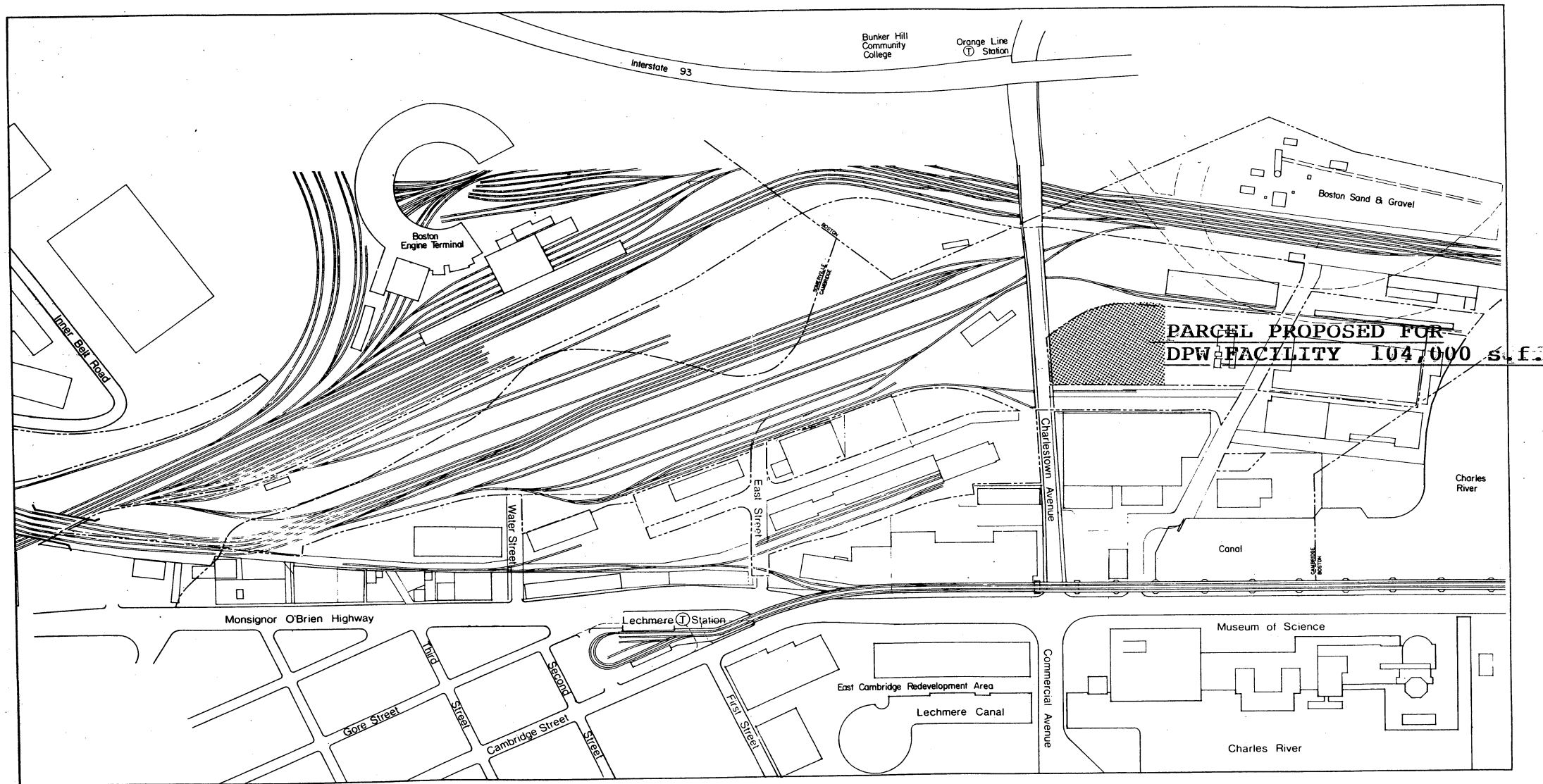
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Future use of the North Point area is very much impacted by negotiations now taking place on the Central Artery and the proposed Charles River Crossing. The City is working closely with the state to ensure that North Point remains viable as an area suitable for housing and commercial use as envisioned in the zoning and design guidelines.

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North Point
Planned Unit Development

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June 24, 1991

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 34, regarding the acquisition of site at North Point for the Department of Public Works facility, received from Michael H. Rosenberg, Assistant City Manager for Community Development.

Very truly yours,

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Robert W. Healy
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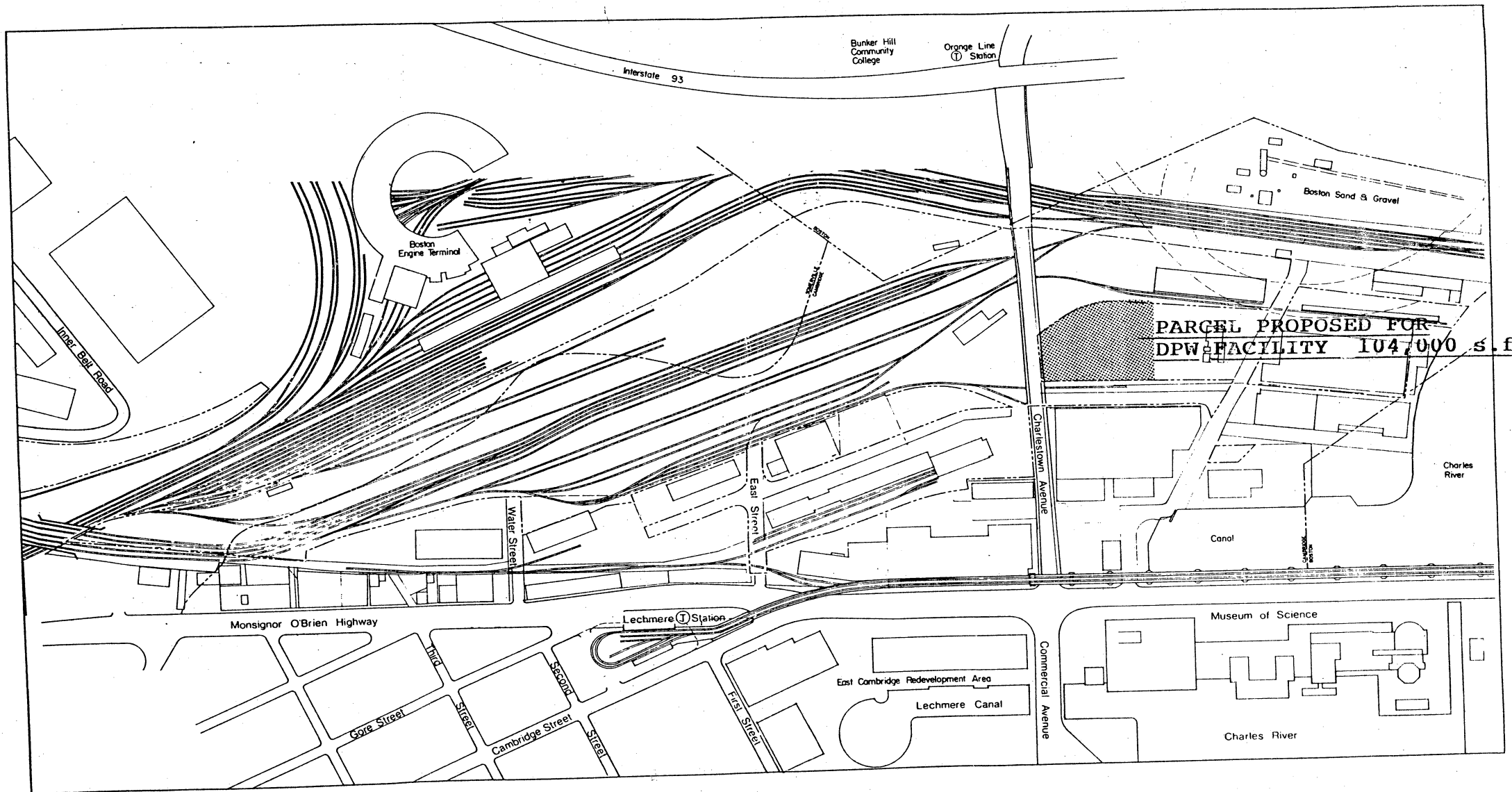
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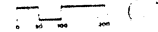
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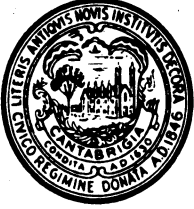


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Land Area



Seake Associates, Inc.



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CONSENT AGENDA

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In City Council,

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