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James Freas
Acting Director

December 4, 2014

Re: Museum Archives, Accessibility & Fire Suppression Project, Construction Extension Request
To: Rafik Ayoub, Project Manager, Public Buildings Dept.

Dear Rafik,

In response to your December 2, 2014 request, I am granting the following extensions for the Museum Archives, Fire Suppression and Accessibility project:

- a. Completion of Construction Documents, cost estimate and bidding by April 15, 2015
- b. Commencement of Construction by May 1, 2015

I recognize that some of the project's complicating factors have not been entirely within the control of the Public Buildings Department. However, since this is the project's third start-date extension since CPA funds were appropriated for construction in October 2013, I am confident that you will do everything possible to avoid the need for additional extensions.

Since the project is relying in part on CDBG funds, please also keep Acting Associate Director Eve Tapper or her designee updated on the schedule. The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development and the Planning & Development Dept. encourage the prompt expenditure of CDBG funds. Funds for this project were first allocated in FY2011 and may need to be re-allocated to a "shovel-ready" project if not spent in the 2015 construction season. If this occurs, you would be welcome to reapply for CDBG funds for this project when you are closer to construction.

I very much look forward to the project's successful completion in 2015-16.

Sincerely,


James Freas, Acting Director

Cc: Eve Tapper, Acting Associate Director of Planning & Development
Alice Ingerson, Community Preservation Program Manager
Cindy Stone, Director of Historic Newton
Josh Morse, Commissioner of Public Buildings