



City of Somerville, Massachusetts

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CITY LAUNCHES COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS FOR SOMERVILLE'S FUTURE

*Goal Is to Produce Shared Vision for Somerville's Future; City Seeks Public
Participation*

SOMERVILLE – Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Executive Director of Strategic Planning and Community Development Monica Lamboy today announced that the City has begun work on an updated and comprehensive plan for Somerville's future development. The Comprehensive Plan will outline a shared vision for Somerville's future and the steps needed to achieve that vision.

“Somerville is a city that has seen incredible progress over the past decade,” said Mayor Curtatone. “Today, Somerville is not only a great place to live, work, play and raise a family, but is becoming a regional arts and entertainment destination and a regional center for new business development. But there is still much work to be done – and we need a fresh public process to shape some of the crucial decisions and choices we face over the next few years. I urge all members of the Somerville community to participate in this planning process. One of our greatest strengths in Somerville is the involvement, creativity, and commitment of our residents.”

The comprehensive planning process will begin with a series of City-sponsored information sessions focusing on key trends in Somerville. The trends include demographics, housing, employment industries, transportation and infrastructure, and land use patterns. In addition to an extensive community process, an advisory committee composed of residents and businesses with diverse areas of expertise will guide the planning process. The committee will be made up of appointees by the Mayor and Board of Alderman, constituents with expertise in relevant subjects, and residents/businesses from across the city.

“The thoughts, feedback and participation of our community members are essential to the success of this planning process is,” said Lamboy. “I look forward to working closely with the various constituencies across the city over the coming months to ensure that the comprehensive plan is something we can all unite behind.”

The schedule of coming trends meetings is as follows:



Population Trends*Tuesday, May 26, 2009 6:30pm-8:30pm*

Capuano Early Education Center, 150 Glen Street

Economic Development Trends*Tuesday, June 9, 2009 6:30pm-8:30pm*

Visiting Nurses Association, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd floor

Population Trends*Tuesday, June 23, 2009 6:30pm-8:30pm*

TAB Building (Senior Center), 167 Holland Street

Economic Development Trends*Tuesday, July 7, 2009 6:30pm-8:30pm*

Argenziano School, 290 Washington Street, Cafetorium

Transportation & Infrastructure Trends*Tuesday, July 21, 2009 6:30pm-8:30pm*

Capuano Early Education Center, 150 Glen Street

Transportation & Infrastructure Trends*Tuesday, August 4, 2009 6:30pm-8:30pm*

TAB Building (Senior Center), 167 Holland Street

Housing Trends*Tuesday, August 25, 2009 6:30pm-8:30pm*

TAB Building (Senior Center), 167 Holland Street

Land Use Trends*Monday, September 14, 2009 6:30pm-8:30pm*

Capuano Early Education Center, 150 Glen Street

Housing Trends*Tuesday, September 22, 2009 6:30pm-8:30pm*

Capuano Early Education Center, 150 Glen Street

Land Use Trends*Monday, September 28, 2009 6:30pm-8:30pm*

TAB Building (Senior Center), 167 Holland Street

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