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CITY OF EVERETT HOLDS PUBLIC MEETING ON NORTHERN STRAND COMMUNITY TRAIL EXTENSION

On Thursday, May 4th Mayor Carlo DeMaria, the Department of Planning and Development, and consulting group, Howard Stein Hudson, held a meeting to provide residents, abutters, and other interested parties with an opportunity to become fully acquainted with the Northern Strand Community Trail Extension project. The meeting focused on existing conditions and obtaining public ideas and input.

Mayor DeMaria and the City of Everett are seeking to build upon the success of the northern sections of the Northern Strand Community Path by continuing it to the Mystic River. The extension of the Northern Strand to the south will provide a connection for residents and commuters alike to the Gateway Center, the Wynn Boston Harbor, and destinations across the river in Somerville and Boston.

Mayor DeMaria stated, “The extension of the Northern Strand Community Trail represents a major opportunity for the City of Everett and its residents. Multi-use bike paths that connect significant destinations can bring increased economic vitality, improved quality of life, and better community health outcomes by providing easy access to physical activity.”

To move the path forward to the Mystic River, the City of Everett has partnered with Wynn Resorts, the MBTA, DCR, and the Gateway Shopping Center. These partnerships will involve creative engineering solutions and a keen understanding of group dynamics; the inner workings of the MBTA, DCR, and private developers; and strong facilitation that brings a diverse set of stakeholders together around a set of shared goals and understandings.

Steve Winslow, co-founder of Bike to Sea, stated, “The members of Bike to the Sea are truly excited about this important step to connect the Northern Strand Community Trail into the regional trail system. We thank Mayor DeMaria, the City of Everett and the Mass Gaming Commission for supporting the realization of the vision we have worked on for 25 years. We can't think of a better 25th anniversary gift.”

Connecting Everett to the City of Boston via a comfortable and safe multi-use path would create a more affordable, healthier, and more enjoyable commute options for hundreds of

commuters, and a recreational outlet for hundreds more. The Northern Strand is also an essential section of a much larger vision for a connected statewide bicycle network.

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