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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
MARTIN J. WALSH

August 17, 2020

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

Dear Councilors:

I transmit for your approval the proposed Ordinance for the purpose to expand the current membership of the Public Improvement Commission for effective management of public rights of ways, to enhance public travel, and safe guard public safety.

This expansion of the Commission would add a seat for the Commissioner of the Disabilities Commission. The Disabilities Commission works closely with the Boston Transportation Department, the Public Works Department and other entities to ensure the streets and sidewalks in the City are open to all of our residents. The Public Improvement Commission owns and manages the City's public and private ways and it is important that we codify the Disabilities Commission as a voting member of this influential body.

I urge your Honorable Body to approve this Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin J. Walsh", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Martin J. Walsh  
Mayor of Boston

# CITY OF BOSTON

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## IN CITY COUNCIL

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

The Boston Municipal Code, 8-7.1, is hereby superseded at its entirety, and it is replaced in its place by the following ordinance:

#### 8-7 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

##### 8-7.1 Composition of Board; Power and Duties.

There shall be in the Public Works Department a Board known as the Public Improvement Commission, consisting of the Commissioner of the Public Works Department, the Commissioner of the Disabilities Commission, the Commissioner of the Property Management Department, the Commissioner of the Transportation Department, the Commissioner of Inspectional Services Department, and the Executive Director of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, ex officio. The Public Improvement Commission shall not be subject to the supervision or control of the Commissioner of Public Works except as he or she acts as a member of said Commission; but unless otherwise ordered by the Mayor, the Public Improvement Commission shall not communicate with the Mayor, or make any annual or other report, except through the Commissioner of the Public Works Department. The Public Improvement Commission shall have all powers and perform all duties conferred or imposed by statute on the Board of Street Commissioners except (a) those conferred or imposed on the Committee on Licenses in the Public Safety Commission by subsection 14-2.1, (b) those conferred or imposed on the Commissioner of Public Works by subsection 11-6.1 and (c) those conferred or imposed on the Real Property Board by subsection 11-7.1.

8-7.2 Said ordinance shall become effective in thirty (30) days upon its adoption.

(Ord. 1954 c. 2. § 57; Ord. 1962 c. 9 § 3; Rev. Ord. 1961 (Sup. 1971) c. 21 § 36; CBC 1975 Ord. T8 § 500; Ord. 1976 c. 10)

Cross-reference:

St. 7 § 201; St. 11 es. 1, 5, 7; St. 14 c. 3