

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Morton Street, Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston MPS

other names/site number Same

2. Location

street & number Morton Street N/A not for publication

city or town Boston N/A vicinity

state Massachusetts code MA county Suffolk County code 025 zip code 02113

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination
☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of
Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property
☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant
☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☐ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Betsy Friedberg, National Register Director
Signature of certifying official/Title Cara H. Metz, Executive Director Date 12/14/04

for Massachusetts Historical Commission, State Historic Preservation Officer

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional Comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined eligible for the
National Register

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register

☐ removed from the
National Register

☐ other (explain):

Signature of the Keeper

Patrick Anders

Date of Action

1/24/2005

Morton Street
Name of Property

Suffolk County, Massachusetts
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

(Check only one box)

☐ private

☒ public-local

☐ public-State

☐ public-Federal

☐ building(s)

☒ district

☐ site

☐ structure

☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing

Noncontributing

0

0

building

1

0

sites

5

1

structures

0

0

objects

6

1

Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

None

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION/CULTURE – outdoor recreation

LANDSCAPE – park, natural feature

TRANSPORTATION – road related

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION/CULTURE – outdoor recreation

LANDSCAPE – park, natural feature

TRANSPORTATION – road related

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

walls N/A

roof N/A

other asphalt, concrete, granite, plantings, steel

Narrative Description

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DESCRIPTION

Morton Street, located in the southwestern portion of the City of Boston, is a connecting parkway in Boston's Metropolitan Park System. The roadway travels in a northwest-southeast direction through the City of Boston from the Arborway in Jamaica Plain to Fairmont Street immediately north of Gallivan Boulevard in the city's Dorchester section. Morton Street, approximately 2 1/2 miles long, consists of two distinct segments. The first begins at the James B. Shea Memorial Circle and ends at Harvard Street in Boston (Mattapan). This segment of the road is bounded by Forest Hills Cemetery (NR 2004) and Franklin Park, an Olmsted-designed park (NR 1971). Beginning at Harvard Street and moving east, the second segment of the road is bounded on either side by late-19th century triple-decker houses and the occasional commercial pocket until the roadway ends at Fairmont Street in Dorchester. For the purposes of this nomination, both of the Morton Street segments are discussed from northwest to southeast.

Morton Street, Segment One – James B. Shea Memorial Circle to Harvard Street in Mattapan

The northwestern terminus of Morton Street, Segment One (**#1 on the data sheet**) corresponds to the outer perimeter of the James B. Shea Memorial Circle (**James B. Shea Memorial Circle and Islands, #2 on the data sheet**) in Boston (Jamaica Plain)(**PHOTO #1**). The James B. Shea Memorial Circle is a large traffic rotary that aids in the traffic flow between the Arborway and Morton Street. This intersection routes a heavy volume of traffic between the western and eastern regions of Boston and, more specifically, between the Emerald Necklace and the Arnold Arboretum to the west and Franklin Park and Forest Hills Cemetery, which are located east of the James B. Shea Memorial Circle. The rotary is flanked on its eastern side by a large island that also serves to aid in traffic flow at this busy junction. Both are landscaped with turf and 50- to 75-year-old oak and maple trees. This segment of the roadway, which is just over a mile in length, travels between Franklin Park, to the north, and Forest Hills Cemetery, to the south, resulting in a generally parklike setting for this portion of the roadway. In the area of the parkway, Franklin Park is bordered by a 3-foot-high granite-block wall, which abuts the backside of the sidewalk and is not within the boundary of the parkway. Shattuck Hospital is located within the stone-wall boundary of the park and is the only building located along this portion of the roadway. The six-story hospital is a brick mid-20th century facility with a two-story annex. The parking lot of the hospital is located immediately within the stone-wall boundary. Forest Hills Cemetery, located opposite Franklin Park, is bounded by a modern iron rail fence. The main entrance to the cemetery is located just east of the James B. Shea Memorial Circle.

The parkway alignment throughout this segment is straight and flat. The roadway generally travels at an elevation between 50 and 60 feet above sea level for the length of Segment One, although it becomes

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variably hilly in Segment Two. Two 14-foot-wide asphalt lanes separated by a 3-foot-wide turf median travel in either direction (**Morton Street Median System, #3 on the data sheet**)(**PHOTO #2**). Double cobra-head lights on concrete posts surmount the median. Curbs along the median and the roadway are vertical granite. No parking is permitted at any point of this segment; however, there are 5-foot-wide bicycle lanes along the outer travel lanes of the roadway. Sidewalks are intermittent. Segments of evenly spaced deciduous trees, mostly oaks, bound the road at several points as well (**Morton Street Mixed Tree Allee, #4 on the data sheet**).

As Segment One approaches the American Legion Highway, the character of the setting changes slightly. Views of Franklin Park consist of a multi-level mixed forest. Headstones in Forest Hills Cemetery, previously shielded from the road by dense vegetation and an iron-rail fence, can now be seen from the road through a chain-link fence. The American Legion Highway crosses Morton Street by way of a cast concrete and steel bridge that dates to the early 20th century (**American Legion Highway Overpass, #5 on the data sheet**)(**PHOTO #s 3 - 4**). An access road for the American Legion Highway is located off the south side of the roadway just east of the bridge. As the roadway travels east from the bridge, the geometry of the road remains the same, but the character of the setting changes slightly. Both sides of the road are bounded by unkempt vegetation. The former Boston State Hospital is located to the south of the road but cannot be seen from Morton Street. The remains of an old quarry are barely visible through the vegetation to the north.

Views along Segment One of Morton Street are limited to the roadway corridor. The walls and fences of the adjacent parks as well as various pockets of trees frame the roadway and offer little opportunity for long- or even medium-distance views, except near the eastern end of Forest Hills Cemetery, where some headstones can be seen, as mentioned above.

Morton Street, Segment Two – Harvard Street to Gallivan Boulevard in Dorchester

The second segment of Morton Street (**Morton Street, Segment Two, #6 on the data sheet**) begins at Harvard Street, which is located northwest of Blue Hill Avenue, in Mattapan. The roadway travels southeast for over a mile until it ends just west of Gallivan Boulevard. The roadway configuration remains largely the same as the previous segment, but the setting of the road changes dramatically (**PHOTO #5**). Also, the elevation of the roadway, which was previously consistent at 50 to 60 feet, now ranges from 39 to 102 feet above sea level. The previously parklike setting becomes urban. The setting is now primarily residential with commercial development at major intersections, particularly as the roadway crosses Blue Hill Avenue in the Mattapan commercial district. Most of the buildings date to the

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late 19th and early 20th centuries. Residential housing consists of large, wood-frame, three-story, multi-family homes built in Victorian styles. Commercial buildings, usually one- to two-story brick buildings, typically date to the same period. In several areas, brick storefronts are surmounted by two-story wood-frame residential apartments.

As Morton Street travels east from Harvard Street, the roadway consists of two 14-foot-wide lanes traveling in either direction with a three-foot-wide turf median (**PHOTO #6**). It appears that the median may have been landscaped, but whatever vegetation there was has been removed. Lighting now bounds the outer edges of the roadway. Curbing is granite. The bike lanes that bordered most of the previous segment taper off at the American Legion Highway. On both sides of the road, bituminous concrete sidewalks, 8 feet wide, are located directly adjacent to the parkway, and parallel parking is now permitted on both sides of the road. Houses are set close to Morton Street on narrow lots. Some are elevated above the road and are supported by retaining walls along the back edge of the sidewalk. Near Blue Hill Avenue, the median tapers off and the northbound and southbound lanes travel directly adjacent to one another (**PHOTO #7**). The road begins to curve and the topography becomes slightly hilly as the roadway travels east. Small islands with traffic signals appear at intersections with heavy traffic.

As the roadway approaches the Morton Street T station northwest of Gallivan Boulevard, the previous mix of residential and commercial buildings gives way to a setting that is largely commercial near the train (**PHOTO #8**). The roadway passes over the former Penn Central Railroad Overpass, now the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Rail, by way of an early 20th century overpass (**Former Penn Central Railroad Overpass, #7 on the data sheet**). The rails on this bridge have been replaced with a mixed barrier of SS-type rails, concrete walls and chain-link fence. Because of these changes, the bridge is not considered a contributing feature of the parkway. After passing the MBTA station, the setting becomes residential again. Houses are generally of the early twentieth century east of the former Penn Central Railroad Overpass but gradually give way to houses from the post-WWII era as Morton Street nears its terminus at the northwestern corner of Fairmont Street just west of Gallivan Boulevard.

Views along the second segment of Morton Street are generally along the corridor itself. The thickly settled area provides little opportunity to see beyond the buildings directly adjacent to the road. The boundary of the roadway corresponds to the back of the sidewalk throughout this entire segment.

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Archaeological Description

While no ancient Native American sites are located within or adjacent to the Morton Street Parkway, sites may be present. Twenty-two sites are located in the general area (within one mile). Environmental characteristics indicate a moderate potential for the presence of ancient Native American sites in many areas of the parkway. The right of way intersects several well-drained, level to moderately sloping terraces and other landforms. Wetland resources, however, are not currently located within 1,000 feet of most areas of the parkway. Swamps and smaller ponds may have been filled historically and streams or small rivers may have been converted to underground culverts, making their presence difficult to ascertain. Most known sites within the general area are located to the southeast near the Neponset River and its tributaries and to the north and northwest near tributaries of the Charles River.

In spite of the moderate potential for locating ancient Native American resources in the vicinity of the Morton Street Parkway, the potential for locating significant Native resources within the parkway boundaries established for this nomination is low. The parkway corridor included in this nomination encompasses paved travel lanes, islands, overpasses, traffic signals, plantings, and sidewalks where they exist or a corridor that extends 10 feet from the current edge of the parkway where the above components are absent. That area has been affected by numerous roadway construction and maintenance activities since the parkway was constructed in the 1930s. Excavation and grading, as well as construction of the parkway components listed above, represent the major impacts to the integrity of any cultural resources within the parkway right of way. These construction and maintenance episodes would have had an adverse effect on any ancient Native American resources that may have been located in the parkway right of way. Fragmented portions of archaeological sites, including deeply buried artifact concentrations and truncated features, may survive within the right of way; however, it is doubtful NR-eligible sites survive. Known sites that existed within or extended into the parkway right of way have been essentially destroyed.

The potential for locating significant historical archaeological sites within the parkway right of way is also low. Residential, agricultural, civic, commercial, and industrial settlement has been identified in the Morton Street locale since the 17th century, indicating the potential for locating historic archaeological sites from that period and later. In general, however, detailed historical research is lacking for the parkway route, making it difficult to predict the locations of specific sites.

Given the same impacts associated with construction of the parkways described for ancient Native American resources, the potential for recovering intact and significant historical archaeological resources is also low within the parkway right of way. Roadway construction has also destroyed potential historical archaeological resources within the nominated parkway. Truncated features and/or deeply buried fragments of sites may survive, but the overall integrity of these sites has been compromised.

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Morton Street
Name of Property

Suffolk County, Massachusetts
County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

See Section 8 Continuation Sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Community Planning and Development

Engineering

Landscape Architecture

Transportation

Period of Significance

1930s-1956

Significant Dates

Parkway Constructed: 1930s

Parkway transferred to MDC: 1956

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

None

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

City of Boston, Massachusetts Department of Public Works

Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☒ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

Division of Conservation Resources, Boston, MA

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SIGNIFICANCE

Morton Street, a connecting parkway located in southeast Boston, has had an atypical existence within the Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston. As were several other municipally owned parkways and roads in the City of Boston, Morton Street was transferred to the care and control of the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) as a result of the MDC Acts of 1956, Chapter 581. (In July 2003, the MDC was reorganized as the Division of Urban Parks and Recreation within the newly created Department of Conservation and Recreation [DCR].) Parkway within the DCR system should typically date from the period of significance, defined as 1893-1956. However, a small number of parkways now in the DCR system, including Morton St., were built before the beginning date of the period of significance or by a municipal rather than a state agency, and/or were built or acquired by MDC after the end date of the period of significance. A number of these parkways, such as Morton Street, were constructed with a design intent similar to that of the core group of DCR parkways and have retained characteristics consistent with other parkways in the system. Because Morton Street fits into this category, it is considered eligible for inclusion in this Multiple Property Documentation Format nomination. (Note: Because of the way the former MDC has owned Morton Street, there is little information in the form of historic construction plans or Annual Reports to document this property. Additional information may be available through other sources of information that have yet to be discovered.)

Morton Street possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. It meets National Register Criteria A and C in the significance areas of community planning and development, conservation, engineering, landscape architecture, and transportation at the state level and fulfills the Parkway Registration Requirements for the associated Connecting Parkway property subtype, under Section F of this nomination. The period of significance for this property is from the 1930s, when the parkway was built, to 1956.

Morton Street was built in the 1930s by either the Massachusetts Department of Public Works or the City of Boston. Morton Street served as a municipal link between the southern, central, and eastern portions of the City of Boston. Specifically, it was built to connect the Arborway of the Emerald Necklace with Gallivan Boulevard, which connected with Morrissey Boulevard to the northeast. At the time Morton Street was built, both the Arborway and Gallivan Boulevard were municipally built and cared for as well. In 1956, fiscal problems within the local government caused the City of Boston to make a mass transfer of portions or all of certain parks and parkways to the MDC. According to the Acts of 1956, Chapter 581:

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For the purpose of connecting certain boulevards and parkways presently under the care and control of the metropolitan district commission, and for further purpose of providing continuous connections or feeder roads to certain portions of the state highway system within the metropolitan area, the metropolitan district commission, on behalf of the commonwealth, is hereby authorized and directed to take over the care, control and maintenance of the following public ways and parkways in the City of Boston... Morton Street which lies between Forest Hills Street and Gallivan Boulevard...

Nearly twenty local parkways were transferred in all. They included Arborway at the western terminus of Morton Street and Gallivan Boulevard at its eastern terminus.

In a reflection of design standards for a connecting parkway, Morton Street was intended as a link between other major vehicular arteries and important sites, in this case the Forest Hills Cemetery and Franklin Park, both within the City of Boston. Morton Street's physical configuration and construction materials, historically and currently, are a reflection of the former MDC's design philosophy for its parkways and are consistent with MDC parkways designed by Charles Eliot and the Olmsted Brothers.

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Morton Street
Name of Property

Suffolk County, Massachusetts
County, State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property ca. 13 acres

UTM References

1. 19 Zone	326400 Easting	4685020 (Arborway Northing Rotary)	3. 19 Zone	327320 Easting	4683600 (Intersect Northing Harvard Street)
2. 19 Zone	327180 Easting	4684080 (Intersection with Northing American Legion Hwy.)	4. 19 Zone	328460 Easting	4682600 (Intersect Northing Gallivan Blvd.)

Boundary Description & Justification

See Section 10 Continuation Sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title V. Adams, S. Berg, E. Maass, T. Orwig, PAL with Betsy Friedberg, MHC, NR Director

organization Massachusetts Historical Commission date December 2004

street & number 220 Morrissey Boulevard telephone 617-727-8470

city or town Boston state MAI zip code 02125

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Dept. of Conservation and Recreation; DUPR

street & number 251 Causeway Street telephone (617) 727-5264

city or town Boston state MA zip code 02114

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

The National Register boundary for Morton Street is drawn to encompass property historically and currently associated with the roadway. This includes the parkway corridor and adjacent planting strips and sidewalks, where they exist. Where sidewalks and planting strips do not exist, the nomination includes all the land that extends back ten feet from the current edge of the parkway. The boundary does not include adjacent MDC-owned parkland that is not directly related to the parkway. The specific termini for Morton Street, described in two segments for the purposes of this nomination, are as follows:

Morton Street, Segment One: The northwestern terminus of Segment One corresponds to a line of convenience drawn around the outer perimeter of the James B. Shea Memorial Circle in Boston (Jamaica Plain). The southeastern terminus of Segment One corresponds to a line of convenience drawn across the parkway along the northeastern edge of Harvard Street where it intersects Morton Street in Boston (Mattapan).

Morton Street, Segment Two: The northwestern terminus of Segment Two corresponds to a line of convenience drawn across the parkway along the northeastern edge of Harvard Street where it intersects Morton Street in Boston (Mattapan). The northwestern terminus of Segment Two adjoins the southeastern terminus of Segment One. The southeastern terminus of Segment Two corresponds to a line of convenience drawn across the parkway from the northwestern corner of Fairmont Street just west of Gallivan Boulevard in Boston (Dorchester).

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LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographer: Emily Maass, PAL

Date: August, 2002

Location of Negatives: PAL, Pawtucket, RI

1. Segment One: view looking NE toward the James B. Shea Circle and Island near Franklin Park and Forest Hill Cemetery at the northeastern end of Morton Street.
2. Segment One: looking SE near Franklin Park and Forest Hills Cemetery from median
3. Segment One: looking SE at American Legion Highway overpass
4. Segment One: looking through the American Legion Highway overpass
5. Segment Two: view of triple-decker housing along Morton Street, taken from Parkway median near Harvard Street
6. Segment Two: looking NW along median of Morton Street near Harvard Street
7. Segment Two: view looking SE toward intersection of Blue Hill Avenue/Morton Street
8. Segment Two: looking NW from Norfolk Street

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Morton Street								
Boston (Mattapan), Massachusetts								
District Data Sheet								
#	NRHP Listed	MHC #	Name	Town	Location	Date	Status	Type
#1			Morton Street, Segment One	Boston	Connecting Parkway segment located from the James B. Shea Memorial Circle and Islands to Harvard Street	1930s	C	Structure
#2			James B. Shea Memorial Circle and Islands	Boston	Rotary and traffic islands at junction of Arborway and Morton Street (between Forest Hills Cemetery and Franklin Park)	1930s	C	Structure
#3			Morton St. Median System	Boston	Located between the James B. Shea Circle and Harvard St.	1930s	C	Structure
#4			Morton Street Mixed Tree Allee	Boston	Located intermittently between the James B. Shea Circle and the American Legion Overpass	1930s	C	Site
#5			American Legion Highway Overpass	Boston	Carries the American Legion Highway over Morton Street (Segment One)	1930s	C	Structure
#6			Morton Street, Segment Two	Boston	Connecting Parkway segment located between Harvard Street and Fairmount Street immediately west of Gallivan Boulevard	1930s	C	Structure
#7			Former Penn Central Railroad (MBTA) Overpass	Boston	Carries Morton Street, Segment Two over the Former Penn Central Railroad Overpass	early 20th c., with extensive modern alteration	NC	Structure

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Morton Street, Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston
NAME:

MULTIPLE Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Suffolk

DATE RECEIVED: 12/21/04 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/07/05
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/22/05 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/03/05
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 04001572

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: Y
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 1/24/05 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA accept A&C

REVIEWER Patricia Andrews

DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 1/24/2005

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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Boston, MA
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Morton Street, Sequent 1
Boston, MA
#2



Morton Street, Sequent 1
Boston, MA
#3



Morton Street, Segment 1
Boston, MA
#4



Morton Street, Segment 2
Boston, MA
#5



Morton Street, Segment 2
Boston, MA
#6



Morton Street, Sequent 2
Boston, MA
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Morton Street, Sequoia 2

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Boston South

MASSACHUSETTS

NETWOLITAN PARK SYSTEM

1:25 000-scale metric
topographic map

GREATER BOSTON MFS

7.5 X 15 MINUTE QUADRANGLE
SHOWING

- Contours and elevations in meters
- Highways, roads and other manmade structures
- Water features
- Woodland areas
- Geographic names

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

1987

Produced by the United States Geological Survey
in cooperation with Massachusetts Department of
Public Works

Control by USGS, NOS-NOAA, and Commonwealth of
Massachusetts agencies

Compiled by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1978. Field checked 1979. Map edited 1987
Supersedes Newton and Boston South 1:25,000-scale
maps dated 1970

Selected hydrographic data compiled from NOS charts 13270 (1982)
and 13272 (1982). This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Projection and 100-meter grid: Universal
Transverse Mercator, zone 19
18,000-foot grid ticks based on Massachusetts coordinate
system, mainland zone
1927 North American Datum
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983,
move the projection lines 6 meters south and
42 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of
the National or State reservations shown on this map

CONTOUR INTERVAL 3 METERS
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
CONTAINING ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.1 METER
OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.5 METER
DEPTH CLIVES AND SOUNDINGS IN METERS
DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE
OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2.9 METERS

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS

CONVERSION TABLE		DECLINATION DIAGRAM		ADJOINING MAPS			
Meters	Feet	MAGNETIC		1	2	3	
1	3.2808			1	Maynard		
2	6.5616			2	Boston North		
3	9.8424			3	1 Inn		
4	13.1232			4	Frammingham		
5	16.4040			5	Medford		
6	19.6848			6	Newbury		
7	22.9656			7	Newbury		
8	26.2464			8	Weymouth		
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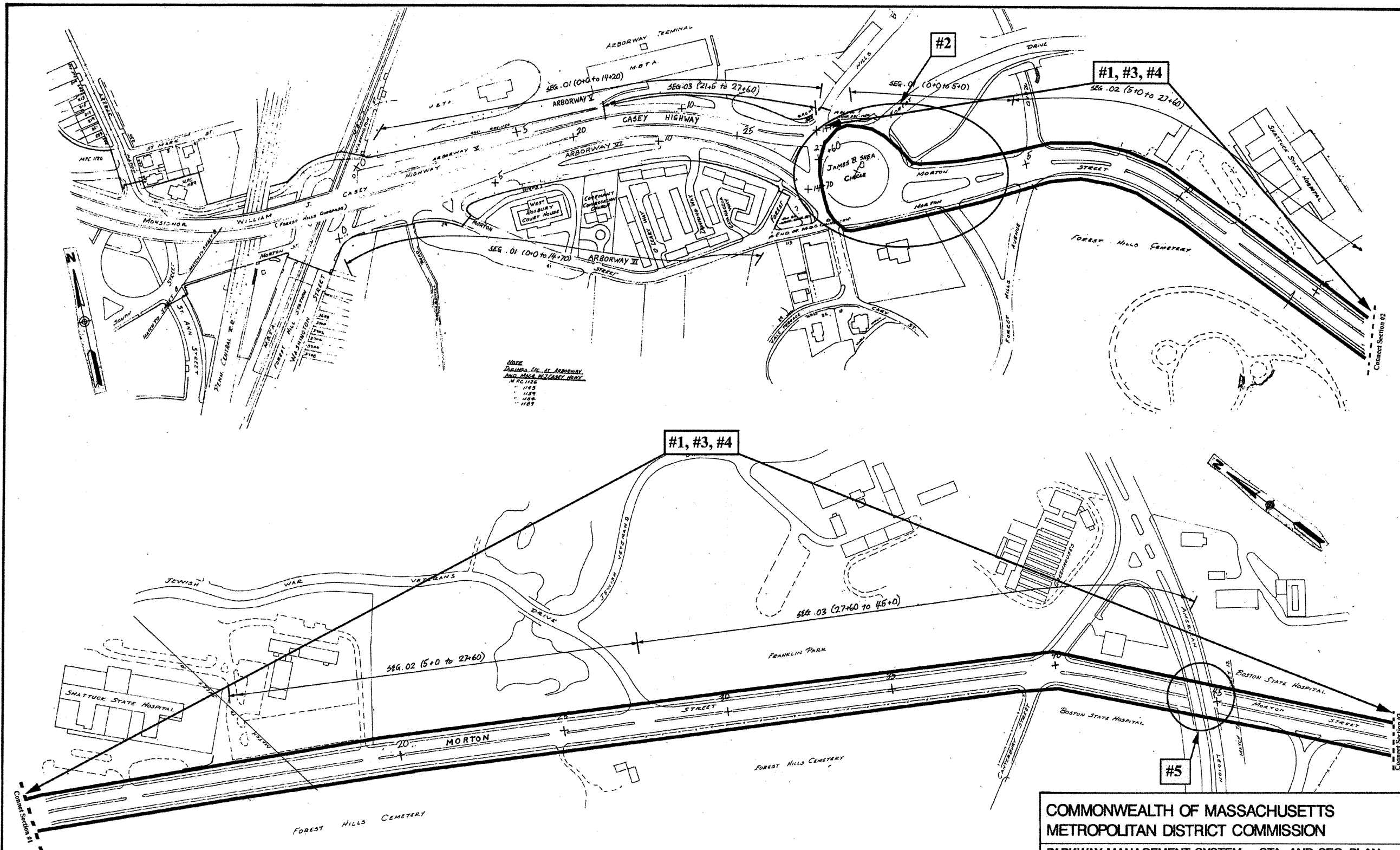
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Primary highway, hard surface	
County path	
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface	
Unimproved road, trail	
Route marker: Interstate; U.S. State	
Railroad: standard gauge; narrow gauge	
Bridge: drawbridge	
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Build-up area: only selected landmark buildings shown	
Religious: church; school; large structure	
Boundary	
National, with monument	
County path	
Civil township, precinct, district	
Incorporated city, village, town	
National or State reservation; small park	
Land grant with monument; forest reservation	
U.S. public lands survey: range, township, section	
Range, township, section line: location approximate	
Fence or field line	
Power transmission line, located tower	
Dam; dam with lock	
Cemetery: grave	
Campground; picnic area; U.S. location monument	
Wellhead; water well; spring	
Mine shaft; prospect; adit or cave	
Control: horizontal station; vertical station; spot elevation	
Contours: index; intermediate; supplementary; depression	
Disturbed surface: strip mine, levee, sand	
Soundings: depth sound	
Perennial lake and stream; intermittent lake and stream	
Rapids, large and small; falls, large and small	
Submerged marsh; marsh, swamp	
Land subject to controlled inundation; woodland	
Scrub; mangrove	
Orchard; vineyard	



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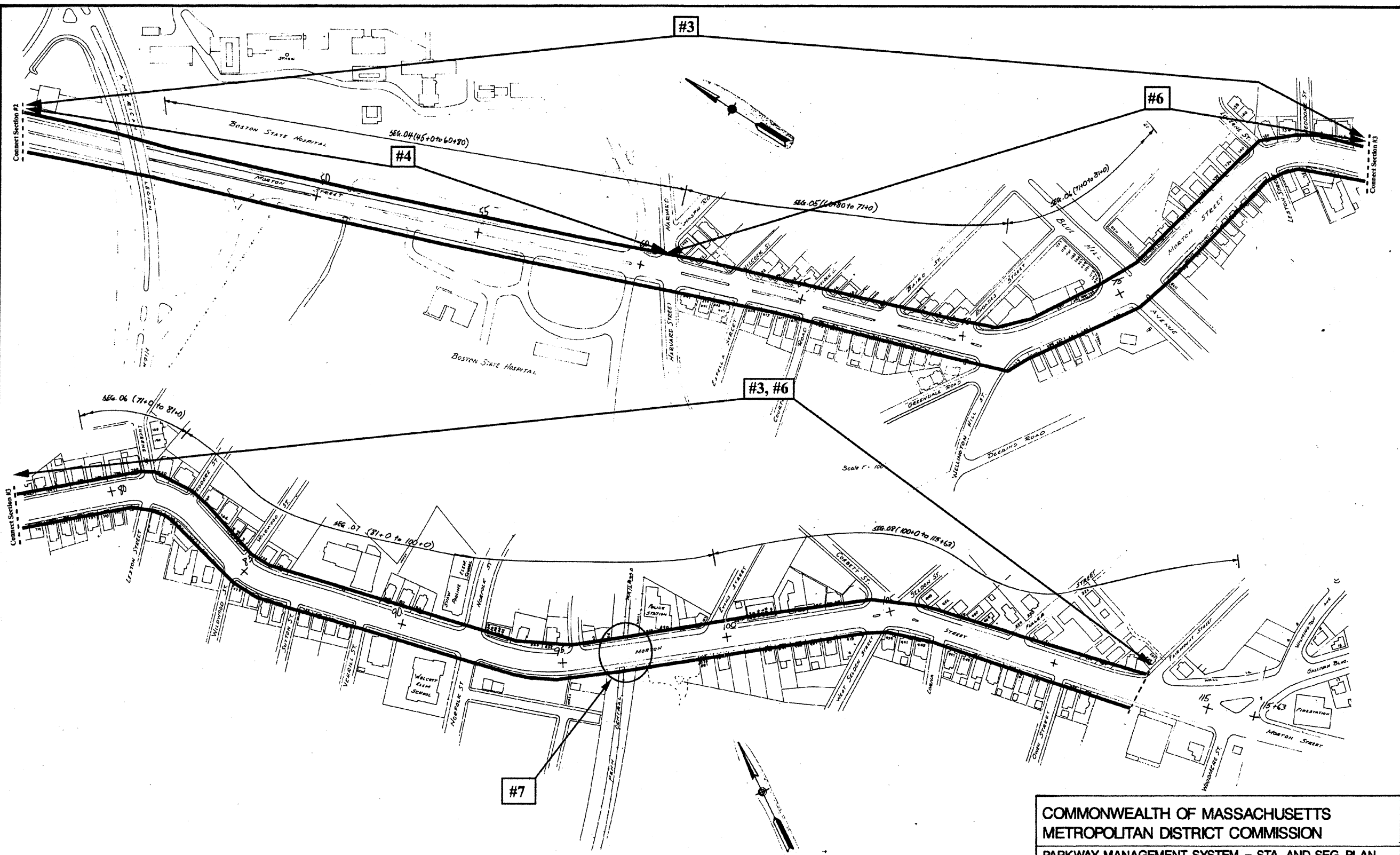
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William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

December 20, 2004

Ms. Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street, NW, 8th floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the following nomination:

Morton Street, Boston (Suffolk), MA
Metropolitan Park System of Greater Boston (Parkways) MPS

The nomination was voted eligible by the State Review Board and been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The owners of the property in the Certified Local Government community of Boston were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 60 to 90 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment.

We request expedited review of this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosure

cc: William F. Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
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