# EF Education First Expansion at North Point (EF III)

Presentation to the Cambridge Transit Advisory Committee &

**Bike and Pedestrian Committee** 

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#### ABOUT EF EDUCATION FIRST

- International organization with the mission to open the world through education.
- Specializes in language learning, cultural exchange, study abroad and educational travel.
- In Cambridge since 1987 and broke ground at North Point in 1996.
- EF and Hult have nearly 1,200 staff and 900 students at North Point campus.
- By 2020, EF will have invested \$385 million into North Point area.



#### HULT UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Campuses in London and San Francisco
- Accredited by New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
- I28 Nationalities and 84 languages spoken
- #1 in New Grads Starting a Business and #7 in New Grads Who Went to a Startup on Bloomberg Businessweek's 2016 list of "Best Undergraduate Business Schools"







### **EF Education First's Cambridge Campus**



#### EF I (Existing):

- Hult International Business School & EF
- Completed in 1997 (Renovated in 2015)
- 265,000 SF of office and education space



#### EF III (Proposed):

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- Hult International Business School & EF
- Breaking ground in fall 2017; anticipated completion in late spring 2019
- 300,000 SF of office, education & student residential space



#### EF II (Existing):

- EF's North American Headquarters
- Completed in 2014
- 300,000 SF of office and education space



#### EF IV (Recently Acquired):

- Hult International Business School
- Renovating in fall 2017; anticipated completion in summer 2018
- 30,000 SF of classroom space

### **EF III Site: Existing Conditions**



#### EF III PROPOSED LANDSCAPE AND GROUND FLOOR PLAN







Bicycle, Multi-use Path and Pedestrian Circulation

#### BUILDING CONCEPT . MUSEUM WAY



#### NORTH POINT BLVD . VIEW LOOKING WEST



#### NORTH POINT BLVD . VIEW LOOKING EAST



#### ENTRY / LOBBY . WEST PARK



#### ENTRY / LOBBY . MULTI-USE FIELD



### Transit Study Overview

- > Existing Transit Services
- Pedestrian Access to Transit
- Transit Analysis
- **EF** Transit Ridership Support
- **>** Future T System Improvements

## Existing Transit Services

- Community College T Orange
  Line Station
- Lechmere T Green Line Station
- Science Park Green Line Station
- MBTA Bus Lines
- EF Shuttle



### Convenient Pedestrian Access to Transit Services



## Existing Mode Shares



- Mode share developed from PTDM Surveys
  - Majority of trips are transit related

## Existing Transit Service Utilization



- Transit mode share developed from PTDM Surveys
  - Majority of trips use the Orange Line at Community College

## Orange Line at Community College Existing Utilization April 2016 (Morning Peak Hour)



Source: MBTA April 2016 Flow Data

## Orange Line at Community College Existing Utilization April 2016 (Evening Peak Hour)



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### Transit Analysis – Build

### > Analysis accounted for the following EFIII Project Program:

- > 1,000 New Hult Students/100 New Hult Staff/Faculty
- > 23,297 SF of EF Office Space
- > 11,854 SF Fitness Center

### > Mode Shares developed based on PTDM survey

- > 47% of Faculty/Staff/Student Trips use Public Transit
- > 42% of Office Employee Trips use Public Transit
- Total Transit Trips from Project
  - = 176 AM Peak Hour Trips (140 in and 36 out)
  - = 222 PM Peak Hour Trips (70 in and 152 out)
- > Trips distributed according to existing mode shares (based on survey data)
  - Distribution among subway and bus lines proportionally based on current ridership levels

### Project Transit Trips



### Orange Line at Community College Build Utilization (Morning Peak Hour)



## Orange Line at Community College Build Utilization (Evening Peak Hour)



### EF Transit Support

- No student on-site parking
- Market rate parking passes
- Constrained parking supply
- Free EF Shuttle
- Transit packages for new employees and student orientation packages
- Pre-tax transit benefit
- EF internal website promoting transit
- PTDM monitoring
- On-site transportation coordinator

## Future Transit Improvements

- New Orange Line Cars
  - Address overcrowding and bunching
  - Expected to be in service in 2019
  - Will decrease headways from 6 to 4.5 minutes
  - Anticipated to increase capacity by 30%
- Green Line Extension Project
  - Expanding service area
  - Expected to be completed in 2022



## On-Time Performance (OTP)

- Line Capacity also depends on reliability, or On-Time Performance
- MBTA defines Subway reliability as "the percent of customers who wait no longer than the scheduled time between train.
  - Target reliability: 90%
  - Does not account for overcrowding
- MBTA publishes OTP measures in yearly reports as well as online
  - Orange Line: 94% reliable during peak hours in the most recent 30 day period *MBTA Performance Dashboard (MbtaBackOnTrack.com)*

### Orange Line at Community College Existing Utilization – With OTP



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### Orange Line at Community College Build Utilization – With OTP



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