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The Boston Society of Architects invites community leaders, citizens, and design professionals to participate in a discussion about the future of Beacon Yards.

On September 16, BSA Space, home to the Boston Society of Architects (BSA) and the Boston Foundation for Architecture (BFA), will host a panel discussion focusing on urban design issues raised by the prospective redesign of the Allston/Cambridge interchange in Beacon Yards. Renée Loth, editor of *ArchitectureBoston* magazine, will moderate the discussion. Panelists include Paul McMorrow, associate editor at *Commonwealth Magazine* and *Boston Globe* columnist; Matthew Urbanski, principal at Michael Van Valkenberg Associates; and Gary Hilderbrand FASLA, Adjunct Professor of Landscape Architecture at Harvard GSD and Principal of Reed Hilderbrand Associates. (A full list of panelists is available at <http://bit.ly/1IGOppJ>)

The discussion will kick off the Beacon Yards Urban Design Workshop, a two-day professional event produced by the BSA and organized by BSA president-elect Tim Love AIA with the goal of engaging local design professionals in early-stage thinking about major urban design initiatives. The workshop will bring together two teams of cross-discipline professionals who will provide a holistic design-focused look at Beacon Yards that will include comprehensive draft plans that fully leverage the site's building opportunities. Teams will be led by Alex Krieger of NBBJ and Kishore Varanasi of CBT Architects. The workshop is modeled on programs such as the National Endowment for the Arts Mayors' Institute on City Design; Urban Land Institute SWAT team workshops; and the American Institute of Architects' RUDAT program.

The results of the workshop--presented at second public forum at BSA Space on the evening of September 18--may provide a valuable resource to public agencies and major property owners by providing big-picture design thinking that supports larger planning and public outreach processes.

Public Forums:

- Tuesday, September 16th, 6:30 pm: Panel Discussion, moderated by Renee Loth
- Thursday, September 18th, 6:30 pm: Presentations of the workshop proposals, followed by discussion

The Beacon Yards Urban Design Workshop is the first in a series of planned urban design workshops that will follow a similar format. Anticipated future topics include housing and affordability, the future of the workplace, and the urban realm.



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About BSA Space

BSA Space is Boston's leading cultural institution on architecture and design, and home to the Boston Society of Architects and the Boston Foundation for Architecture. BSA Space hosts exhibitions on design and architecture, architectural cruises and walking tours, and other programs and events that foster exchange between design and construction, the profession and the public, and encourage collaboration across the city and world. More details architects.org/bsaspace

About the Boston Society of Architects

The Boston Society of Architects (BSA) is committed to professional development for its members, advocacy on behalf of great design, and sharing an appreciation for the built environment with the public at large. Established in 1867, the BSA today consists of nearly 4,000 members and produces a diverse array of programs and publications, including ArchitectureBoston Expo and *ArchitectureBoston* magazine. A chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the BSA is a nonprofit, professional-service organization. Its partner organization, the Boston Foundation for Architecture, supports the civic and public outreach of the architectural community. For more information, visit architects.org or bfagrants.org

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