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Rappaport Center to Sponsor “Impact of Transit on Economic Development in Dudley Square”

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On Wednesday, September 30th, the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy at Boston College Law School will sponsor an important conversation on how public transportation can advance economic development in one of Boston’s most important and often overlooked neighborhoods.

The event will take place on the 6th floor of the Bolling Building in Dudley Square, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. "The Impact of Transit on Economic Development in Dudley Square" will consider the following questions:

- How are decisions made at the local and state level regarding transportation in Boston and Greater Boston?
- What are the transportation needs of the Dudley Square community and how are those needs determined?
- What plans do the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have for improving access to Dudley Square in order to attract and retain businesses, homeowners, and renters?

Distinguished panelists include:

- Stephanie Pollack**, Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth
- John Barros**, Chief of Economic Development for the City of Boston
- Juan Leyton**, Executive Director of the Dudley Square Neighborhood Initiative
- Gilad Rosenzweig**, Founder of Smarter in the City incubator in Dudley Square

The discussion will be moderated by Rachael Rollins, former Chief Legal Counsel at Massport, MassDOT, and the MBTA. Community members from Dudley Square and surrounding neighborhoods are welcome to attend. A reception following the discussion will be catered by Haley House Bakery Cafe.

The Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy was established at BC Law in 2015. The Center provides educational programs, career mentoring and financial support to law students interested in government and public policy, and plays a leadership role in public policy issues affecting Greater Boston and Massachusetts. The Center houses the popular Rappaport Fellows Program in Law and Public Policy and the Rappaport Distinguished Public Policy Series at BC Law, which conducts scholarly research and host lectures, debates and roundtable discussions on public policy issues with the region’s leading policy makers and thought leaders. Learn more at www.bc.edu/rappaport.