

## 11.123 BIG PLANS

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### READING QUESTION FOR: April 7 & 9    **Community-Based Planning II: Southwest Corridor**

Neal R. Peirce & Robert Guskind, "Boston's Southwest Corridor: People Power Makes History", in *Break-throughs: Recreating the American City*, (Rutgers, 1993) pp. 83-114.

Mann, "Boston's Southwest Corridor: From Urban Battleground to Paths of Peace", in *PLACES*, 7(3), 1991, pp. 46-61.

"Memorandum of Agreement", 1974.

- 1) Consider the large number of public agencies and citizens' groups who were signatories to the Memorandum of Agreement. Adopt the position of one of those agencies or groups and make a statement regarding why your group must be a part of the planning for the new Southwest Corridor.
- 2) As the head of that agency or leader of that group, you realize that you are overwhelmed with other responsibilities and won't have time to participate. How are you going to assume that your point of view is included in the plans that are developed if you don't attend all of the intermediate meetings?
- 3) On the other hand, you are the Southwest Corridor Development Coordinator, responsible for developing the plans for the new transit line, roadway improvements, and parkland. One of the signatory agencies doesn't attend your design meetings. Would you worry? If so, what would you do?

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