

All-affordable housing complex breaks ground on Big Dig site

February 5, 2016 | By Donna Goodison



Related Beal yesterday marked the construction start of a mixed-use Boston development that will include a residential building with all 239 apartments set aside as affordable and workforce housing and a

220-room Courtyard Marriott hotel.

The roughly \$230 million, as-yet-unnamed development — located on a former Central Artery parcel at Beverly and Causeway streets near North Station — is billed as the first new, large affordable and workforce housing project to break ground in Boston in more than 25 years.

“The construction of affordable housing is a key driver of economic development, both in Boston and throughout the Commonwealth,” Gov. Charlie Baker said in a statement. “This development, which showcases the power of mixed-in-

come housing to transform vacant state-owned land, demonstrates our administration’s ongoing commitment to building stronger communities.”

The 14-story, approximately 484,000-square-foot residential building will have 10,000 square feet of street-level retail and garage parking for 220 vehicles.

Apartments will be restricted to people with incomes ranging from 30 percent to 165 percent of the area median income, and 10 percent of the units will be three-bedroom family housing units.

“This project serves as a great example of the types of transit-oriented, affordable housing opportunities we are looking to unlock for all of our families across the city,” Mayor Martin J. Walsh said.

Aventura, Fla.-based Turnberry

Associates will operate the hotel with 2,500 square feet of meeting space.

The project, designed by Boston’s CBT Architects, is expected to be completed in 2018.

