

Balance Architects

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Planning Board

City of Somerville
93 Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02143

Re: 872 Broadway – Transformer Revision Narrative

To Whom It May Concern,

The original plan for 872 Broadway was to place the electrical transformer at the rear of the property, pending an access easement with the abutting neighbor. Our design was based on that intent.

However, the easement could not be secured, and we were later informed that a manhole transformer was no longer an option due to long lead times. The utility company required a pad-mounted transformer instead.

As a result, the transformer was placed in the front yard, and the building façade was revised to meet the required clearances.

Please reach out with any questions.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Philip Sima". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Philip" and last name "Sima" clearly distinguishable.

Philip Sima, RA + CPHC
Balance Architects, Inc.