FRANKLIN STREET PROPERTIES CORP /MA/

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SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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This filing is being made pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. This filing contains statements about Franklin Street Properties Corp. ("FSP Corp.") and the proposed acquisition by FSP Corp. by merger (the "Mergers") of 13 real estate investment trusts (each, a "Target REIT" and, collectively, the "Target REITs"). The Target REITs are FSP Forest Park IV Corp., FSP Gael Apartments Corp., FSP Goldentop Technology Center Corp., FSP Centennial Technology Center Corp., FSP Meadow Point Corp., FSP Timberlake Corp., FSP Federal Way Corp., FSP Fair Lakes Corp., FSP Northwest Point Corp., FSP Timberlake East Corp, FSP Merrywood Apartments Corp., FSP Plaza Ridge I Corp. and FSP Park Ten Corp., each a Delaware corporation.

Statements regarding the proposed transaction between FSP Corp. and the Target REITs, the expected timetable for completing the transaction, and any other statements about FSP Corp.'s management's future expectations, beliefs, goals, plans or prospects constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Any statements that are not statements of historical fact (including statements containing the words "believes," "plans," "anticipates," "expects," "estimates" and similar expressions) should also be considered to be forward-looking statements. There are a number of important factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements, including: the ability to consummate the transaction; director and officer conflicts of interest; ability to collect sufficient rents from owned real property; dilution to stockholders of FSP Corp.; adverse tax consequences if FSP Corp. failed to qualify as a real estate investment trust and the other factors described in FSP Corp.'s Preliminary Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on January 15, 2003 and FSP Corp.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 filed with the SEC. FSP Corp. disclaims any intention or obligation to update any forward-looking statements as a result of developments occurring after the date of this filing.

The following is the text of a letter distributed by FSP Corp. to its stockholders and stockholders of the Target REITs on or after January 16, 2003 providing information relating to the Mergers.

"To : All Shareholders of the following entities:

Franklin Street Properties Corp.

FSP Forest Park IV Corp.

FSP Gael Apartments Corp.

FSP Goldentop Technology Center Corp.

FSP Centennial Technology Center Corp.

FSP Meadow Point Corp.

FSP Timberlake Corp.

FSP Federal Way Corp.

FSP Fair Lakes Corp.

FSP Northwest Point Corp.

FSP Timberlake East Corp.

FSP Merrywood Apartments Corp.

FSP Plaza Ridge I Corp.

FSP Park Ten Corp.

From : George J. Carter, President

Date : January 16, 2003
Re : Plan of Merger

On January 15, 2003, Franklin Street Properties Corp. ("FSP") filed a Preliminary Proxy Statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") relating to an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") providing for the acquisition by FSP of the thirteen single-asset real estate investment trusts (the "Target REITs") listed above by merger. The Merger Agreement provides for the issuance of shares of FSP common stock to the holders of preferred stock in each of the Target REITs as merger consideration.

This communication is for informational purposes only, and you need not take any action now. Following review of the Preliminary Proxy Statement by the SEC (normally a 30-60 day process), FSP and the Target REITs will be forwarding to each shareholder in each of the above-listed entities final documents for your review and consideration. In the interim, business at FSP and each of the Target REITs continues as usual."

FSP CORP. HAS FILED A PRELIMINARY PROXY STATEMENT WITH THE U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RELATING TO FSP CORP.'S SOLICITATION OF PROXIES FROM ITS STOCKHOLDERS FOR USE AT FSP CORP.'S SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS. FSP CORP. URGES ALL FSP CORP. STOCKHOLDERS TO READ THE FINAL DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. WHEN COMPLETED, THE FINAL DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND A FORM OF PROXY WILL BE MAILED TO ALL FSP CORP. STOCKHOLDERS AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE ON THE SEC'S WEB SITE (HTTP://WWW.SEC.GOV). FSP CORP.'S STOCKHOLDERS MAY ALSO OBTAIN THE FINAL DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT FOR FREE FROM FSP CORP. BY CALLING (781) 557-1300.

THE PRELIMINARY PROXY STATEMENT IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE ON THE SEC'S WEB SITE. FSP CORP. AND ITS DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS MAY BE DEEMED TO BE "PARTICIPANTS" IN THE SOLICITATION OF PROXIES FROM FSP CORP. STOCKHOLDERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MERGERS. THESE POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS HAVE INTERESTS IN THE MERGERS, SOME OF WHICH COULD DIFFER FROM THOSE OF FSP CORP. STOCKHOLDERS GENERALLY. INFORMATION ABOUT THE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF FSP CORP., INCLUDING SUCH INDIVIDUALS' OWNERSHIP OF FSP CORP. COMMON STOCK AND PREFERRED SHARES OF THE TARGET REITS, IS SET FORTH IN THE PRELIMINARY PROXY STATEMENT.