



# CITY OF PROVIDENCE

## MAYOR BRETT P. SMILEY

### GREEN AND COMPLETE STREETS ADVISORY COUNCIL

#### DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

#### Meeting of the Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council

July 15, 2024, 4:30 PM, First Floor Conference Room, 444 Westminster Street, Providence RI, 02903

**Overseeing Body:** City of Providence Department of Planning and Development

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Voting members present: Kathleen Gannon, Cedric Ye, Rosie Jaswal, Alana Deluty, Julissa Arce, Aislinn Hanley

Non-voting Ex-Officio members present: Chris Martin, Cpt. Luis SanLucas, Sophie Worsh-Farnum

Ms. Gannon called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Following roll call, Ms. Gannon introduced item #2, the consent agenda, containing the minutes from the June 17, 2024 meeting. Ms. Deluty moved approval of the consent agenda, Ms. Hanley seconded, and all voted in favor. Ms. Gannon moved on to the next agenda item, overview of review procedure. Mr. Martin gave this overview.

Ms. Gannon moved on to the next agenda item, an update on walk signal improvements. Since Mr. Urso was absent, Ms. Gannon moved on to the next agenda item, an overview of the Safe Streets for All grant project. Mr. Martin provided this overview. No motions were made.

Ms. Gannon moved on to the next agenda item, a review of streets planned for repaving in the next year. Mr. Martin presented the map of streets planned for repaving, as well as the staff recommendations:

- Traffic calming should be evaluated on Leah Street between Roanoke St and Beaufort St and installed if 95th percentile speeds exceed 20 mph for a traffic volume under 2000 ADT or 25 mph for a traffic volume under 1500 ADT.
- The intersection of Union St and Washington Street should have corner curb extensions added at all four corners to reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians crossing Washington Street. Such curb extensions should extend to the edge of the parking lane on Washington Street and incorporate the "daylighting" areas where parking is prohibited 20 ft from crosswalks. The material of the curb extensions should be hatched white paint with white flex-posts around the edges as part of this project, upgraded to curbed sidewalk extensions when feasible.
- All intersections within the project scope should be evaluated for opportunities to reduce pedestrian crossing distances as part of the striping phase of the resurfacing project.

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There was discussion and then Ms. Deluty moved to approve the staff recommendations with the following additions:

- Daylighting areas should be striped to clarify the statutory parking setback from crosswalks on all streets. These areas should be delineated with flexible delineators.
- Intersections within the scope that do not have existing marked crosswalks across any of the intersection's legs should have the missing crosswalks installed, with associated ADA curb ramps installed as well.
- At the intersections of Chalkstone Ave with Pleasant Valley Parkway and of Irving Street with Blackstone Boulevard, striping should be installed to improve the visibility of the bike lanes crossing the intersection, such as green ladder bike lane extensions.
- Plans should return to the Advisory Council for review when they are assembled.
- Green infrastructure or planters should be installed in daylighting areas where feasible.

Ms. Jaswal seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Ms. Gannon moved on to the next agenda item, a review of the West River Street Bridge reconstruction. Mr. Martin presented the context along with the staff recommendation: "As part of the bridge replacement, buffered bike lanes should be striped for the extent of the project limits in accordance with the recommended bike route in the Great Streets Plan." There was discussion and Ms. Gannon moved to accept the staff recommendation with the addition that extending the bike lane striping to the intersection with Corliss Street should be considered. Ms. Jaswal seconded and all voted in favor.

Ms. Gannon moved on to the next agenda item, Announcements, Staff Updates, and Public Comment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 PM.

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Respectfully submitted by Alex Ellis.

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