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**GREEN AND COMPLETE STREETS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

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

**September 23, 2024, 4:30 PM, Third 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: Alana Deluty, Cedric Ye, Allison Murray, Julissa Arce, Rosie Jaswal

Non-voting Ex-Officio members present: Alex Ellis, Priscilla De La Cruz, Cpt Luis SanLucas

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

Following roll call, Ms. Deluty introduced item #2, the consent agenda, containing the minutes from the August 13, 2024 meeting. Ms. Deluty moved approval of the consent agenda, Ms. Jaswal seconded, and all voted in favor. Ms. Deluty moved on to the next agenda item, overview of review procedure. Mr. Ellis gave this overview. Ms. Deluty moved on to the next agenda item, an update on walk signal improvements. As Mr. Urso was absent and there was no discussion, Ms. Deluty moved to table the item, Ms. Murray seconded, and all voted in favor. Ms. Deluty moved on to the next agenda item, an update on the Safe Streets for All grant project. Ms. Jaswal noted that due to her participation in the project as a consultant, she would be recusing from the item. Mr. Ellis provided a brief general update then presented the early conceptual mock-ups that were announced in June 2024. There was discussion, and the following motions were made:

- Ms. Deluty moved that any changes on South Water Street should improve safety, should not decrease safety, and should be supported by data. Mr. Ye seconded, and all voted in favor except Ms. Jaswal, who recused.
- Mr. Ye moved that supporting data for the project (including demonstration of safety improvement and the congestion benefit of adding a second car lane back) should be shared with GCSC no later than three business days before the review of 30% plans. Ms. Deluty seconded, and all voted in favor except Ms. Jaswal, who recused.
- Ms. Deluty moved that the improvements should not add a second car lane back to South Water Street. Mr. Ye seconded. After some discussion, Ms. Deluty and Mr. Ye voted in favor of the motion, while Ms. Arce and Ms. Murray voted against. The motion failed.

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- Ms. Deluty moved that additional evidence-based measures for reducing traffic congestion should be considered such as increasing the frequency of the 60 bus, subsidizing bus fares, and encouragement of carpooling. Mr. Ye seconded, and all voted in favor except Ms. Jaswal, who recused.
- Ms. Murray moved that traffic calming such as raised crosswalks, speed lumps, and raised intersections should be incorporated into the project to the extent that existing median speeds are maintained or lowered. Ms. Arce seconded, and all voted in favor except Ms. Jaswal, who recused.

Ms. Deluty moved on to the next agenda item, Announcements, Staff Updates, and Public Comment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.

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Respectfully submitted by Alex Ellis.

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