



MAYOR BRETT P. SMILEY  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE

# GREEN & COMPLETE STREETS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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January 25, 2024




# Agenda

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1. Roll Call
2. Consent Agenda\*
3. GCSC Review Procedure
4. Old Business
  1. Update on Walk Signal Improvements\*
  2. Discussion of Budget for Speed Camera Revenue
5. New Business
  1. North Main Street Update
  2. RIPTA Fiscal Cliff discussion\*
6. Announcements, Staff Updates, and Public Comment

*Asterisk indicates items listed as “for action”*



# ROLL CALL

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Item #1



# GCSC Members

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## Voting

- Alana Deluty
- Rosie Jaswal
- Cedric Ye
- Doug Johnson\*
- Kathleen Gannon\*\*
- Denise Greenidge\*\*

## Non-voting

- Alex Ellis (Planning)
- Nate Urso (DPW)
- Priscilla De La Cruz (Sustainability)
- Cpt. Luis SanLucas (Public Safety)
- (City Forester)

\* Term expired 12/31 but no replacement appointed yet by City Council

\*\* Term expiring 1/31, no new appointments made yet by Mayor

# CONSENT AGENDA

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Item #2



# Consent Agenda

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- Make meetings more efficient by grouping items that need approval but don't merit discussion
- Today:
  - Accept: Minutes from 12/4/23 meeting



# GCSC REVIEW PROCEDURE

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Item #3



# GCSC web page

<https://www.providenceri.gov/planning/gcsc/>

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## Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council (GCSC)

### ABOUT

Streets and sidewalks carry not only people and goods, but also various utilities and stormwater runoff. City streets also represent a sizeable portion of the city's overall land use, house many of its publicly managed trees, and serve as windows into the city for visitors and residents alike. City streets and sidewalks must serve people of all ages and abilities, while creating more mobility and independence for young people, seniors, and people with disabilities. They serve motorists, non-motorists, residents in wheelchairs, parents pushing strollers, kids biking and walking to school, and people who can't afford to use, or prefer not to use motor vehicles.

The City of Providence will develop a safe, reliable, equitable, efficient, inviting, integrated and connected multimodal transportation system that will promote access, mobility and health for all users and abutters, while also improving environmental quality and reducing polluted stormwater runoff. The City will create a connected network of right-of-way facilities accommodating all modes of travel to the maximum practical extent. This network will promote walking and biking on city streets and sidewalks, provide access to public transportation, beautify and shade the City's parks, schools, healthy food retail establishments, and reduce and treat polluted stormwater.

The **Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council** was created by ordinance in July 2021. Its responsibilities are to:

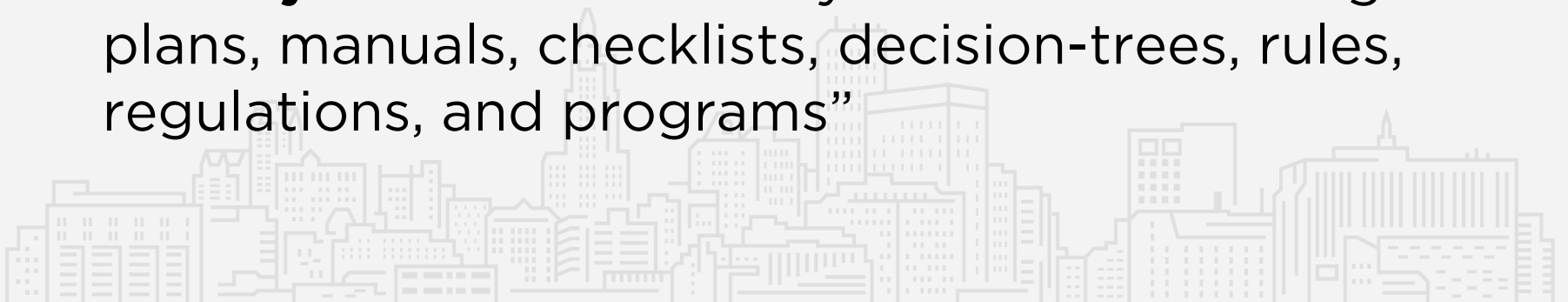




# Review Procedure

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- **Review of Conceptual & 30% Plans**  
During project development, make recommendations to improve design
- **Waivers** from requirements of ordinance  
Mode-specific, GCSC approves or denies
- **Traffic calming:** in edge cases, after traffic study, GCSC can recommend Traffic Engineer give “preliminary approval”
- **All City activities:** annually review “all existing plans, manuals, checklists, decision-trees, rules, regulations, and programs”

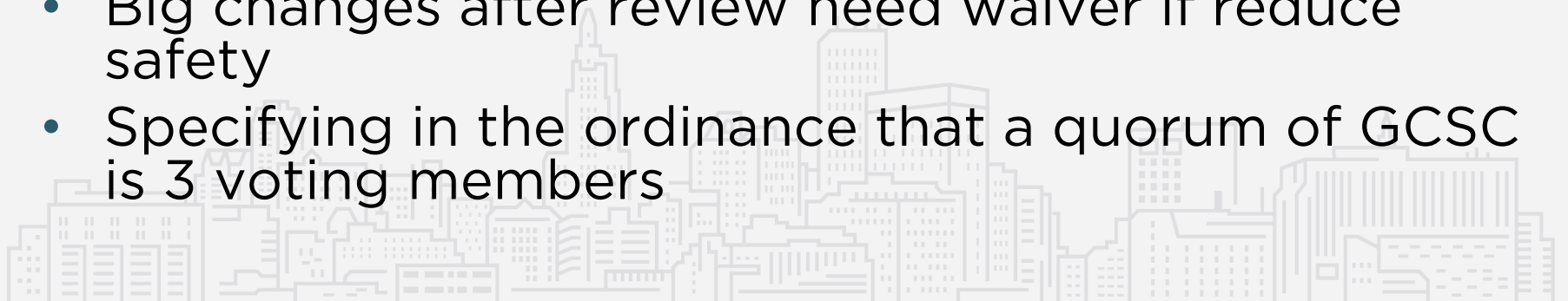


# Amendment changes

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## **Signed by Mayor Smiley 12/21/23**

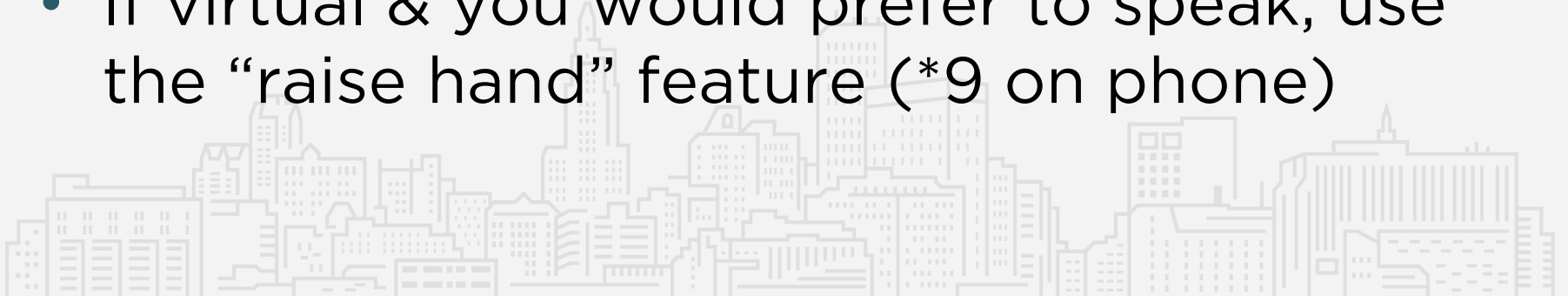
- Adds “any removal of complete streets features” to scope of review
- Adds 2 alternate members to GCSC
- Members would now serve until replacement appointed
- Tweaks traffic calming thresholds to fix too wide eligibility of short, low-traffic streets
- Requires other boards to seek GCSC opinion if relevant (while keeping to required deadlines)
- Big changes after review need waiver if reduce safety
- Specifying in the ordinance that a quorum of GCSC is 3 voting members



# Public comment

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- Opportunity during each item & for general topics at end of meeting
  - Wait for Chair to recognize you
  - Please keep comments to 2 minutes
- If participating virtually, put questions or comments in Q&A, staff or Chair will read them out
- If virtual & you would prefer to speak, use the “raise hand” feature (\*9 on phone)



# OLD BUSINESS

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Item #4



# UPDATE ON WALK SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS

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Item #4a



# Status of Walk Signal Improvements

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- How many signals have had LPI added?
- Is there a revised schedule for completing the installation of LPIs throughout the city?
- What is the status of other signal improvements for pedestrian safety that GCSC recommended?



# DISCUSSION OF BUDGET FOR SPEED CAMERA REVENUE

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Item #4b



# NEW BUSINESS

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Item #5





# NORTH MAIN STREET UPDATE

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Item #5a



# RIPTA FISCAL CLIFF DISCUSSION

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Item #5b



# ANNOUNCEMENTS, STAFF UPDATES, PUBLIC COMMENT

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Item #6



# Projects Update

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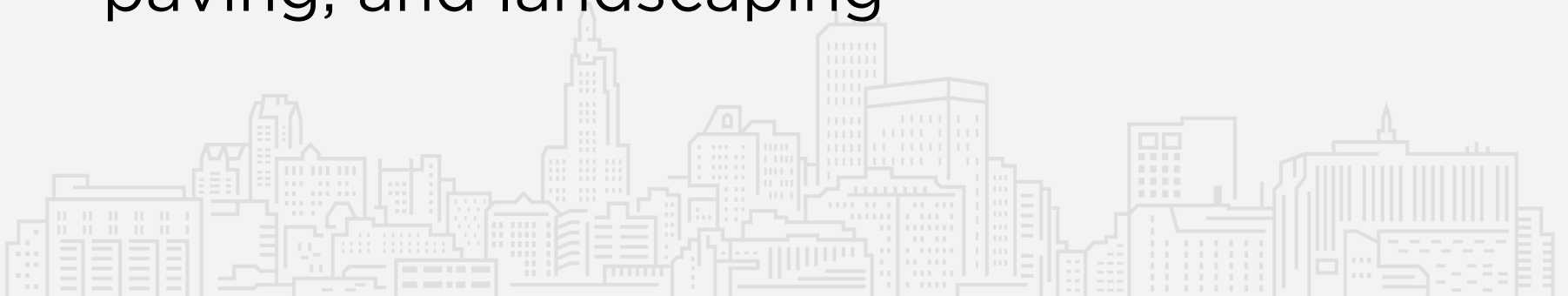
- Comp Plan update project next month
- RAISE planning grant around Waterplace Park, negotiating with sole bidder
- Applying to new federal grant rounds for North Main Street design & targeted intersection safety improvements
- Paving & sidewalks schedule for 2024
  - Hardly any paving planned for this year, only finishing touches on 2023 projects including Westminster/Dorrance crosswalks
  - A few scattered sidewalks throughout City: Vandewater St, Wallace St, Clarence St, Woodbine St, Ponagansett Ave, a few blocks of Admiral St, Terrace Ave, Union Ave, River Ave, Public St



# 6-10 Connector update 1/10/24

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- **“Next couple weeks”**: Highway ramp 6E→10S done
- **Spring**: 10N offramp to Westminster open
- **Spring/Summer**: New Olneyville-side service road & Tobey St bridge
- **Final pieces (Spring/Summer)**: shared-use path, Pilsudski connection, final highway paving, and landscaping



# 6-10 Connector Follow-ups

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- “Upon completion of the Westminster Street off ramp this spring, the [east-side] Service Road will be rebuilt and **return to its previous alignment** between Oak and Union.”
- “New traffic signals will have pedestrian heads and push button activation” **[not automatic pedestrian recall]**
- “Lighting is still to be installed on Tobey Street. The shared use path will not have dedicated lighting, but the path is adjacent to the highway or the Service Road, both of which are lit.” **[Unclear whether pedestrian bridge over Amtrak will have lighting, likely not]**
- “The shared use path will run north from Union Ave on the west side of the existing Service Road and intersect with Westminster Street, Broadway and Tobey Street. It will cross Tobey Street and connect to Harris Ave. It will terminate on Helme Street. It will be separated from traffic.”



# 6-10 Connector Contacts @ RIDOT

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- Jim Pratt: **james.pratt@dot.ri.gov**
- Kara Langelier: **kara.langelier@dot.ri.gov**



# Shared Micromobility

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- Bird bankruptcy not expected to impact either Bird or Spin operations (debt restructuring & already working with new hedge fund owners)
- Bird's bikes are all broken, working to pull them all
- New permit cycle starting in Spring:
  - Corral-only parking in Downtown & College Hill
  - Fewer operators, fewer devices





# Safe Streets For All Schedule

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- **As soon as new GCSC fully appointed:**  
GCSC conceptual discussions by segment
- **Spring:** Design consultants on board
- **Spring '24 - Summer '25:** Outreach & design for all segments, Great Streets Plan update
- **2025-6:** “Preliminary Design” done, NEPA submission, construction procurement
- **2026-8:** Construction



# THANK YOU

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