

# GREEN & COMPLETE STREETS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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# Agenda

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1. Roll Call
2. Consent Agenda\*
3. GCSC Review Procedure
4. Old Business
  - a) Review of Walk Signal Policies\*
5. New Business
  - a) Washington Street and East Approach\*
  - b) 2022 Traffic Calming Projects
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

- Will Cornwall
- Alana Deluty
- Kathleen Gannon
- Denise Greenidge
- Rosie Jaswal
- Doug Johnson
- Dina Quezada

## Non-voting

- Alex Ellis (Planning)
- Liza Farr (DPW)
- Kevin Proft  
(Sustainability)
- Cpt. Luis SanLucas  
(Public Safety)
- A.J. Elton (Forester)



# 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 6/15/22 meeting
  - Continue: Review 2021 Annual Report on Green & Complete Streets Activities



# GCSC REVIEW PROCEDURE

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Item #3



# GCSC web page



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



## 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 projects during their development for compliance with Code of Ordinances Section 1. Chapter 23 Article VII – Green and Complete Streets and make recommendations as necessary
- Review applications for waivers or exceptions from the Ordinance
- Review and recommend traffic calming on any streets that are not automatically approved for traffic calming as described in the Ordinance
- Annually review City activities for compliance with the Ordinance and report to City Council and Administration

The Advisory Council replaces the **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission** and the **Traffic Calming Advisory Group**, which both previously met to oversee scopes now completed by the Advisory Council.

The Department of Planning and Development provides administrative support to the Advisory Council.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Advisory Council is described in the Ordinance as:

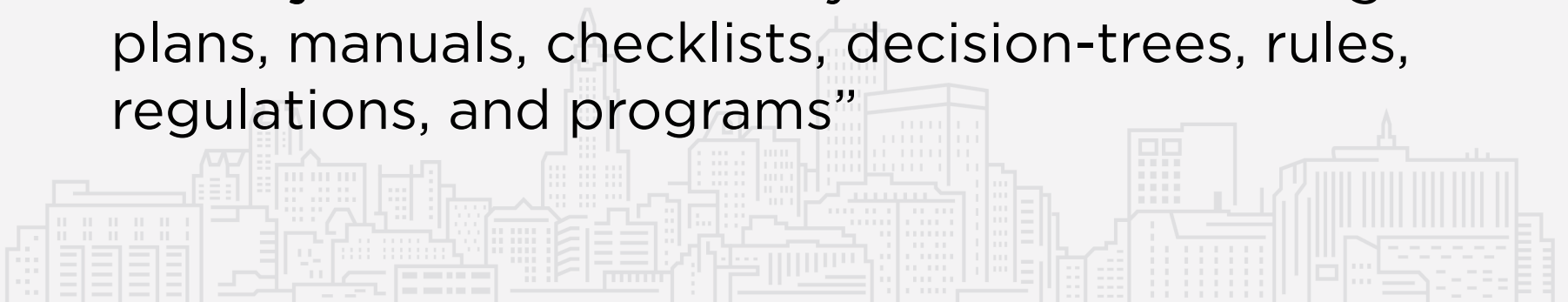
- The Director of Public Works or his/her designee who shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member,



# 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”



# Hybrid meetings

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- Executive Order 22-20 expired 3/31 so public bodies must meet in person
- Hybrid meetings
  - We need a quorum (4) of voting members in person
  - Only in-person attendees can vote
  - Anyone who does not need to be in-person encouraged to attend virtually pending future pandemic context



# Flow of meeting

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1. Chair introduces agenda item
2. Staff report
3. GCSC discussion pt. 1
4. Public comment
5. GCSC discussion pt. 2 & vote



# Public comment

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



# OLD BUSINESS

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Item #4



# REVIEW OF WALK SIGNAL POLICIES

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Item #4a



# NEW BUSINESS

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Item #5



# 2022 TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECTS

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Item #5b





# 2022 Traffic Calming

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- Burnside St
- Gordon Ave
- Ocean St
- Sayles St
- Pavilion Ave
- Bridgham St
- Eaton St (west of River Ave)
- Bainbridge Ave
- Camp St (Olney to Doyle)



# WASHINGTON STREET AND EAST APPROACH: CONCEPTUAL REVIEW

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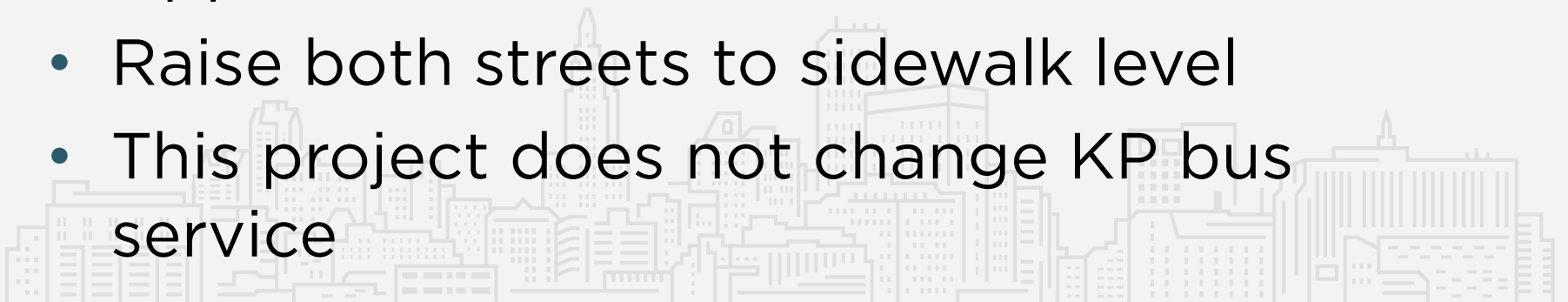
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# Washington Street & East Approach

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- Incremental piece of 2020 vision for KP
- Separate from RAISE grant & food pavilion
- Goal to pedestrianize more of KP
- De-emphasize cars on Washington Street, eliminate vehicular traffic on East Approach
- Raise both streets to sidewalk level
- This project does not change KP bus service



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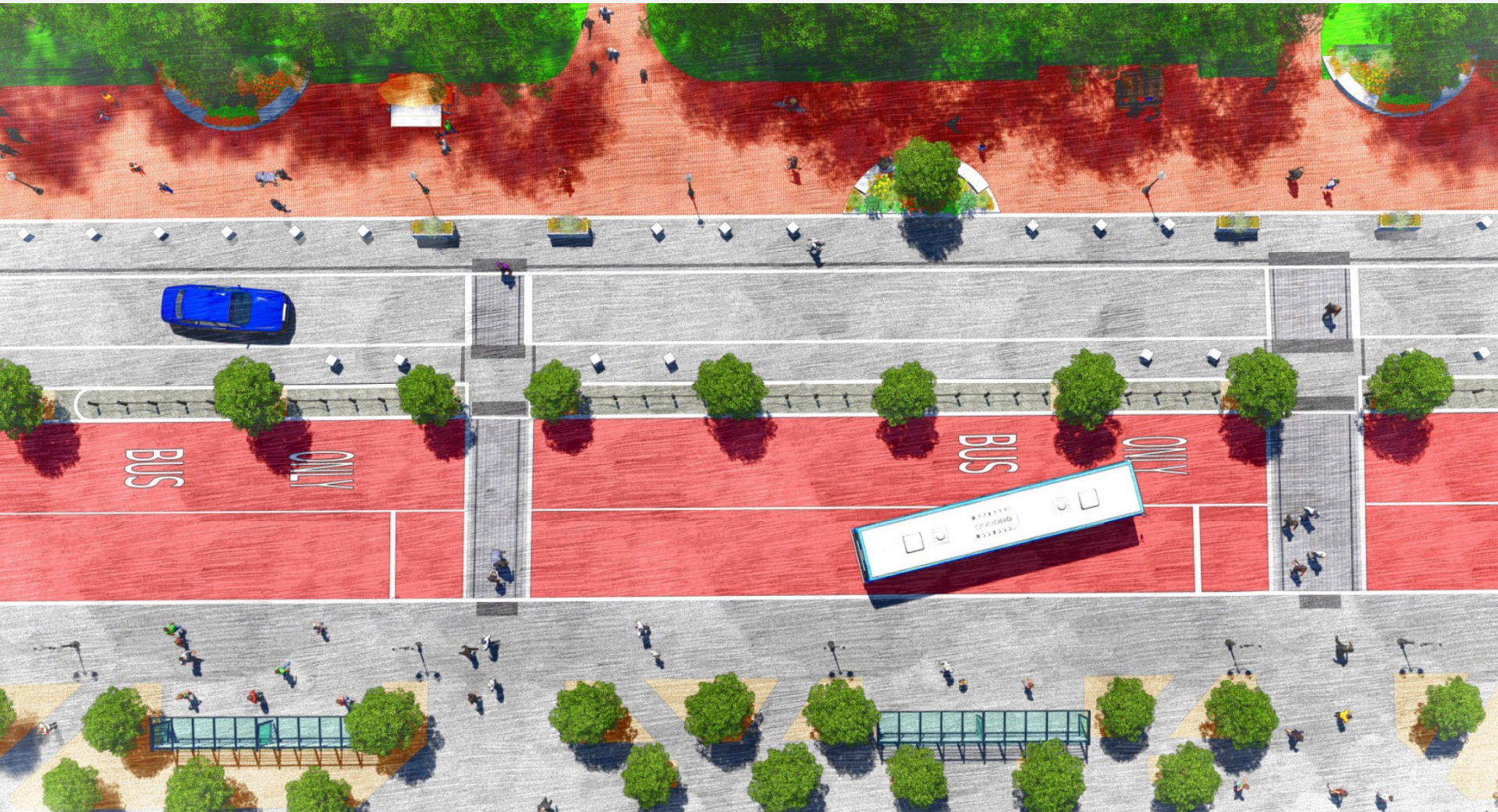
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# Washington Street & East Approach



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS, STAFF UPDATES, PUBLIC COMMENT

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Item #6





# Announcements

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- Jess Lance now Acting Director of Special Projects
- Gotham Greens Path & Broad Street now substantially complete
- Dean Street expecting to finish construction in the next month





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# THANK YOU

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