



**Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission**

Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor

**Staff Report: Potential improvements to Tobey, Ridge, Swiss, and Knight streets north of Broadway – Federal Hill – Ward 13 (For Action)**

*Presented at October 16, 2016 BPAC meeting*

**Project Description**

The City of Providence The Department of Planning and Development seeks the BPAC’s ideas for traffic calming and other improvements to Tobey and Ridge streets north of Broadway. There is currently no specific funding in place to implement recommendations for this project; however, the BPAC’s recommendations will be considered by the City’s DPD and DPW and potential funding sources for implementation will be explored.

The BPAC previously discussed potential improvements to Tobey and Ridge streets north of Broadway at the Commission’s October meeting.

**Project Map**





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### **Staff Recommendations to BPAC**

Based on feedback from the public and Commission members received at the October BPAC meeting during which this project was previously discussed, staff to the BPAC make the following recommendations:

- The curb radius of the northeast corner of Tobey Street and Broadway should be reduced to decrease vehicular speeds and improve pedestrian safety.
- Tobey Street, between Broadway and Penn should be made two way and the portion of Ridge Street between Broadway and Grove Street should be abandoned and turned into a green space and bicycle/pedestrian connection to Bell Street Park. This would improve pedestrian safety in this area by reducing the length of the pedestrian crossing, create a welcoming entrance to the park, and reduce the amount of impervious pavement in the city.
- The Tobey/Ridge/Penn intersection should be reconfigured to reduce vehicular speeds and improve pedestrian safety as part of RIDOT's work to redesign and reconstruct the Tobey Street bridge over the 6-10 Connector.
- Swiss Street should be redesigned to reduce the curb to curb width, reduce vehicular speeds, eliminate the median, and create safer accessible pedestrian crossings.
- Knight Street between Atwells Avenue and Swiss Street should be redesigned to reduce the curb to curb width, reduce vehicular speeds, eliminate the median, and create safer accessible pedestrian crossings.



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Respectfully submitted by Martina Haggerty.