



Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor

Staff Report: Proposed restriping of Olney Street – College Hill, Mount Hope - Wards 2 and 3 (For Action)

Presented at July 19, 2017 BPAC meeting

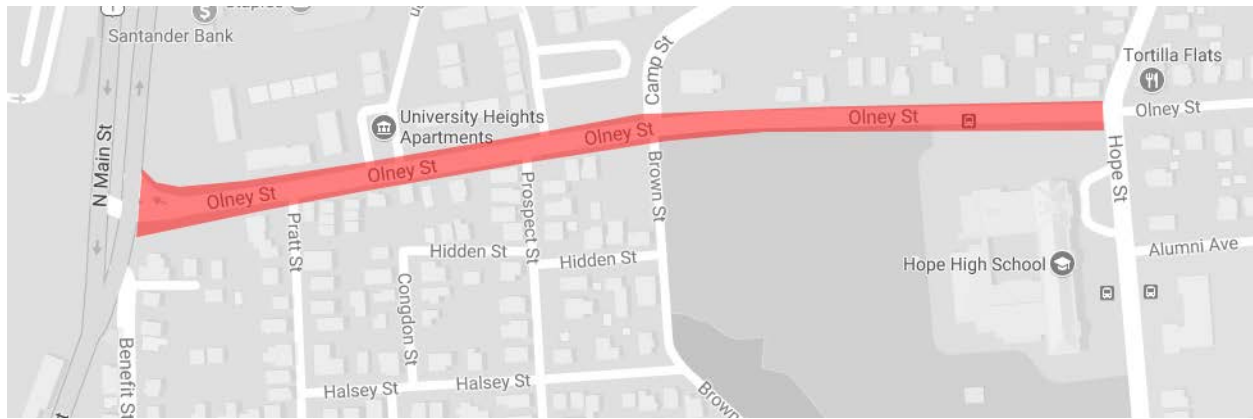
Project Description

The City of Providence Department of Planning and Development seeks comments from the BPAC regarding preliminary design plans to restripe Olney Street to include bike lanes. This is the final approval, and if recommended by BPAC following the public hearing, this project is expected to be completed Summer 2017.

The BPAC previously discussed potential improvements to Olney Street at the Commission's July 2016 and September 2016 meetings.

The latest version of the plans includes bike lanes along the entire stretch from North Main Street to Hope Street. In order to fit the bike lanes, 10 out of 10 existing on street parking spaces on Olney Street between North Main and Pratt streets would be removed, and 25 out of 75 existing on street parking spaces on Olney Street between Pratt and Hope streets would be removed.

Project Map



Parking Counts:

Following the September 2016 BPAC discussion, counts of parking utilization were conducted on Olney Street to measure demand for on-street parking. Counts were taken at different times of day and days of the week. The counts showed that an average of three (3) cars and a maximum of nine (9) cars were parked west of Prospect Street. East of Prospect Street, an average of six (6) cars and a maximum of fourteen (14) cars were parked on-street on Olney Street. In addition to remaining parking capacity on Olney Street, the counts also revealed that available parking spaces on side streets (Pratt, Prospect, and Brown streets) totaled an average of fifteen (15) spaces and a minimum of ten (10) spaces.



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Previous BPAC Recommendations to DPW:

In accordance with the motion made regarding this project at the September 2016 BPAC meeting, the following recommendations were submitted to the Department of Public Works.

Recommendation	Incorporated?
Additional bike lane stencils should be added to the bike lanes throughout in order to reinforce drive education about the purpose of the lanes.	Yes
On-street parking along the south side of Hope Street near North Main Street should be removed in order to accommodate a bike lane in the downhill direction.	Yes
The intersection of Camp and Olney should be changed from a 2-way stop to a 4-way stop.	No
Reduce both vehicular travel lanes near Hope High School from 12' and 13' to 10.5' each. The "bus only" portion of the bus-bike lane should then be increased from 8' to 12'.	No
Remove the "bus only" markings on the roadway and instead replace them with "no parking" and "bus stop" signs.	No
Green paint should be added to the "floating" bike lane area near Hope High School.	No

Respectfully submitted by Alex Ellis.

