



## Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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### **Staff Report: Woonasquatucket Bike/Ped Bridge at San Souci Drive Conceptual Review – Olneyville – Ward 15 (For Action)**

*Presented at April 10, 2018 BPAC meeting*

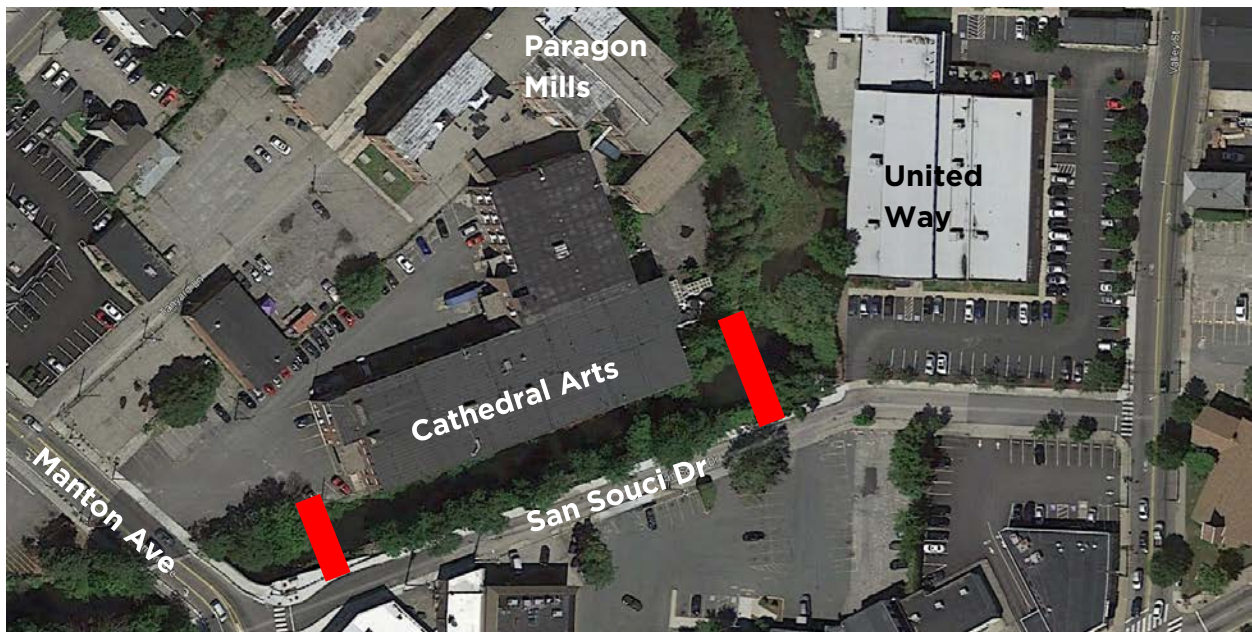
#### **Project Background**

The City of Providence Department of Planning and Development seeks comments from the BPAC regarding conceptual plans for a new bicycle and pedestrian bridge across the Woonasquatucket River perpendicular and adjacent to San Souci Drive. This will be a concept level review of the project. When advanced in the future, this project will come back to the BPAC for preliminary plan review.

The instigation for this project, which is in preliminary concept phase, is threefold:

1. The Manton Avenue bridge at San Souci Drive will undergo reconstruction in the next several years, and the new bridge may not be able to accommodate bicycle infrastructure.
2. Paragon Mills, which is across the river from United Way, between Cathedral Arts and Delaine St, is undergoing significant redevelopment and this project would provide it with improved access to Olneyville Square and the Woonasquatucket Greenway.
3. A scenic overlook of the Woonasquatucket River was a goal of the San Souci Drive concept which was unable to be integrated into the designs with the existing budget.

#### **Project Map**



Respectfully submitted by Alex Ellis.