



## Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor

### **Staff Report: Gano Gateway 30% Review – Fox Point – Ward 1 (For Action)**

*Presented at June 20, 2018 BPAC meeting*

#### **Project Background**

The City of Providence Department of Planning and Development seeks comments from the BPAC regarding design plans for the shared use path connection between the Blackstone Bikeway Segment 1A and India Point Park. This will be a design level review of the project and will be the second of two reviews before the Commission.

The Commission reviewed conceptual alternatives for the shared use path's alignment in April 2017 and recommended that "The City should work with the state, the Fox Point Neighborhood Association, the Friends of India Point Park, Brown University, and other abutters to revisit alignment of Blackstone Bikeway and as needed India Street and Gano Street to address aesthetics, safety, and legal width of sidewalk and bicycle facilities."

In May 2017, City staff joined community members and representatives from Brown University for a site visit of the area. The City communicated the key points identified during this site visit to the RI Department of Transportation that week, most notably including a shift of the path from running parallel to the roadway for its length to the alignment shown in these plans.

#### **Project Map**

**Green** = shared use path, **Blue** = current roadway alignment, **Red** = new roadway alignment





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### Improvements in Plan

- The plans realign the intersection of India Street and Gano Street to be a T intersection with through traffic moving straight rather than the sharp right angle traffic follows in the current alignment. The new intersection would not have stop signs for through traffic, with a stop sign for traffic coming from the Hilton Garden Inn and Tockwotten Studios.
- The plans show a shared use path running from the terminus of Blackstone River Bikeway Segment 1A in Gano Park at the I-195 off-ramp to the sidewalk in India Point Park by the Brown University Boathouse. The path runs adjacent to Gano Street for the northern portion, and after passing the retaining pond curves to be closer to the river as it passes under the highway.
- In addition to the path connection to India Point Park, a spur of the path is shown to connect users directly to the T intersection, the Hilton Garden Inn and Tockwotten Studios, and access to the George Redman Linear Park.
- The slope under the highway will be regraded such that the maximum slope of the shared use path is 5% near the Brown Boat House
- The plans show the shared use path crossing of the I-195 off-ramp without any signage indicating to path users how they should cross the off-ramp. Vehicular traffic coming off the highway has a “Turning vehicles yield to pedestrians” sign in addition to the intersection’s traffic signal. There is currently no pedestrian signal and the plans do not add one.

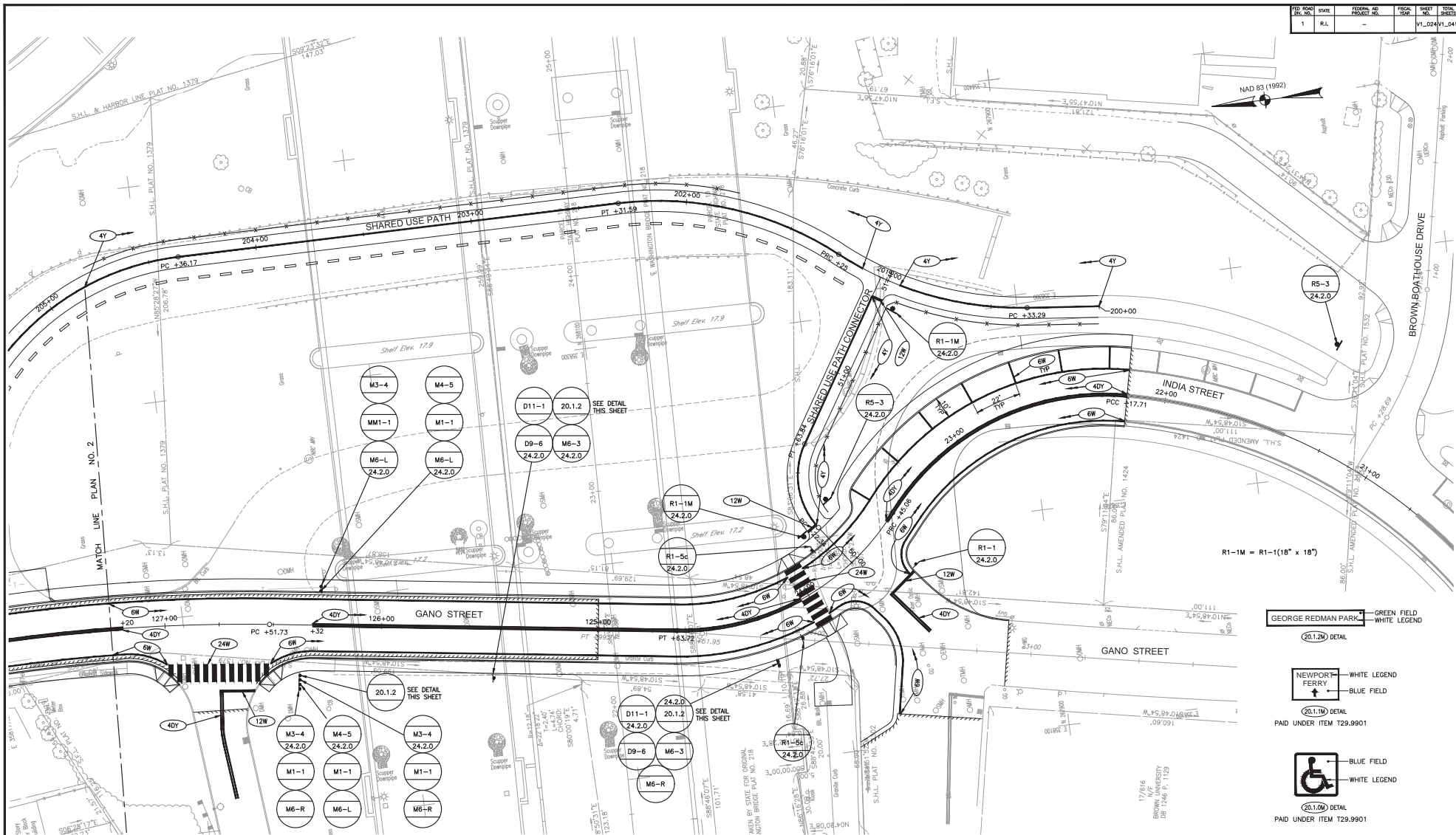
### Staff Recommendations for 30% Plans

- Immediately and until construction is complete, the state should install temporary signage to direct users of the existing Blackstone Bikeway path in how to safely navigate traffic to India Point Park and the George Redman Linear Park, as well as the reverse.
- At the outlet of the shared use path spur at the realigned intersection, the pedestrian ramp on the east side of the road should be moved to align with the path entrance. The crosswalk should be adjusted accordingly. The northbound R1-5c (“Stop here for pedestrians”) sign should be moved back accordingly, parallel with the south side of the shared use path.
- Signage should be added at the location where the shared use path will cross the I-195 off-ramp to assist path users in safely crossing the off-ramp. “No Turn on Red” signage should also be considered for the off-ramp.

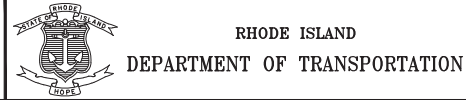
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Respectfully submitted by Alex Ellis.

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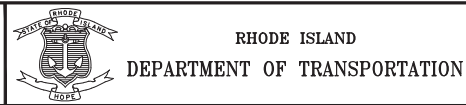
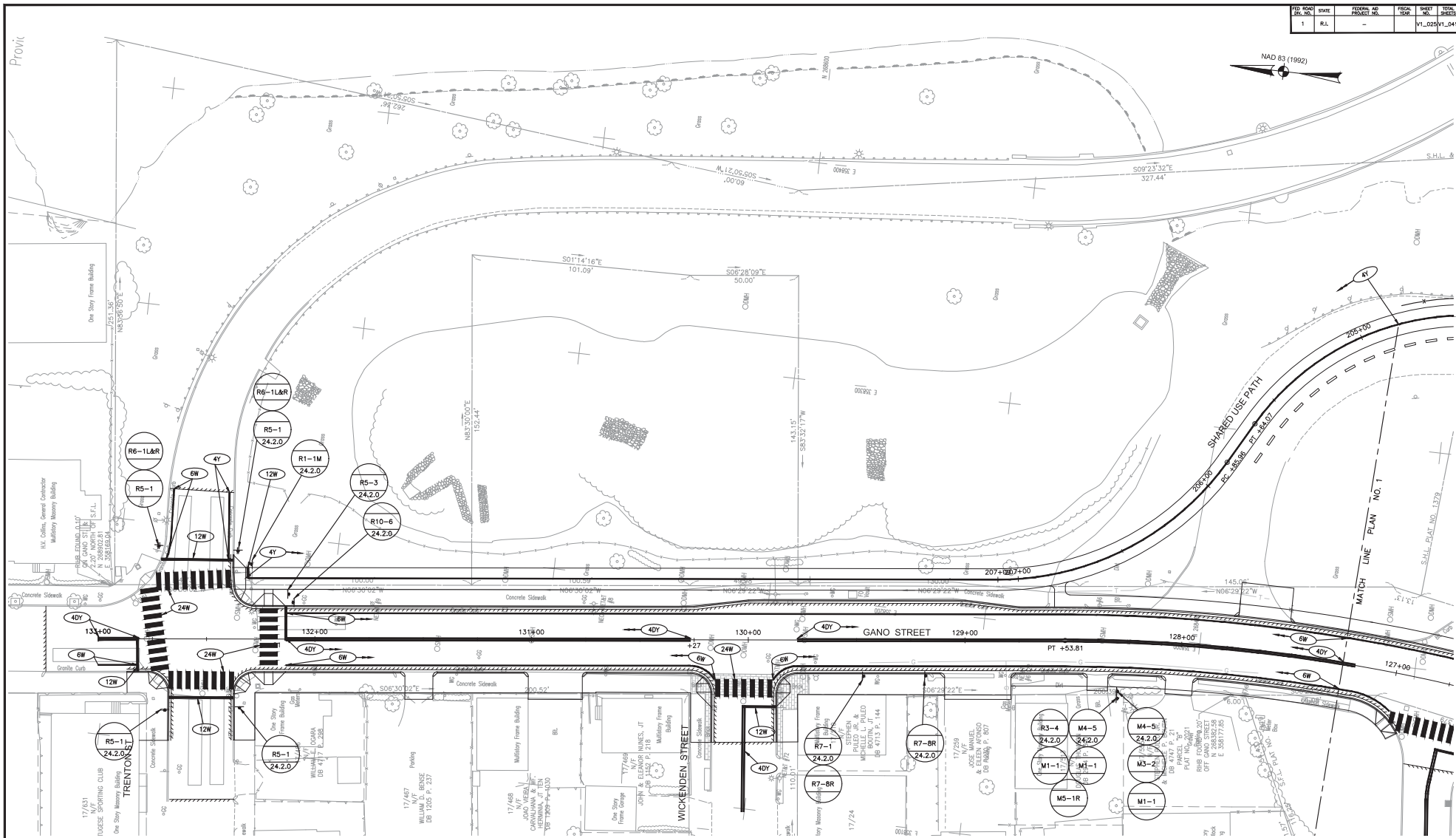
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