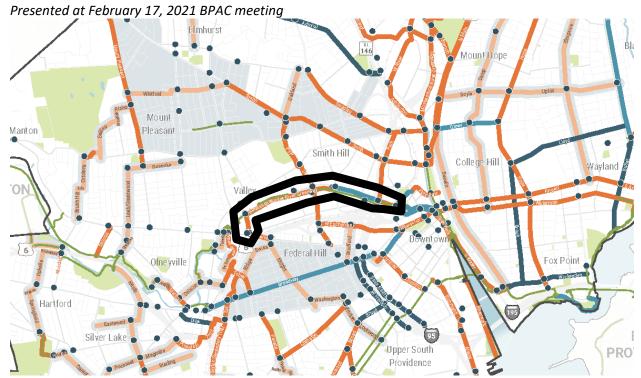


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<u>Staff Report:</u> Woonasquatucket Greenway Improvements Design Review – Valley, Smith Hill – Wards **12**, **15** (*For Action*)



Project Background

The City of Providence Department of Planning and Development seeks comments from the BPAC regarding design plans for Woonasquatucket Greenway improvements on Promenade Street, Kinsley Avenue, Providence Place, and Eagle Street. This will be a design level review of the project and will be the second of two reviews before the Commission.

This project came before the Commission for conceptual review in June 2020. Recommendations at the time were:

- The slip lane from Kinsley Ave eastbound onto Dean St southbound should be removed,
 - o This was not able to be accommodated
- A crosswalk should be added across Promenade St at the sculpture bridge,
 - This crosswalk was added to the plans
- The slip lane from Bath St southbound onto Promenade St westbound should be reconsidered, with a preference for moving utility pole and integrating a truck apron instead of a slip lane, and
 - This was not able to be accommodated



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- A crosswalk should be added across the south side of the Bath Street Bridge where it intersects with Providence Place,
 - This crosswalk was added to the plans
- The City should work with partners such as the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council and the Providence Place Mall to organize "Car-free Days" events on Promenade Street, and
 - o This will be discussed more as the project continues its development
- The City should monitor traffic conditions in the neighborhood especially watching for speeding on Harris Ave.
 - The Traffic Calming Advisory Group discussed adding additional speed lumps to Harris
 Ave between Atwells Ave and Providence Place, and gave preliminary approval to
 additional locations based on speeding studies.

Now at 30% design, the project is planned to advance to 90% design by July, construction documents by November, with construction beginning in Spring 2020.

Other changes since conceptual review

- A new pocket park at the intersection of Eagle St and Kinsley Ave provides space for stormwater-related features as well as park features, and involves a slight realignment of the path at that intersection.
- Additional speed lumps are incorporated into the design.
- Realignment of intersection between Harris & Providence Place unable to occur, affecting alignment of Park/Promenade intersection under Mall.
- The intersection of Promenade St with the Bath Street Bridge will now be signalized.

Respectfully submitted by Alex Ellis.

