CONNECTING NEIGHBORHOODS & PEOPLE

CONNECTING PARKS & RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CONNECTING & CELEBRATING CULTURAL DIVERSITY

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO CIVIC INSTITUTIONS

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CONNECTING PARKS & RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Washington Secondary Trail
East Bay Bike Path
Blackstone Bike Path
Woonasquatucket River Greenway
Woonasquatucket River Greenway Extension
(fully funded, in engineering)
Washington Secondary Extension
(soon to be under construction)
Woonasquatucket River Greenway
CONNECTING PARKS & RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
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Botanical Center
Knight Memorial Library
Southside Cultural Center
Washington Park Library
South Providence Library
Children's Museum
Natural History Museum
Fox Point Library
COMPONENTS OF CITY WALK

PUBLIC ART

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

LANDSCAPING & STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

WAYFINDING & INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

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HISTORY OF CITY WALK

• First emerged as a concept of an “east-west greenway” through Downtown as part of Old Harbor community planning process (2006)

• Moved forward by community groups including Jewelry District Association, Providence Foundation, Elmwood Neighborhood Association

• City Walk Study conducted by those groups in 2014, established basic concept for City Walk

• City secured ~$2.35M in 2016 to implement safety improvements to complement larger vision
CITY WALK PHASES

- **Phase 1** preliminary designs currently under review by RIDOT.
  - Implementation scheduled for fall 2018.

- **Phase 2** design kicks off today
  - Implementation in 2019

- Additional segments of the route fall under future phases

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PHASE 1:

- **Safety** improvements for pedestrian crossings
  - Signal improvements for pedestrian crossings (Leading Pedestrian Intervals - shown to reduce crashes with people biking and walking by 63%)
  - No Turn on Red restrictions at intersections (shown to reduce crashes with people walking and biking by 69%)
  - Intersection ‘daylighting’ to improve driver visibility (shown to reduce crashes by 33% and increase driver yielding rates by 40%)
PHASE 1: Clifford Street
Clifford Street Bridge
Pine Street
Friendship Street

- Better **connectivity** for people walking and biking
  - New crosswalks
  - Install missing ADA-accessible ramps
  - New bike lanes
PHASE 1: Clifford Street Bridge
Pine Street
Friendship Street

• Public Art
  • Ground Murals
  • Upgrade fence on Clifford Street Bridge
  • Pursuing $1M Bloomberg Grant for Public Art

Existing Clifford Street Bridge
PHASE 1:

- **Streetscape improvements**
  - Planters with greenery in buffer areas
  - Will pursue funding for green infrastructure/landscaping, wayfinding, and interpretive signage
  - Funding secured for over 50 pairs of new trash/recycling bins on Broad Street
  - Funding secured for 100 new bike racks on Broad Street
Want to learn about the Phase 1 Designs? Visit us at **Table 1!**
PHASE 2: BROAD STREET

- **Goal:** Address **safety** issues at high-crash locations
  - 82 people walking and biking involved in a car crash between 2009 and 2015

- **Goal:** Improve **walking and biking** environment
  - 1 in 5 households do not have a car
  - 40% of Broad Street residents rely on transit, walking, biking, and carpool

- **Goal:** Improve **economic and social opportunity** for current residents
  - Providence residents spend 20% of household income on transportation
  - Providence poverty rate is nearly 30%

- **Goal:** Maintain **diversity** and character of the neighborhood

- **Goal:** Incorporate **public art** to celebrate South Providence culture and activate the streetscape
OPPORTUNITIES ON BROAD STREET

• Existing space between the curb:
  • Trinity Square to Public Street: ~45 feet
  • Public Street to Roger Williams Park: ~53 feet

• Reduction in the width of parking and driving lanes allows additional space for other uses
Want to help shape the future design of Broad Street? Visit us at Table 2!
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community Advisory Group (neighborhood group leaders & other direct stakeholders)

Public Meeting #1 held in Fall 2017 at Southside Cultural Center

Meetings with Phase 1 neighborhood groups in Spring 2018 (SPNA, DNA, JDA)

Public Meeting #2 focused on Broad Street - mid-April 2018

Street Team representatives will attend community events & festivals throughout Spring, Summer, Fall 2018

Meetings with Phase 2 neighborhood groups in Spring/early Summer 2018

Demonstration Project on Broad Street - June 2018
STREET TEAMS

• 10 community members to serve as project ambassadors, collect feedback, and spread the word about opportunities to provide input

• Upcoming Events
  • Cultural events through South Side and Roger Williams Park (including Dominican Festival)
  • Meetings of community groups like your own
  • Visiting churches to speak with people after worship services
  • Tables out on the street
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

- Temporary installation on Broad Street (exact location TBD) to test out project concepts in real time, collect feedback, and revise designs prior to permanent installation
- Scheduled for June, exact dates TBD
- Southside Cultural Center will provide art direction for the event
- Focus groups and stakeholder interviews will help provide detail-rich feedback after the demonstration event

Want to help plan the Broad Street Demonstration Project? Visit us at Table 3!
Visit the project website to sign up for our email list: [www.providenceri.gov/planning/citywalk](http://www.providenceri.gov/planning/citywalk)

Have an existing meeting or event you would like us to attend? Invite us!
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