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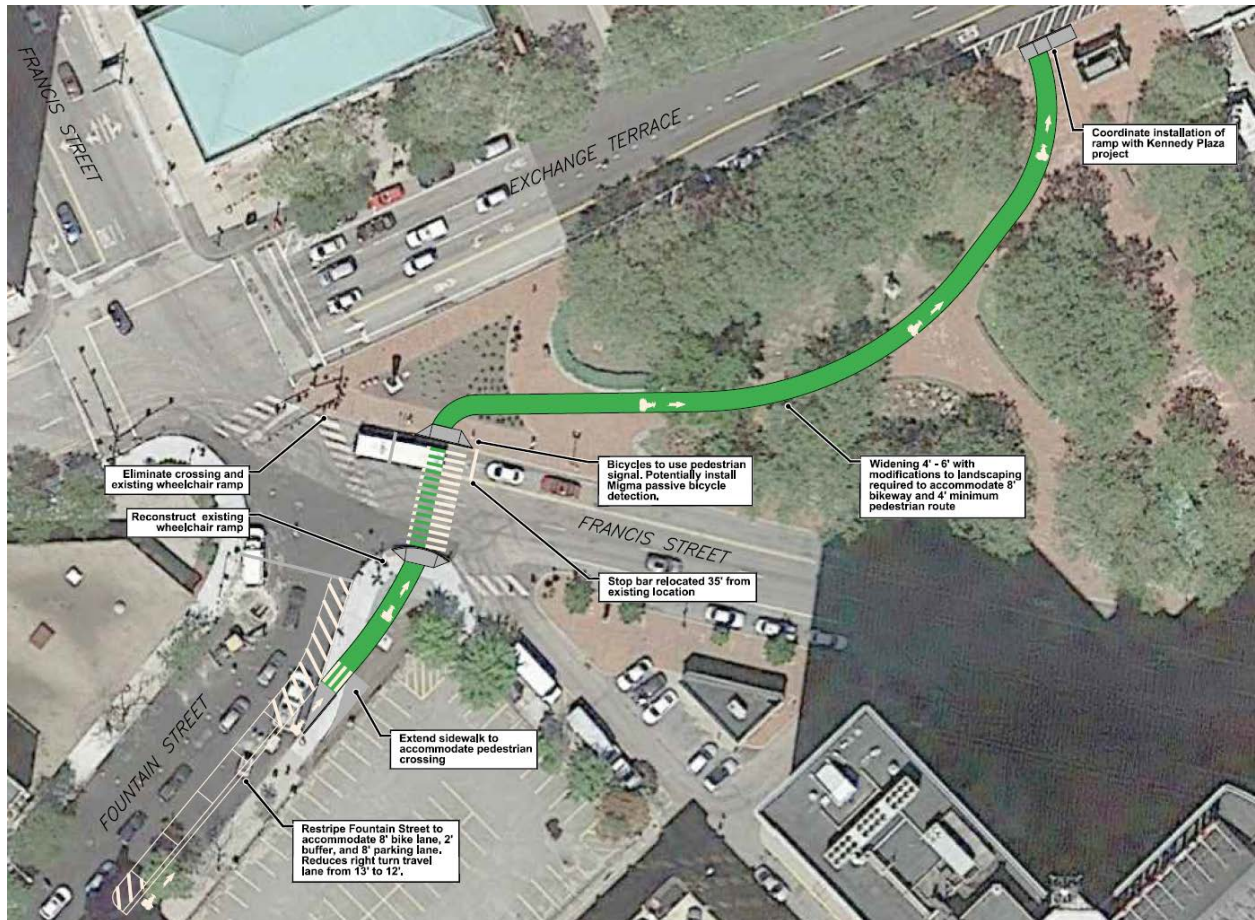
Staff Report: Emmett Square Conceptual Review – Downtown – Ward 1 (For Action)

Presented at September 4, 2018 BPAC meeting

Project Background

The City of Providence Department of Planning and Development seeks comments from the BPAC regarding conceptual plans for an extension of the Fountain Street bike lane across Dorrance Street. This will be a conceptual level review of the project and will be the first of two reviews before the Commission.

Project Map





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Description of Improvements

- The Fountain St bike lane will continue along the curb from its current terminus at Union St, with on-street parking between the bike lane and vehicular travel lanes.
- Where the curb bends at the approach to Dorrance St, the bike lane will cross the curb line using a new curb ramp.
 - At the top of that new ramp, the sidewalk will cross the bike lane using a short crosswalk.
 - The bike lane will avoid the public art pedestal on the corner between Fountain St and Eddy St.
- The diagonal crosswalk from southern corner of Fountain St and Dorrance St to the sharp corner of Exchange Ter and Dorrance St will be eliminated, and replaced with a crosswalk straight across Dorrance St with an adjacent green striped bike crossing.
 - This new crosswalk will require the construction of new curb ramps on either side of Dorrance St.
 - Bikes will use the same signal as pedestrians.
 - The stop bar for motor vehicles on the Dorrance St approach to the intersection will be moved back 35 ft.
- Once across Dorrance St and into Biltmore Park, the bike path will use the existing brick pathway to curve up to Exchange Ter near the small ventilation structure close to the corner of the Rink. Where necessary, the path will be widened slightly to fit both the bikeway and a minimum 4 ft pedestrian route.
- When bus stops are removed from the Burnside Park side of Exchange Ter as part of the Downtown Transit Connector & Kennedy Plaza work, this work will connect to a new bike lane between Exchange St and Emmett Square.

Respectfully submitted by Alex Ellis.