



Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

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Staff Report: Henderson Bridge discussion – Wayland – Ward 1 *(For Discussion)*

Presented at March 20, 2019 BPAC meeting

Project Background

The Commission will discuss plans by the Rhode Island Department of Transportation for work on the Henderson Bridge. This project is required to return to the Commission twice more, for conceptual and for design review.

RIDOT announced on February 25 their plans to accelerate replacement of the Henderson Bridge, narrowing it to one vehicular travel lane in each direction and incorporating bicycle and pedestrian paths. The project would free up land for development on either side of the river totaling 33 acres.

With no plans yet for review, this conversation is to identify principles the City should pursue in discussions with RIDOT about the project. Such principles could include:

- How the Commission feels about the height of the bridge and whether it should be changed
- Preferred configurations of the bridge span itself
- How the area of the bridge ramps is redeveloped
- How the bridge relates to the proposed complete street on River Rd underneath the bridge

Project Map (see right)



Respectfully submitted by Alex Ellis.