



Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor

Staff Report: Pedestrian Crossing at Benefit & Waterman – College Hill – Ward 2 (For Action)

Presented at July 17, 2019 BPAC meeting

Project Background

The City of Providence Department of Planning and Development seeks comments from the BPAC regarding designs for signal improvements at the intersection of Benefit St and Waterman St. This will be a design level review of the project.

There are frequent diagonal pedestrian crossings of this intersection despite the lack of a crosswalk. In March 2018, BPAC recommended adding a diagonal crosswalk at this intersection as part of its review of the Capital Improvement Program repaving work occurring on Benefit St and Waterman St. In spring 2019, the Rhode Island School of Design contacted the City to request the same improvements. Both RISD and the City are interested in making these pedestrian safety improvements before the repaving work is completed in fall 2019.

Project Location

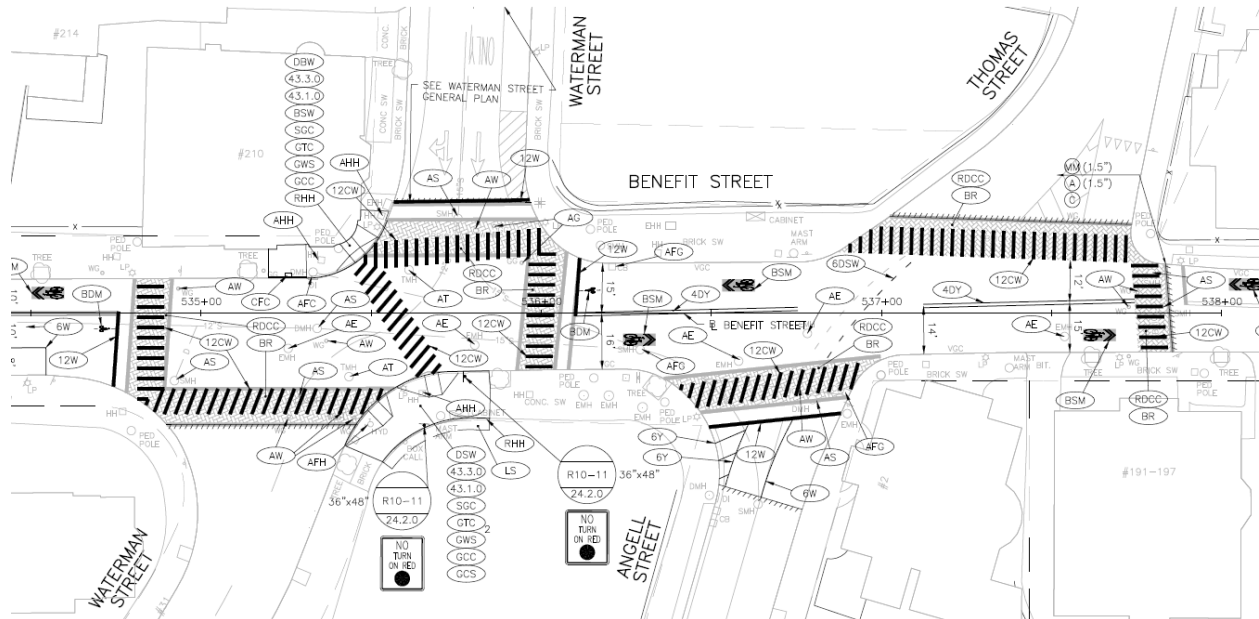




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Proposed Improvements



- A diagonal crossing is proposed across the intersection of Waterman St and Benefit St
- The pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Benefit St and Waterman St are proposed to be exclusive, actuated by a pedestrian push button
- Existing crosswalks at the intersections of Benefit St with Waterman St and Angell St

Staff Recommendations

- Consider eliminating the push-buttons, to make the pedestrian signal recall automatically or actuate by sensors.
- Consider adding a pedestrian refuge island in the middle of the crosswalk across Thomas St.

Respectfully submitted by Alex Ellis.