Broad Street: Historical Context
During the suburbanization period of the 1950s through 1970s, housing policies—such as “redlining,” and the discriminatory lending practices of the Federal Housing Administration and the G.I. Bill—excluded minorities from suburbanizing. Many white households migrated to the suburbs while minorities largely remained in urban neighborhoods like South Providence.

The Hart-Celler Act of 1965 abolished the quota system and opened the US to non-European immigrants. Many settled in communities like South Providence and were a primary force in stabilizing urban neighborhoods.

Policies dating back to the 1950s explain the current diversity of Broad Street.
Broad Street: Economic Characteristics

% of Individuals Living in Poverty

- Broad Street: 30.0%
- Providence Metro: 15.0%
- United States: 14.8%

Median Household Income

- Broad Street: $45,450
- Providence Metro: $60,000
- United States: $53,617

Poverty line for a family of 3 = $20,090

Median Gross Rent

- Broad Street: $821 per month
- Providence Metro: $828 per month
- United States: $850 per month

Median Home Value

- Broad Street: $175,000
- Providence Metro: $250,000
- United States: $215,000

Data Sources:
Adapted from the US Census 2015 American Community Survey. Census tracts 101, 102, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 12 were used to represent the study area.
Broad Street: Economic Characteristics

Broad Street Employers

Jobs Near Trinity Sq

Jobs Near Public St

Jobs Near Bomes Theater

Data Sources:
Above - Transportation Corridors to Livable Communities. City of Providence, Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. October, 2014.
Below - Adapted from the US Census 2015 American Community Survey. Census tracts 101, 102, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 12 were used to represent the study area.
Social Service Providers
A consortium of South Providence neighborhood associations found that South Providence has the highest concentration of homeless service providers in Providence.

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Number of homeless shelters located in South Providence.

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Number of substance treatment centers located in South Providence.

Data Sources:
Elmwood/Southside Crimewatch, Elmwood Neighborhood Assoc., South Providence Neighborhood Assoc.
Broad Street: Transportation Characteristics

Road Safety

Between 2009 and 2015, Broad Street experienced the greatest number of crashes involving people walking or riding a bicycle out of any corridor in Providence.

82 Crashes on Broad Street involving a person walking or riding a bicycle (2009 to 2015).

11 Number of the 82 crashes that resulted in a fatal or serious injury.

Data Sources:
Vulnerable Road User Safety Audit, City of Providence, 2016.