

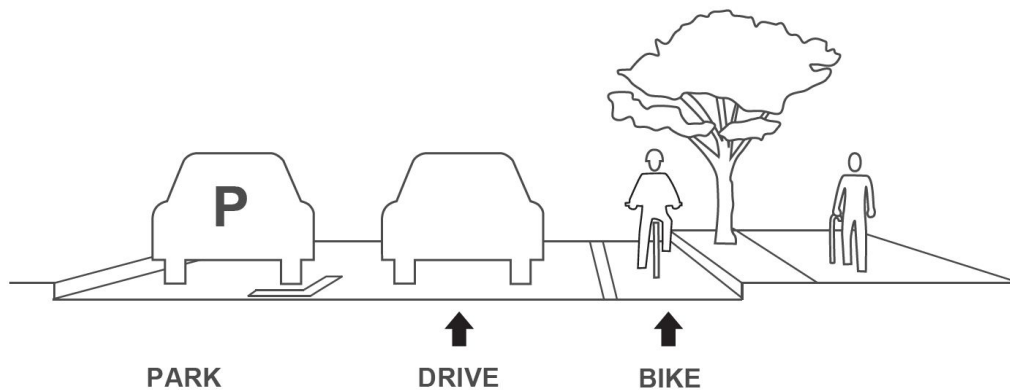


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Improvements are coming to Pine and Friendship

streets! Pine and Friendship streets (between Broad and West Franklin streets) will soon host part of the City's **Urban Trail Network and City Walk**, connecting residents and visitors to a 60-mile system of safe, comfortable places to walk, run, bike, scoot, and skate.

A public information session has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Community Preparatory School (135 Prairie Avenue) where community members can ask questions and learn more about this important investment. You can also learn more below or by contacting Alex Ellis in the City of Providence Department of Planning and Development at 401-680-8400 or aellis@providenceri.gov.



What changes will there be? Both Pine and Friendship streets (between Broad and West Franklin streets) will be restriped to narrow vehicle travel lanes from 14 feet to 11 feet and create a new bicycle lane. The number of on street parking spaces on both Friendship and Pine streets will stay about the same, but on both streets, parking will move from the right side of the street to the left side of the street. New crosswalks will be striped to improve safety for people walking and new signage will be installed.

What is the construction schedule for this project? Construction activities are expected to begin on or around September 18th, 2019 and will last into the month of November. Temporary construction signage and traffic controls, which may include occasional night time detours, will be in place during the construction period.

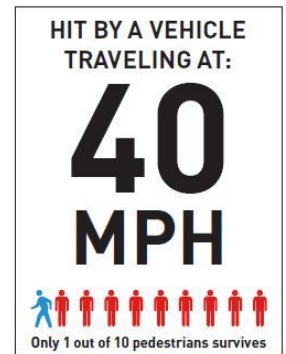
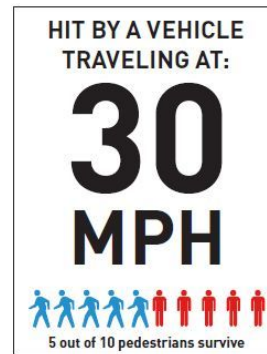
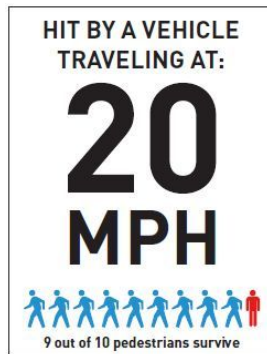
What is the Providence Urban Trail Network? How will this segment fit into the larger citywide network? This project is part of Providence's Urban Trail Network, which will connect every neighborhood with high-quality places for people walking, running, riding bicycles, or using other micromobility options, like scooters. To the northeast, the new bike lanes on Friendship and Pine will connect across I-95 on the Clifford Street bridge, along Clifford Street in Downtown, and over the new Providence River Bridge to Fox Point and the East Bay Bike Path. The Urban Trail Network will also connect residents to other regional trails and paths, including the Blackstone, Woonasquatucket River, and Washington Secondary bicycle paths. **Urban Trails** are on- or off-street paths that are safe, comfortable, and easily accessible for people of all ages and abilities. In total, the Urban Trail Network includes 60 miles of new projects. The Urban Trail Network is an important part of Providence's **Great Streets Master Plan**, which includes improvements to make walking and riding bicycles safer and traffic calming improvements to reduce speeding and cut through traffic. The Great Streets Master Plan was shaped by community input gathered at 13 public meetings held in Spring 2019 and from hundreds of comments received online via the project website. **Learn more at** www.providenceri.gov/planning/great-streets/.

What is City Walk? The concept for City Walk emerged nearly ten years ago and has been championed by numerous neighborhood groups since. Today, City Walk has been incorporated into the City's Urban Trail Network as a connection between Roger Williams Park, India Point Park, and the new I-195 waterfront park. The project includes safety improvements for people walking and riding bicycles, public art, and wayfinding signage to direct people to local landmarks and destinations. Learn more

at www.providenceri.gov/planning/citywalk/. This investment in City Walk was shaped by community members during several public meetings held in 2017 through 2019 and an advisory group of neighborhood group representatives.

What about parking? On street parallel parking will be maintained on both Friendship and Pine, although it will be moved from the right side to the left side of both streets from where it is currently located.

Why are the travel lanes narrower than they were before? Narrow streets reduce driving speeds, reduce the severity of crashes, and improve safety for road users. Although wider travel lanes were used in the past on streets like this, travel lanes for cars should be no wider than 10 to 11 feet in urban areas. Travel lane widths along this street are consistent with federal standards and this street's 25 mile-per-hour speed limit. Studies show that for every 3.3 feet added to a lane's width, speeds increase by 9.4 miles-per-hour.



Source: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Can I park or drive in bike lanes? Do not park or drive vehicles in bike lanes. Doing so will endanger people and result in a ticket. Rideshare and delivery services are also prohibited from parking or stopping in bike lanes.

What should I do if I see a car or truck parked in a bike lane? Call the police non-emergency line at 401-272-3121 and be as specific as possible about the exact location of the vehicle.

Can't bikes and scooters just ride on the sidewalk or in the regular road? Although it is legal to ride bicycles and scooters on sidewalks and with the regular flow of traffic on streets in Providence, the safest and most comfortable way for people to ride bicycles or scooters is within their own dedicated space on the roadway. This makes our streets and sidewalks safer and more predictable for people walking and driving too.

Why is there green paint on the road? Sometimes, parts of bike lanes or urban trails are painted green for added visibility. Green paint improves safety by making drivers more aware of people using bike lanes and urban trails and is often used in "conflict zones" where the urban trail crosses driveways or intersections. **Before driving across these markings, look for people walking, skateboarding, or riding bikes or scooters and yield to them if they are crossing.** Learn about other changes to street markings and traffic signals coming to Providence to help all road users coexist safely on our streets at www.providenceri.gov/planning/pvd-traffic-safety/.

How is this project funded? Construction of this project is funded by the City of Providence's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), a multi-year program of planned public infrastructure improvements. *Learn more at* www.providenceri.gov/pvdcip/.

If you would like to learn more, ask questions, or make suggestions for other improvements, please contact Alex Ellis, Principal Planner in the City of Providence Department of Planning and Development at 401-680-8400 or aellis@providenceri.gov.