Project Background
The City of Providence Department of Planning and Development seeks comments from the BPAC regarding conceptual plans for a two-way urban trail on Kinsley Avenue, Promenade Street, and Eagle Street between Atwells Avenue and Park Street. This will be a conceptual level review of the project and will be the first of two reviews before the Commission.

On May 28, the City held a public meeting to discuss conceptual plans with the public. Questions from the public were collected and responses shared on the project website: https://www.providenceri.gov/planning/woonasquatucket/

The conceptual plan has been submitted to the State and any comments from BPAC would be integrated into 30% plans along with State comments.
**Project Description**

The Woonasquatucket River Greenway has been in development since 1994. It features a mixture of on-road and off-road segments connecting from the Providence Place Mall into Johnston. The section on Kinsley Ave and Promenade St is one of the oldest designated on-road portions, and has long been discussed for upgrading to a separated trail along the River.

The plans call for such a separated path, alongside the southern side of the river (Kinsley Ave and Providence Place) between Eagle Street and Bath Street, and along the north side of the river (Promenade Street) between Bath Street and Park Street. Kinsley Ave is planned to be converted to one-way car traffic, and throughout the corridor the plan includes new green space for stormwater retention and truck aprons to ensure abutting properties are able to maintain their operational needs. The path is planned to cross the river at the Sculpture Bridge near Bath Street, and connect to the ramp under the mall at Park Street.

Details of the plans are shown on the attached slides from the May public meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Alex Ellis.
WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER GREENWAY

Public Meeting #2
May 28, 2020
Today’s Agenda

- Welcome
- Virtual Meeting Instructions
- Opening Remarks
- Presentation: Preferred Concept
- Public Questions & Comments
- Next Steps
Virtual Meeting Instructions

- Presentation is being recorded and will be posted online
- Participants automatically muted
- Chat window available for questions or help
  - Questions may be submitted via chat at any time and will be addressed during public Q&A
- Participants can be removed for inappropriate behavior

Bottom Panel of Zoom Screen
Opening Remarks

- Mayor Jorge Elorza
Opening Remarks

- Council President Sabina Matos
Corridor History: The Woonasququatucket River Greenway

- **1994:**
  - Fred Lippitt, Chair of the Providence Plan, creates Woonasququatucket River Greenway Project (WRGP), to help revitalize Olneyville
    - Most economically challenged neighborhood in PVD
    - No safe parks
    - 60% of people do not own cars

- **1998:**
  - Woonasququatucket River designated an American Heritage River

- **2001:**
  - Woonasququatucket River Watershed Council (WRWC) created
Corridor History: The Woonasquatucket River Greenway

- **2001:**
  - First on-road segment of Greenway completed from Providence Place to Valley Street

- **2006 - 2014:**
  - Kinsley Ave to Lyman Ave in Johnston off-road sections completed
  - Buttonhole Golf Course off-road
  - Eagle Square off-road
  - Donigian Park off-road
  - Woonasquatucket Adventure Park off-road

- **Today:**
  - 75 acres of parkland created along river
  - 6 well used public parks created or revitalized
  - 7 miles of on-road/off-road Greenway in Providence and Johnston
  - Invasive plants managed on all 7 miles
  - Red Shed Bike Camp teaches 100 kids to ride on Greenway every summer
  - Leveraged over $120M for Greenway, Parks
Corridor History:
The Woonasquatucket River Greenway

- Transforming Public Spaces
Corridor History: The Woonasquatucket River Greenway

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Corridor History:
The Woonasquatucket Vision Plan (2018)

Vision Plan Goals:
- Improve Sustainability and Resiliency
- Support and Grow the Existing Economic Cluster around Arts, Food, and Makers
- Preserve and Create Affordable Space
- Improve Access and Connectivity
- Enhance and Maintain Public Spaces
Scope and Schedule

▪ Project themes
  ▪ Improve safety of people walking and riding bicycles
  ▪ Enhance access to the river
  ▪ Improve connectivity between Olneyville, Valley, Smith Hill and Downtown
  ▪ Mitigate flooding and improve water quality

▪ Community Engagement

▪ Process

- Site Assessment
- Concept Design
- Final Design
- Construction
Preferred Concept – Rendering
Preferred Concept – Engineering Plans

Community Green Space

Two-way separated Bicycle Facility
Preferred Concept – Engineering Plans

Crosswalks

Chicane
Preferred Concept – Engineering Plans

Truck Apron

Shared-use Path
Preferred Concept – Engineering Plans

Raised Crosswalk

New Sidewalk
Preferred Concept – Engineering Plans

Green Pavement Markings in the Bicycle Crossing
Preferred Concept – Engineering Plans

Crossing of Path over Sculpture Bridge
Preferred Concept – Engineering Plans

Green Buffer Space
Preferred Concept – Engineering Plans

Raised Roadway
Preferred Concept – Engineering Plans

Start of proposed facility
Preferred Concept – Engineering Plans

Pedestrian Curb Ramps

Pedestrian Signal Heads
Preferred Concept – WRWC Wayfinding Signage

HILLSIDE GATEWAY
0.2 MILES

MANTON GATEWAY AND SKATE PARK
0.2 MILES

RIVERSIDE PARK
0.2 MILES

BIKE ROUTE
Preferred Concept – Green Infrastructure

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE KEY:
- PAVEMENT TRANSFORMED INTO GREEN SPACE
- TREE TRENCH
- BIORETENTION
- UNDERGROUND FILTER
- OTHER
- PROPOSED CANOPY TREE

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In Action: https://www.facebook.com/WRWCRI/videos/1095476834142109/
Preferred Concept – Green Infrastructure

Tree Trench
Preferred Concept – Placemaking

NOTE: Map shows preliminary Phase 1 Placemaking locations. Subject to change per design development and regulatory coordination.

PHASE 1 PLACEMAKING MAP
Preferred Concept
Placemaking

Kayak Launch
Kinsley Avenue

Pocket Park
Hemlock Street & Promenade Street

WONNASQUATUCKET
RIVER GREENWAY
Preferred Concept – Public Art

- Under the I-95 overpass at Promenade and Park
- Landscaping with natural and found elements along the Greenway
- Greenway Arts Opportunity Sites
  - Pocket Park at Promenade and Hemlock
  - The decommissioned support platform in the river under the I-95 overpass

- The Eagle Square Green
- Under the Mall

WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER GREENWAY
Public Questions & Comment
Next Steps

- Public feedback on preferred concept
- Final design
Closing

THANK YOU!
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