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GREEN AND COMPLETE STREETS ADVISORY COUNCIL

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of the Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council

November 21, 2022, 4:00 PM

First Floor Conference Room, Doorley Municipal Building, 444 Westminster Street, Providence RI, 02903

Overseeing Body: City of Providence Department of Planning and Development

Voting members present: Rosie Jaswal, Kathleen Gannon, Dina Quezada, Alana Deluty, Doug Johnson, Will Cornwall

Non-voting Ex-Officio members present: Alex Ellis, Cpt. Luis SanLucas, Liza Farr, A.J. Elton

Ms. Jaswal called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Following roll call, Ms. Jaswal introduced item #2, the consent agenda. Ms. Gannon moved approval, and Ms. Jacoby seconded. All voted in favor. Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, overview of review procedure. Mr. Ellis gave this overview.

Ms. Gannon moved on to the next agenda item, Old Business. The agenda was rearranged to address item 4a, Discussion of Walk Signal Policies, after New Business. The next Old Business item was a review of the 2021 Annual Report. Mr. Ellis presented the report, noting that it would be conveyed to City Council as required by ordinance. There was brief discussion of several metrics in the report. GCSC declined to make any motions.

Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, conceptual review of East Side neighborhood greenways. Mr. Ellis presented the staff report. There was discussion of the conceptual plans, including comments from several members of the public. The discussion touched on parking enforcement in neighborhoods, and Mr. Ellis suggested including a broader discussion of that topic at a subsequent meeting. The meeting recording began during this parking enforcement conversation. One constituent comment noted that improvements to pedestrian safety on the western portion of Doyle Ave should be prioritized in the future. Mr. Ellis indicated he would share the comments from GCSC with the engineers, and with that understanding GCSC declined to make any motions.



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Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, discussion of walk signal policies, following the conversation at the previous meeting with Traffic Engineer Nate Urso. Mr. Ellis presented the staff report, developed with input from Ms. Jaswal, including proposed recommendations from GCSC to the City on this topic. Ms. Jaswal noted that bringing state-owned signals into alignment with the recommendations would also be desirable, and Mr. Ellis noted a first step should likely be for the City to endorse the recommendations, after which the state could be encouraged to do the same. Ms. Jaswal moved to accept the recommendations in the staff report and to issue a communication to the Traffic Engineer detailing the recommendations. Ms. Gannon seconded and all voted in favor.

Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, Announcements, Staff Updates, and Public Comment. Mr. Ellis shared updates on previous items of discussion, an invitation to the final “Bike the Night” event with Mayor Elorza, and a suggestion to move the recurring meeting time for 2023 to 3rd Wednesdays at 4:45pm, to be confirmed before the end of the year.

Hearing no further public comment, Ms. Jaswal adjourned the meeting at 5:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alex Ellis.