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GREEN AND COMPLETE STREETS ADVISORY COUNCIL

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of the Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council

January 25, 2024, 4:30 PM

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

Overseeing Body: City of Providence Department of Planning and Development

Voting members present: Rosie Jaswal, Kathleen Gannon, Alana Deluty, Cedric Ye

Non-voting Ex-Officio members present: Alex Ellis, Cpt. Luis SanLucas, Nate Urso, Kevin Proft

Ms. Jaswal called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Following roll call, Ms. Jaswal introduced item #2, the consent agenda, containing the minutes from the December 4, 2023 meeting. Ms. Gannon moved approval, and Ms. Deluty seconded. All voted in favor. Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, overview of review procedure. Mr. Ellis gave this overview.

Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, an update on implementation of the Advisory Council's recommendations for pedestrian safety improvements at traffic signals. Mr. Ellis gave brief background, and asked Mr. Urso for updates on the status of implementation of Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs). Mr. Urso said 40 LPIs had been installed to date, making up 30% of all signals, and he expected the pace to increase to twice the proposed rate as no significant congestion has resulted so far. He stated that he expected to complete the work by the end of 2024. He had not yet scheduled implementation of No Turn On Red restrictions, but said he hoped to soon. Ms. Gannon asked about the prioritization of LPI implementation, and Mr. Urso shared that the order was still by Ward number, starting from Ward 1 and finishing with Ward 15. A member of the public noted that the intersection of Wickenden St and South Main St has a short pedestrian phase, and Mr. Urso shared that RIDOT was looking into that issue. Following up on the discussion the previous month about the safety concerns at the intersection of Empire St and Weybosset St, Ms. Gannon moved that the Advisory Council send a letter to the administration requesting that recall be restored to the intersection, and that a draft be shared with members of the Advisory Council for comment before it was sent. Ms. Jaswal seconded and all voted in favor.

Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, a discussion of the budget for speed camera revenue. Mr. Urso shared the breakdown of the current \$700,000 budget: \$480,000 for deferred maintenance at traffic signals, \$100,000 for striping near schools including the addition of new crosswalks, \$37,000 for eight flashing school zone signs, \$33,000 for other traffic signs near schools, \$28,000 for invoices related to Road Safety Assessments near schools, and \$20,000 for temporary traffic calming measures. Mr. Ye and Ms. Gannon emphasized that traffic calming should not

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be limited to speed lumps and that other measures should be included in the City's efforts. Mr. Urso agreed that other measures were feasible though he believed speed lumps to be the most cost-effective. Mr. Urso also noted that starting the installation of temporary traffic calming in July was too late in the season due to the need to remove at the start of winter.

Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, an update on the North Main Street Task Force. There was brief discussion, then Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, a discussion about the RIPTA fiscal cliff. There was brief discussion, then Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, Announcements, Staff Updates, and Public Comment. Mr. Ellis provided updates on several projects: a presentation about the draft Comprehensive Plan would occur in February, various federal grants were slowly moving forward, limited sidewalk or paving work was planned for 2024, the shared micromobility program was about to enter a new permit term with some changes, RIDOT provided an update on 6-10 work planned to complete in 2024, and at subsequent meetings of the Advisory Council in 2024 Mr. Ellis planned to discuss portions of the Safe Streets For All scope. Ms. Jaswal adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alex Ellis.

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