



# CITY OF PROVIDENCE

## MAYOR BRETT P. SMILEY

### GREEN AND COMPLETE STREETS ADVISORY COUNCIL

#### DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

#### Meeting of the Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council

February 22, 2024, 4:30 PM

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

**Overseeing Body:** City of Providence Department of Planning and Development

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

Non-voting Ex-Officio members present: Alex Ellis, Cpt. Luis SanLucas, Nate Urso, Sophie Worsh-Farnum

Ms. Jaswal called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM.

Following roll call, Ms. Jaswal introduced item #2, the consent agenda, containing the minutes from the January 25, 2024 meeting. Ms. Gannon moved approval, and Mr. Johnson 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 introduced agenda item #5a, an update on the Comprehensive Plan, which was provided by Tim Shea of the Department of Planning and Development. Mr. Shea explained the process to date of developing the updated plan, and showed the Growth Strategy Map that had recently been discussed at the City Plan Commission. Following some discussion, members of the Advisory Council requested that subsequent meetings host additional updates about the comprehensive plan.

Ms. Jaswal moved on to agenda item #4a, 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. Mr. Urso said 52 LPs had been installed to date. He had not made a plan yet for implementation of No Turn On Red restrictions, but indicated that it would likely start with signals that had an exclusive pedestrian phase. Ms. Jaswal noted that some locations where Leading Pedestrian Interval had been installed, the programming had been done incorrectly such that the pedestrian phase no longer received the minimum required amount of time before the flashing don't walk activated. Mr. Urso noted that returning signals with exclusive pedestrian phases to pedestrian recall had not yet been considered. A member of the public noted that the intersection of Rochambeau Avenue with North Main Street would benefit from a restriction on right turn on red from northbound North Main Street onto Rochambeau Avenue, and Mr. Urso indicated he would bring it up to the R.I. Department of Transportation.

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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, an update on the new Vision Zero policy. Mr. Ellis provided the update and there was brief discussion. Ms. Jaswal moved on to the next agenda item, Announcements, Staff Updates, and Public Comment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

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Respectfully submitted by Alex Ellis.

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