



# 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

May 22, 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

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Voting members present: Kathleen Gannon, Cedric Ye, Doug Johnson

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

Ms. Gannon called the meeting to order at 4:38 PM.

Following roll call, Ms. Gannon introduced item #2, the consent agenda, containing the minutes from the February 22, 2024 meeting and the draft annual meeting calendar for approval. Mr. Johnson moved to remove the calendar from the consent agenda, Mr. Ye seconded, and all voted in favor. Mr. Johnson moved to approve the remainder of the consent agenda, Mr. Ye seconded, and all voted in favor. After brief discussion of the annual calendar, due to low attendance and forthcoming appointment of additional members, Mr. Johnson moved to table approval of the annual meeting calendar, Mr. Ye seconded, and all voted in favor. Ms. Gannon moved on to the next agenda item, overview of review procedure. Mr. Ellis gave this overview.

Ms. Gannon moved on to agenda item #4a, an update on implementation of the Advisory Council's recommendations for pedestrian safety improvements at traffic signals. Mr. Urso said 52 LPs had been installed to date. He indicated that LPs installed to date had been installed incorrectly as discussed at the previous Advisory Council meeting, and were now being corrected. He indicated implementation of No Turn On Red restrictions was in process at locations with LPs: signs had been fabricated. Regarding the signal at the intersection of Empire Street and Weybosset Street, Mr. Urso suggested that perhaps the video detection was not picking up the presence of road users occasionally. Regarding the signal at the intersection of Clifford Street and East Franklin Street, Mr. Urso noted that the Clifford Street corridor had been studied for removal of pedestrian recall along with the Weybosset Street corridor, and the recall at this intersection was one of the few that was contributing to traffic delays according to the study.

Ms. Gannon moved on to the next agenda item, an update on North Main Street. Mr. Ye provided a brief update on recent meetings of the North Main Street Task Force. Ms. Gannon moved on to the next agenda item, an update on Vision Zero. Mr. Ellis provided a brief update on program status. Ms. Gannon moved on to the next agenda item, an update on the Woonasquatucket River Greenway construction on Kinsley Ave and Promenade St. Mr. Ellis provided a brief update and there was brief discussion.

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Ms. Gannon moved on to the next agenda item, a discussion of Washington Bridge impacts. Mr. Johnson moved for the Advisory Council to send a letter to the Mayor expressing concern about the proposal to eliminate the South Water Street bike lanes in connection with the Washington Bridge traffic. Mr. Johnson volunteered to draft a letter and coordinate with the Chair to solicit Advisory Council input and transmit it. Ms. Gannon seconded and all voted in favor.

Ms. Gannon moved on to the next agenda item, Announcements, Staff Updates, and Public Comment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

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Respectfully submitted by Alex Ellis.

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