



MAYOR BRETT P. SMILEY  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE

# GREEN & COMPLETE STREETS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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December 4, 2023



# Agenda

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1. Roll Call
2. Consent Agenda\*
3. GCSC Review Procedure
4. Old Business
  1. Update on Ordinance Amendment\*
  2. Update on Walk Signal Improvements\*
5. New Business
6. Announcements, Staff Updates, and Public Comment

*Asterisk indicates items listed as “for action”*



# ROLL CALL

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Item #1



# GCSC Members

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## Voting

- Alana Deluty
- Kathleen Gannon
- Denise Greenidge
- Rosie Jaswal
- Doug Johnson

## Non-voting

- Alex Ellis (Planning)
- Nate Urso (DPW)
- Priscilla De La Cruz (Sustainability)
- Cpt. Luis SanLucas (Public Safety)
- (City Forester)



# CONSENT AGENDA

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Item #2



# Consent Agenda

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- Make meetings more efficient by grouping items that need approval but don't merit discussion
- Today:
  - Accept: Minutes from 11/20/23 meeting



# GCSC REVIEW PROCEDURE

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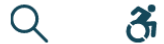
# GCSC web page

<https://www.providenceri.gov/planning/gcsc/>

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DOING BUSINESS

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EXPLORE

## Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council (GCSC)

### ABOUT

Streets and sidewalks carry not only people and goods, but also various utilities and stormwater runoff. City streets also represent a sizeable portion of the city's overall land use, house many of its publicly managed trees, and serve as windows into the city for visitors and residents alike. City streets and sidewalks must serve people of all ages and abilities, while creating more mobility and independence for young people, seniors, and people with disabilities. They serve motorists, non-motorists, residents in wheelchairs, parents pushing strollers, kids biking and walking to school, and people who can't afford to use, or prefer not to use motor vehicles.

The City of Providence will develop a safe, reliable, equitable, efficient, inviting, integrated and connected multimodal transportation system that will promote access, mobility and health for all users and abutters, while also improving environmental quality and reducing polluted stormwater runoff. The City will create a connected network of right-of-way facilities accommodating all modes of travel to the maximum practical extent. This network will promote walking and biking on city streets and sidewalks, provide access to public transportation, beautify and shade the City's parks, schools, healthy food retail establishments, and reduce and treat polluted stormwater.

The **Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council** was created by ordinance in July 2021. Its responsibilities are to:

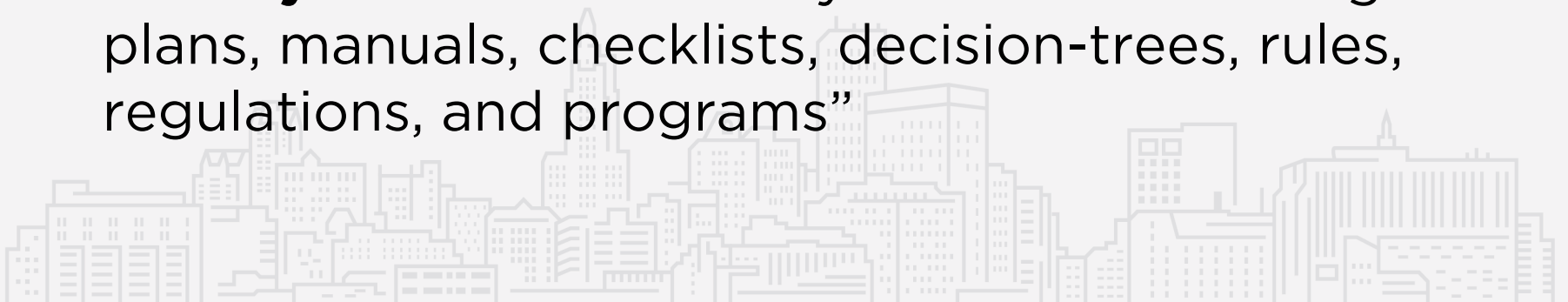




# Review Procedure

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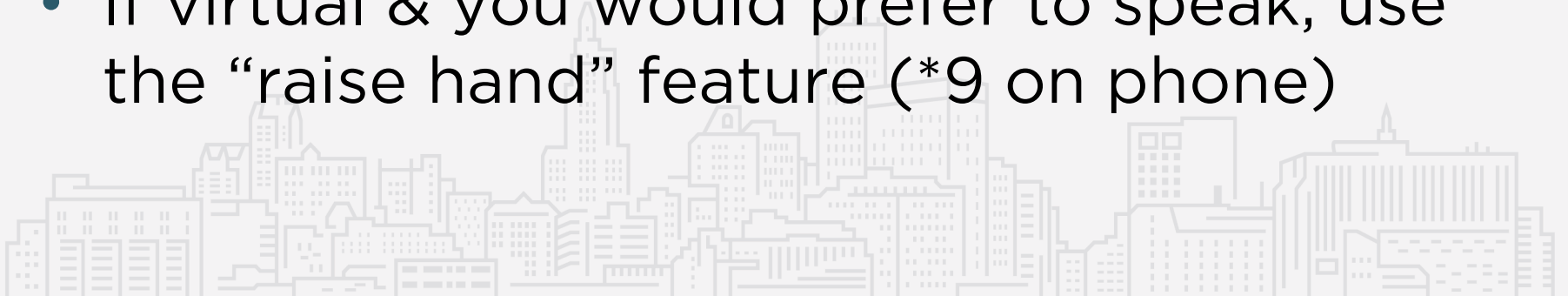
- **Review of Conceptual & 30% Plans**  
During project development, make recommendations to improve design
- **Waivers** from requirements of ordinance  
Mode-specific, GCSC approves or denies
- **Traffic calming:** in edge cases, after traffic study, GCSC can recommend Traffic Engineer give “preliminary approval”
- **All City activities:** annually review “all existing plans, manuals, checklists, decision-trees, rules, regulations, and programs”



# Public comment

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- Opportunity during each item & for general topics at end of meeting
  - Wait for Chair to recognize you
  - Please keep comments to 2 minutes
- If participating virtually, put questions or comments in Q&A, staff or Chair will read them out
- If virtual & you would prefer to speak, use the “raise hand” feature (\*9 on phone)



# OLD BUSINESS

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# UPDATE ON ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

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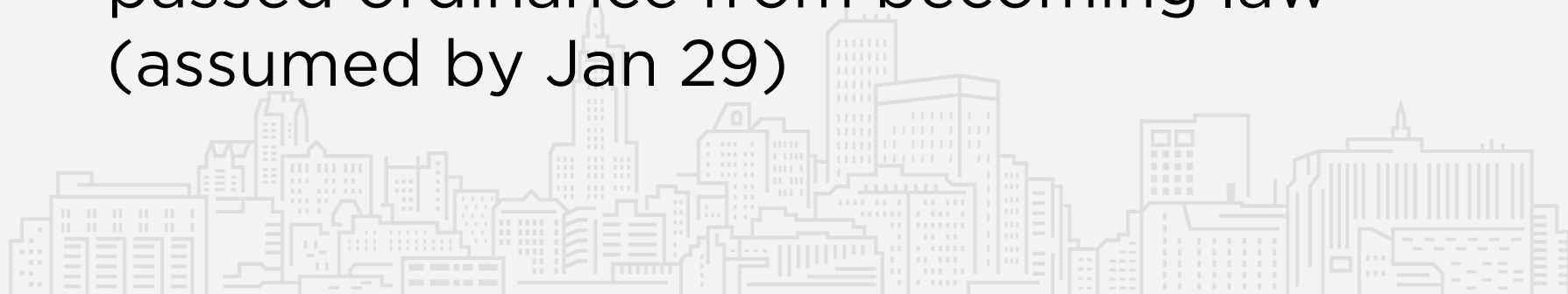
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# Amendment passed Ordinance Cmte

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- Next step: Vote by full City Council (twice)
  - Next two Council meetings are Jan 4 (1st passage) & Jan 18 (2nd passage)
- Clerk transmits to Mayor within 24 hours of passage (assumed Jan 19)
- Mayor has 10 days within which to sign, veto, or do nothing. Only a veto prevents a passed ordinance from becoming law (assumed by Jan 29)



# Amendment changes

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- Adds “any removal of complete streets features” to scope of review
- Adds 2 alternate members to GCSC
- Members would now serve until replacement appointed
- Tweaks traffic calming thresholds to fix too wide eligibility of short, low-traffic streets
- Requires other boards to seek GCSC opinion if relevant (while keeping to required deadlines)
- Big changes after review need waiver if reduce safety
- Specifying in the ordinance that a quorum of GCSC is 3 voting members



# UPDATE ON WALK SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS

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Item #4b



# Status of Walk Signal Improvements

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- How many signals have had LPI added?
- How is LPI's duration determined, and is it being recorded?
- Is it being recorded when LPI was added to each signal?





# Empire & Weybosset Intersection

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- Pedestrian recall removed when LPI installed (and on all lights on Weybosset/Broad?)
  - Dedicated Empire right turn phase combined into straight phase
- Now bicyclists must dismount, shift to sidewalk, and press button to receive designed crossing phase, increasing chance of noncompliance & unsafe crossing
  - Already dangerous due to low driver compliance with red arrow for right turns
- Change stated as due to traffic congestion during special events



# Empire & Weybosset Intersection



# NEW BUSINESS

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Item #5



# ANNOUNCEMENTS, STAFF UPDATES, PUBLIC COMMENT

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Item #6



# Terms expiring soon

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- Council appointees (Rosie, Alana, Doug) expire 12/31/23
  - New appointments on 12/7?
- Mayoral appointees (Kathleen, Denise) expire 1/31/24



# Projects Update

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- Woonasquatucket Greenway construction
  - Awarded, construction Spring-Fall 2024
- RAISE - Waterplace Park Resiliency
  - Out to bid, due back 12/18
- Safe Streets for All RFQ
  - Aiming to advertise on 12/18, due back 1/29/24



# THANK YOU

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