

# Providence City Plan Commission

January 24, 2023



## AGENDA ITEM 4 ■ RISD—INSTITUTIONAL MASTER PLAN RENEWAL

### OVERVIEW

<b>OWNER/APPLICANT:</b>	Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)	<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</b>	Renewal of RISD’s Institutional Master Plan (IMP) for five years. The plan was last reviewed in 2018 and will expire in May 2023. No changes are proposed. The renewal will allow the applicant to apply for building permits with an approved plan.
<b>CASE NO./ PROJECT TYPE:</b>	RISD Institutional Master Plan Renewal		
<b>NEIGHBORHOODS:</b>	College Hill, Downtown	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	Approval of the Institutional Master Plan Renewal
		<b>PROJECT PLANNER:</b>	Choyon Manjrekar

### Institutional Master Plan (IMP) Purpose and Overview

The CPC last reviewed the IMP for RISD in May 2018. The plan is set to expire in May as IMPs are valid for five years. The applicant is requesting to renew the approval as a valid IMP is required to apply for building permits of approved projects. No new projects other than those in the approved IMP are proposed.

### FINDINGS

#### Providence Tomorrow

Strategy F of Objective LU-7 of *Providence Tomorrow* requires educational institutions to provide five year IMPs with regular updates to ensure that there is limited growth and no negative impacts on neighborhoods. When last reviewed, the CPC found the IMP to be in conformance with the comprehensive plan. The CPC made their findings based on the plan limiting growth within campus and the applicant conducting public outreach to inform neighbors of the proposed changes. The CPC found that RISD satisfactorily described development and infrastructure changes.

#### Zoning Ordinance

The CPC found that the amendment follows the format prescribed by the Zoning Ordinance.

### RECOMMENDATION

The DPD recommends that the CPC should renew the IMP approval with the plan set to expire in May 2028.