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To: Providence City Councilors
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

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Hello again, Council Reps. This historically new, young and vibrant group of representatives in the Providence City Council is charging me up today! As I visit your meetings, introduce myself and my advocacy for safe streets, and share resources with you, I want to honor the variety of learning modes that individuals may prefer.

This week, I highlighted two TikTok accounts which emphasize street design and pedestrian safety. The content is easy to consume and often entertaining—especially Mr. Barricade.

No one can expect a City Councilor to be an expert of every area of city operation. That's why we have our top-shelf city service departments on hand. However, I recognize that each of you informs yourselves on topics which make life better for Providencians in your own Ward and across the City. Whether you look into my resources now, or save them for reference, I am happy to provide updates on data and best practice relevant to your constituents.

I'd love to hear your feedback. Please look for me at Council meetings, and reach out anytime.

Best regards,

Val

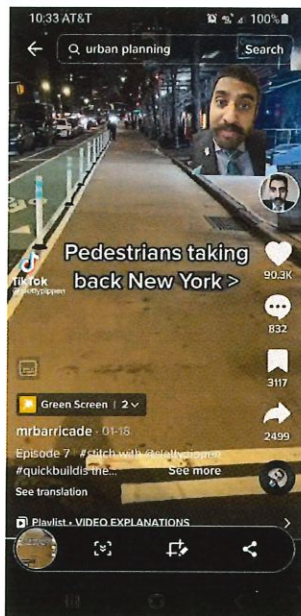
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Mr. Barricade on TikTok, also available on Instagram
<https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZTRWmRV5y/>

Vignesh Swaminathan PE is an engineer with a handlebar mustache and a flair for the dramatic. His TikTok videos highlight key pedestrian and bike projects in the United States. Mr. Barricade explains why the features offer *people outside of cars* security and confidence to travel car-free for short trips.

Expect some suburban & urban landscapes with a hip-hop soundtrack.



Pedestrian Dignity on TikTok, also available on Instagram
<https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZTRWmvmab/>

Jonathan Stalls is the creator of Pedestrian Dignity and a friend of Providence Streets Coalition. In this episode, Mya @immarollwithit guest hosts.

In 2022, Jonathan joined our members on a walk from Burnside Park to Riffraff Bookstore in Olneyville, for a book signing of his paperback Walk: Slow Down, Wake Up and Connect at 1-3 Miles Per Hour.

Pedestrian Dignity captures the inequalities and hazards of walking, biking and rolling on America's byways, and suggests remedies for all.

Looking forward to hearing your feedback about these TikTok content creators.

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