

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 298

Approved May 21, 2002

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WHEREAS, Downtown Providence suffers from inadequate traffic patterns and signalization, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Development is working with the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Department of Public Works and the Traffic Engineer in the reconfiguration of circulation in downtown Providence, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning & Development is working with downtown businesses, residents and property owners in the design of the necessary improvements, and

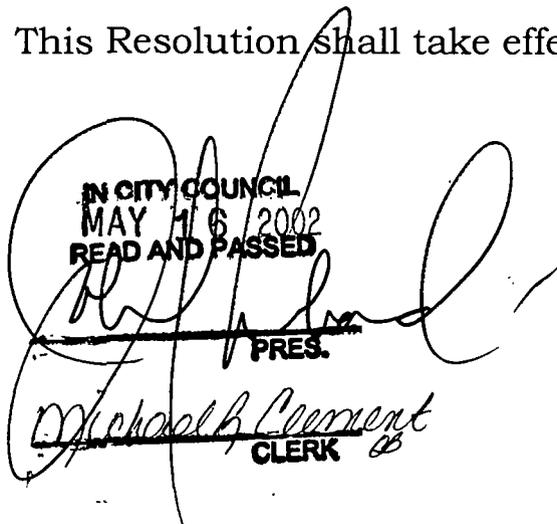
WHEREAS, the Department of Planning & Development, with support from the aforementioned entities, has developed a traffic strategy that will reduce congestion and improve safety, and

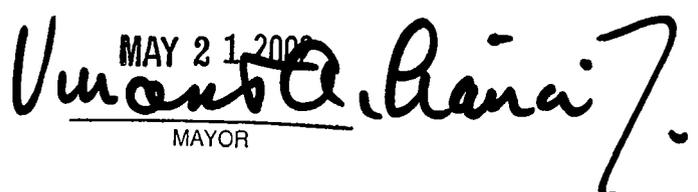
WHEREAS, in order to make said improvements, Washington Street must become a two-way street with two striped vehicle lanes, appropriate turning lanes and sufficient on-street parking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council resolves that Washington Street be a two way street, from Service Road 7 easterly to Kennedy Plaza, in accordance with the plans set forth by the Department of Planning & Development and the requirements of the Department of Public Safety, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That His Honor, the Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents relative to the promulgation and implementation of the aforementioned activities.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.


IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 16 2002
READ AND PASSED
PRES.
Michael B. Clement
CLERK

APPROVED
MAY 21 2002

MAYOR

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BY CITY COUNCIL

BY:

CLERK

Richard Lombardi

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PUBLIC WORKS
Richard K. Clement CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC WORKS
Approves Passage of
The Within Resolution
Anna M. Stebbins
5-6-02 Clerk

President Lombardi (By Request)

IRENE J. TESTA
Traffic Engineer

JOSEPH W. CAPRIO
Deputy Director



VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
Mayor

Department of Traffic Engineering
"Building Pride In Providence"

MEMORANDUM

TO: COUNCILMAN ROBERT CLARKIN
CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

FROM: IRENE TESTA *Irene J. Testa*

DATE: 5/6/02

RE: WASHINGTON STREET

REQUEST: *That the Traffic Engineer is to cause Washington Street to be a two-way street from Service Road No. 7 easterly to Kennedy Plaza, in accordance with the plans set forth by the Department of Planning and Development and the requirements of the Department of Public Safety.*

DISPOSITION: *The Department of Traffic Engineering offers no objection to establishing Washington Street as a two-way street between Service Road No. 7 and Kennedy Plaza. It is vital that Washington Street become a two-way street as soon as practical. The Fire Department cannot move to their new facility without direct access from the Public Safety Complex down Washington Street. As part of the Downtown Circulation and Parking Project, Washington Street, Empire Street, a portion of Weybosset Street and a portion of Richmond Street are to become two-way streets. Since construction of this project is not slated until sometime this fall, we must go forward with Washington Street. We are retrofitting*

Chairman Robert Clarkin
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***the existing traffic signals with signal
heads to face east bound traffic to control traffic.***

***In the interest of public safety, I recommend that
this resolution be passed as soon as possible.***

cc: John Osbek, Dept. of Planning & Development

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES REQUESTED

Date: _____ Time: _____

Council Person Coun. Pres. Lombardi

By Request
Not By Request

Summary: Res. Requesting the Traffic
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of Public Safety.

Taken By: _____