



RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 366

EFFECTIVE October 26, 2020

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Department of Transportation is proposing a substantial redesign of the Kennedy Plaza central bus hub which would decentralize bus activity in Providence while reuniting bus and train services; and

WHEREAS, The most recent proposed multi-hub bus system is the third proposal in four years put forward by the Rhode Island Department of Transportation to decentralize bus services in Providence; and

WHEREAS, While the stated goals of the project are admirable, there has been significant opposition voiced by many members of the community regarding the viability of the project and potential adverse impacts on ridership, connectivity and the overall user experience; and

WHEREAS, Although concerns have been raised by many community groups including the Rhode Island Transit Riders, the Providence Streets Coalition, GrowSmart RI, and the Jewelry District Association, there does not appear to be any intention from the Department of Transportation to amend the proposal or in any way respond to the concerns raised by the local community who are being asked to live with the new proposal; and

WHEREAS, The City Council shares many of the concerns raised by the community such as the potential for longer commutes, a perceived lack of data supporting the siting of new hubs, and an increased number of required transfers per trip which would create adverse impacts to everyday RIPTA riders including people of color, low-income communities, seniors and persons with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby opposes the Rhode Island Department of Transportation's proposed multi-hub bus system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, the Chief Executive Officer of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, and the Mayor of Providence.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature

Shawn Selleck
City Clerk