



August 18, 2010

Ms. Anna Stetson
City Clerk
City Hall, 3rd Floor
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: **RELOCATION OF INTERSTATE 195**
Hayward Park to Pedestrian Overpass
Providence, Rhode Island
R.I. Contract No. 84127
R.I.F.A.P No. MNG-1950(100)
Changes in City Street Directions

Dear Ms. Stetson,

As part of the Iway Project (Relocation of I-195), the Rhode Island Department of Transportation is requesting approval for a change in the direction of travel for three City Streets. They are;

- Pine Street from Service Road 7 (West Franklin Street) to Broad Street: from westbound travel direction to eastbound travel direction
- Friendship Street from Service Road 7 (West Franklin Street) to Broad Street: from eastbound travel direction to westbound travel direction.
- Point Street from Beacon Street to East Franklin Street (Hoppin Street): from two-way travel directions to one-way eastbound travel direction.

Pine and Friendship Streets intersect Myrtle, Somerset, Portland, Pearl, Lockwood, Summer, and Stewart Streets in Upper South Providence. Pine Street also intersects Linden Street. Friendship Street also intersects Blackstone, Dudley, Point, and Prince Streets. The attached map illustrates these changes.

The reason for these changes is to facilitate new traffic patterns that will result from the removal of the old I-195 and reconnection of new City Streets east of I-95. The new route across the City from Dyer Street to Broad Street will be via Clifford Street to West Franklin Street, utilizing a new bridge over I-95, then Friendship Street to Broad Street. This route will replace Pine Street, which was eliminated across I-95. These changes will efficiently serve both the residents of Upper South Providence and the business related traffic in the Jewelry District. These changes have been coordinated and reviewed by the City's Department of Public Works.

Rhode Island Department of Transportation

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Point Street is being changed to accommodate new interstate access ramps to I-95 north and south. The westbound movement will be transferred to the new Clifford Street overpass, one block to the north.

The Department of Transportation will furnish and install all new regulatory street signs (one-way, stop, no parking, etc.), pavement markings, and a new traffic signal at the intersection of Friendship and Broad Streets. The existing signal and Pine and Broad Streets will be removed. There will be no cost to the City for this work.

The Department is ready to take the lead in concert with the City in communicating these changes to the local residents and the broader Providence community. We anticipate this change to occur in October 2010 as the new Clifford Street overpass and East and West Franklin Streets are completed and opened for traffic.

The Department of Transportation looks forward to implementing these changes with the City as we believe these changes are in the public's best interest. We look forward to your comments. Please free to contact me or Mr. Lambri Zerva, P.E. at 222-2023 ext. 4060 with any questions.

Very truly yours,



Robert A. Smith, P.E.
Deputy Chief Engineer

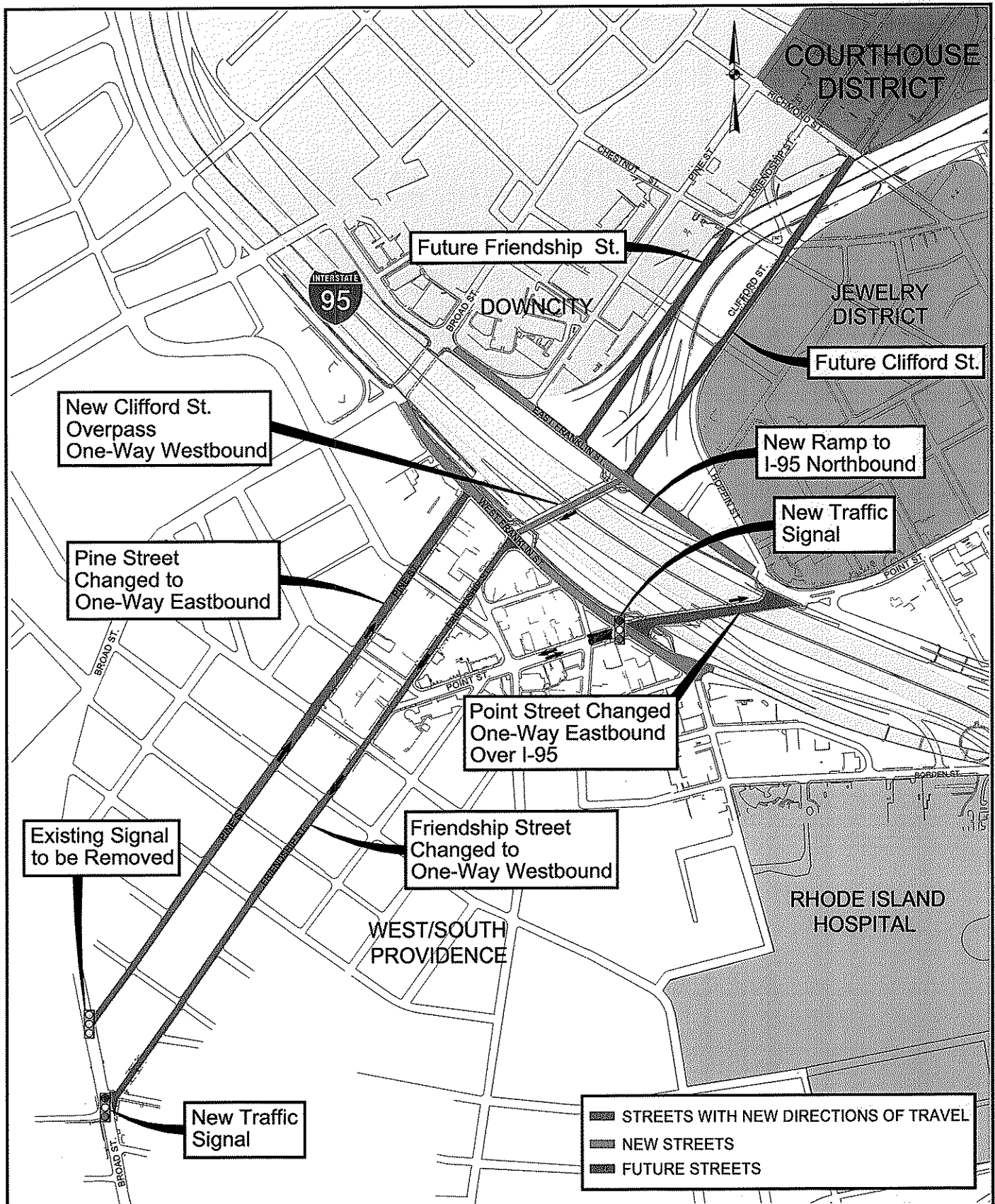
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cc: Mr. Bombard – Department of Public Works (w/att), Mr. Deller – Department of Planning and Development (w/att), Mr. Thomas Brady – School Superintendent, (w/att), Mr. Farhoumand, Mr. Smith, Mr. Rocchio, Mr. Freeman – Maguire Group, file w/att

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 17 2011

READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

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September 22, 2010

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Changes in City Street Directions – Summer Street**

Dear Ms. Stetson,

This is an addendum to our letter of August 18, 2010 regarding changes in direction of travel along City Streets as part of the Iway Project. Our letter neglected to mention that Summer Street, between Pine and Friendship Streets, will become a two-way street in addition to the changes on Pine and Friendship Streets. Summer Street is currently one-way northbound at this location. The reason for changing Summer Street is to provide southbound circulation between Pine Street and Point Street. The attached map reflects this additional change.

The Department of Transportation will furnish and install all new regulatory street signs (one-way, stop, no parking, etc.) and pavement markings. There will be no cost to the City for this work.

The Department of Transportation looks forward to implementing these changes with the City as we believe these changes are in the public's best interest. We look forward to your comments. Please free to contact me or Mr. Lambri Zerva, P.E. at 222-2023 ext. 4060 with any questions.

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