



RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 59

EFFECTIVE February 14, 2022

WHEREAS, Building on the enthusiastic support for the 2014 bond issue that was predicated on a multi-hub bus system in Providence, RIDOT in partnership with RIPTA, the Governor's office and the City of Providence developed the Multi-Hub Bus plan; and

WHEREAS, This plan provides important benefits for riders and citizens. First, it spreads out the heavy concentration of buses and pedestrians from the very congested Kennedy Plaza to strategic hubs at the Innovation District, the Providence Train Station and along the edges of Kennedy Plaza. This configuration gives riders access to jobs, educational institutions, entertainment and key intermodal transfers to major northeastern metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS, Secondly, it re-establishes the critical link and synergy between trains and buses by siting bus hubs along the side of the station. This plan also works in conjunction with the Providence Station State of Good Repair project that includes upgrades at the station that will provide amenities for bus riders; and

WHEREAS, Third, it gives Providence and civic leaders the ability to achieve its longstanding vision of a unified public space with pedestrian connections at Kennedy Plaza, Burnside Park and Biltmore Park; and

WHEREAS, Finally, this plan positions downtown Providence for economic growth. It will function well in response to a downtown that is expanding. This has been the experience of countless other cities and is a model for Rhode Island to follow. The plan has been vetted extensively and amended in response to requests from stakeholders; and

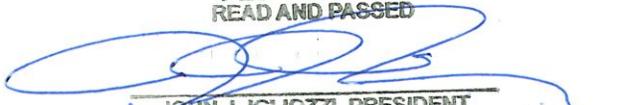
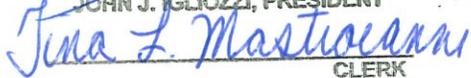
WHEREAS, RIDOT is preparing to do community outreach on three options. The outreach will begin in the month of February 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The City Council does hereby request Peter Alviti, Jr., Director of Rhode Island Department of Transportation, and/or his staff, to make a presentation to City Council regarding the current options for the Multi-Hub Bus Plan as soon as possible and to present its proposed plan for community engagement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Director Peter Alviti, Jr., Director of RIDOT, Scott Avedisian, CEO of RIPTA, City Council President, the Council Chief of Staff, the Mayor, and the City Planning Director.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED


JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, PRESIDENT

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Mayor's Signature


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