

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 187

Approved February 18, 1983

RESOLVED, That the Director of Public Works is requested to close that Railroad Bridge located along Cranston Street and to cause the necessary repairs and resurfacing for the safety of Motorists and Pedestrians traveling along said Bridge.

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 17 1983
READ AND PASSED

[Signature]
Clerk
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APPROVED
FEB 18 1983
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MAYOR

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**THE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC WORKS**

**Approves Passage of
The Within Resolution**

Rose M. Mendonca
Clerk ~~Clerk~~
February 2, 1983

IN CITY COUNCIL

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FIRST READING

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

**THE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC WORKS**

Recommends

Be Continued
Michael R. Clement Clerk

Jan. 24, 1980

THE COMMITTEE ON

**PUBLIC WORKS
Recommends**

Be Continued
Rose M. Mendonca
Clerk
July 21, 1981

THE COMMITTEE ON Feb. 6, 1980

PUBLIC WORKS

Recommends

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Michael R. Clement Clerk

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Councilman Flynn and Councilman Dillon (By Request)



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Department of Transportation
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
State Office Building
Providence, R.I. 02903

February 4, 1980

Laurence K. Flynn
Councilman Ward Eight
Council Chamber
City of Providence
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Councilman Flynn:


Reference is made to your letter dated January 25, 1980, regarding responsibility for maintenance of the Cranston Street Railroad Bridge. I have received a determination from our Legal Counsel that Chapter 8, Section 24 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island does not apply in this instance.

For your information there is presently pending before the Public Utilities Commission, at the request by the Town of North Kingstown, a ruling as to whether AMTRAK or prior owners have the responsibility to maintain Stony Lane Bridge and Dry Bridge Railroad Bridges in that Town.

You may wish to check with the Public Utilities Commission regarding the status of this matter.

Very truly yours,

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION


Wendall J. Flanders
Director

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cc: Mr. Orodenker
Mr. Chopy
Mr. Carcieri

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PROVIDENCE, R.I.

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CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND
MAYOR VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS . 700 ALLENS AVENUE . 02905

Clement Cesaro, Director

James F. Lembo, Deputy Director

January 11, 1980

Laurence K. Flynn
COUNCILMAN - EIGHTH WARD
c/o Bureau of Licenses
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: CRANSTON STREET RAILROAD BRIDGE

Dear Councilman Flynn:

This is in answer to your letter dated January 8, 1980 and received in this office January 10, 1980. The matter has been researched and the facts are stated below.

This information has been obtained from the State of Rhode Island, Mr. Joseph Corrente, Chief of Bridge Maintenance, Rhode Island Department of Transportation, phone number-272-2355, regarding Railroad Bridge #59.56 on the New London to Providence Line #68 maintained by N.Y.-N.H. Hartford Railroad-WOOD DECK REPLACED BY STEEL IN 1947.

The Railroad Company has been negligent in the maintenance of its Bridges and the City should take Legal Action to force the Railroad Company to maintain them.

Sincerely,

CLEMENT CESARO
Director of Public Works

cc: Councilman David Dillon
Senator Richard R. Patterson

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Tuesday, December 18, 1979

Bridge repairs nearing completion

PROVIDENCE — The state Transportation Department hopes to set a date by the end of this week for completion of repairs to the Orms Street Bridge over the railroad tracks in front of the Marriott Inn.

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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

SENATOR
RICHARD R. PATTERSON
36 Santiago Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02907

Room 326 State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903



Committee on Finance

Committee on
Health, Education and Welfare

Senate Chamber

December 19, 1979

Councilman Lawrence Flynn
12 Crescent Street
Providence, R.I. 02907

Dear Larry:

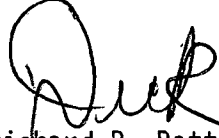
This morning, I met with Mr. R.J. Duggan who is the Northeast Corridor Supervisor for Amtrak Railroad. I met with him for the specific purpose of asking Amtrak's intervention into the repairing of the railroad bridge on the corner of Niantic and Cranston Streets. I wanted, also, to talk to him about putting up some safety barriers that run alongside the tracks from Cranston Street down Niantic Avenue. Mr. Duggan and myself inspected this severe deteriorating railroad overpass and he then informed me that Amtrak, when it took over the railroad system, there was an agreement between Amtrak and the old railroad company that Amtrak would only maintain the tracks and that they would not touch the railroad bridges, the resurfacing or the guardrails and other portions of overpasses and bridges. Apparently, the responsibility for this type of work rests with local cities and towns and in some instances, possibly the State of R.I. Mr. Duggan cited a recent case in Pawtucket where the city stated to Amtrak that they did not have the responsibility for maintaining those bridges and it ultimately went to court and a decision was made by the court that the City of Pawtucket was responsible and has, since that time, maintained the overpasses and the railroad bridges and also some of the right-of-ways along the tracks.

I presume that you are aware of the conditions that currently exist at the bridge on Niantic and Cranston Streets. The wooden railings are torn down, the fence is deteriorating all along the top of the bridge and it presents a very serious safety problem for people walking over the bridge or small children walking on the bridge and so forth. I wish, Larry, that you would look at the bridge and possibly through actions of the Council, ask the City to intervene in this situation and make the necessary repairs to insure the safety of the people living in that particular area. I'm sure that it will present some problems as to the jurisdiction and responsibility of the maintenance and fixing of the bridge, but the ultimate cost should not be that great. I've also informed Dave Dillon through a similar letter of this condition and maybe the both of you can get some results and action with the approval of the Council.

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I wish you and your family the happiest and holiest of
Holidays and hope to see you very soon.

Best Wishes and Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick', written over the printed name.

Richard R. Patterson
Senator - 10th District
Providence

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