

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS


RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL


No. 276

Approved June 15, 2009

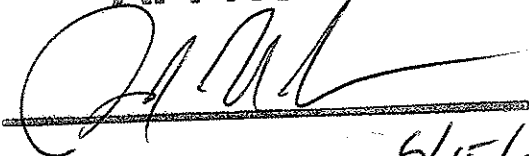
RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is requested to
cause Smithfield Avenue to be established as a "Two-Way" Street in its entirety.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 4 2009
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March 10, 2009

RE: Smithfield Avenue at North Main Street
Providence, RI

Dear Ms. Stetson:

This letter is in response to the request of the City of Providence's Committee on Public Works to transform Smithfield Avenue in its entirety to a two-way circulation. As you may be aware, engineers from this Department have met with the Summit Neighborhood Association (SNA), at their request, to explore and provide input at the possibility of having a two way circulation on Smithfield Avenue at its intersection with North Main Street. During these meetings, we explained to the SNA that any change to the configuration of this state-owned signalized intersection can only be done at the approval of the State Traffic Commission (STC). We also indicated that Smithfield Avenue is under the City of Providence jurisdiction.

In this regard, we will gladly submit a formal request to the STC to evaluate the change of the current configuration of the North Main Street/Smithfield Avenue signalized intersection as requested by the City Council Resolution. The Department will perform a study on the safety and operation of this intersection under its current conditions and with Smithfield Avenue as a two way leg. Once the study is complete, the Department will produce a recommendation to the STC, which then will make a determination.

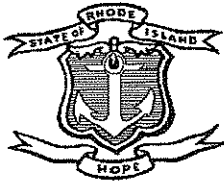
However, because Smithfield Avenue is under the City of Providence's jurisdiction, the Department will only be able to perform the change of the configuration at the signal, if approved by the STC. Any modification to the current configuration of Smithfield Avenue beyond North Main Street will have to be approved and done by the City of Providence.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Michael P. Lewis
Director

cc: Mayor David N. Cicilline
City of Providence Council
Colonel Dean Esserman, City of Providence Chief of Police
John D. Nickelson, P.E., Director of Public Works
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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
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April 16, 2009

Anna M. Stetson, City Clerk
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Dear Ms. Stetson:

The State Traffic Commission (STC) at its April 8, 2009 meeting considered the City's request to modify the traffic signal at North Main Street and Smithfield Avenue to enable Smithfield Avenue to be converted to two-way traffic.

A study was performed to determine what how this change would impact North Main Street. The study showed that delays at the intersection would increase slightly but would still be acceptable. Traffic queues would also be slightly longer but still acceptable. Based on this, the STC voted to approve the modification of the traffic signal to accommodate a two-way Smithfield Avenue.

However, because Smithfield Avenue is under the City of Providence's jurisdiction, the Department will only be able to perform the change of the configuration at the signal. Any modification to the current configuration of Smithfield Avenue beyond North Main Street will have to be approved and done by the City. Please provide the Rhode Island Department of Transportation with a schedule for this City project. Upon receipt of that schedule, RIDOT will begin with the design modification.

Very truly yours,
STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Robert Rocchio, P.E.
Secretary

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cc: David N. Cicilline, Mayor
Dean Esserman, Chief (Providence Police Department)
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