

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 75

Approved February 21, 2024

WHEREAS, The closure of the Washington Bridge has significantly impacted traffic patterns in our city, leading to increased vehicular congestion on alternative routes in Providence; and

WHEREAS, Commuters seeking to avoid highway traffic have increasingly utilized Gano Street and Angell/S Angell Street as detour routes in particular, thereby exacerbating the wear and tear on our local roadways; and

WHEREAS, The presence of tractor-trailers and 18-Wheelers, using Gano Street and Angell/S Angell Street as a throughway to re-access Interstate I-195, has led to significant damage to local road infrastructure, posing safety risks to motorists and pedestrians alike; and

WHEREAS, The current situation not only deteriorates the quality of life for our residents but also undermines the safety and efficiency of Providence's local transportation access; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) takes immediate action to repair the damage to Gano Street and Angell/S Angell Street to ensure the safety and well-being of all road users; and

WHEREAS, It is equally important for RIDOT to explore and implement strategic measures to restrict certain types of vehicles, particularly heavy trucks, that can use the suggested detours around the Washington Bridge closure to prevent further roadway damage and ensure the longevity of our city's infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby urges the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) to assess the damage to Gano Street and Angell Street and determine a plan to eventually undertake the necessary repairs to restore these roadways to a state of good repair, ensuring they are safe for all users.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) implement immediate measures to restrict the access of tractor-trailers and 18-Wheelers on Gano Street and Angell Street, thereby mitigating further damage and ensuring the safety and well-being of the residents and commuters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) explore and establish long-term solutions to manage and divert heavy vehicle traffic away from residential areas and sensitive infrastructure, particularly in light of detours necessitated by the Washington Bridge closure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) engage with local stakeholders, including the City Council, Mayor, community organizations, and residents, to communicate plans and actions taken to address the current issues and to collaboratively work towards sustainable transportation solutions.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT), the Governor of Rhode Island, and other relevant state officials, to underscore the urgency of the situation and the need for effective and prompt action on this issue.

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB 15 2024
READ AND PASSED


MICHAEL J. MILLER, PRESIDENT

Jina L. Mastrosarno
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor

Date: 2/21/24