

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 236

Approved June 7, 2016

WHEREAS, Public art is a valuable tool for giving neighborhoods a sense of place, to bring communities together, and to beautify the streetscape; and

WHEREAS, Public art has the power to educate, inspire, and enhance people's lives; and

WHEREAS, Many cities around the nation have utilized decorative designs and creative patterns as part of traffic calming efforts at busy intersections, in high pedestrian areas, or near schools; and

WHEREAS, These "creative crossings" help draw attention of drivers, reducing the chance of accidents and injuries, as well as enhancing the appearance of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Placing such artistic crosswalk designs near schools will help to keep children safe on their way to and from school and has the added benefit of promoting art and creativity among our next generation; and

WHEREAS, The Avenue Concept is a local organization dedicated to empowering artists and communities by creating avenues for dialogue and connection through sustainable public art; and

WHEREAS, The Avenue Concept has agreed to work with the City of Providence and the City Council on a Creative Crossings pilot program this summer.

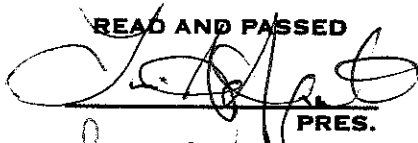
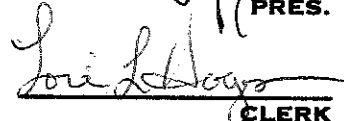
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby establish the Creative Crossings pilot program in partnership with the Avenue Concept; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Creative Crossings pilot program will cause the installation of temporary and sustainable traffic calming public art at four intersections between June and October of 2016 and will gauge both effectiveness and public response to determine the feasibility of further installations; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent the Traffic Engineer and the Director of the Department of Arts, Culture, & Tourism.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUN 02 2016

READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


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Date: 6/7/16