

CHAPTER 2021-29

No. 347 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23 “STREETS, SIDEWALKS
AND PUBLIC PLACES” OF THE PROVIDENCE CODE OF ORDINANCES
TO ADD ARTICLE VII “GREEN AND COMPLETE STREETS”

Approved July 27, 2021

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Chapter 23, “Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places” is hereby amended to add Article VII, “Green and Complete Streets” as follows:

ARTICLE VII. - GREEN AND COMPLETE STREETS

Sec. 23-167. - Vision and purpose.

Streets and sidewalks in the City of Providence carry not only people and goods, but also various utilities, including stormwater runoff. City streets also represent a sizeable portion of the city’s overall land use and its publicly managed trees, and serve as windows into the city for visitors and residents alike. City streets and sidewalks serve people of all ages and abilities, while creating more mobility and independence for young people, seniors, and people with disabilities. They serve motorists and non-motorists, residents in wheelchairs, parents pushing strollers, kids biking and walking to school, and people who can’t afford or don’t want motor vehicles.

The City of Providence shall develop a safe, reliable, equitable, efficient, inviting, integrated and connected multimodal transportation system that will promote access, mobility and health of all kinds for all users and abutters, including people with mobility aids, and that will improve environmental quality and reduce polluted stormwater runoff. The goal of the city is to create a connected network of right-of-way facilities accommodating all modes of travel to the maximum practical extent and to promote the walkability and bikeability of the city’s streets and sidewalks, along with good access to public transportation, beautification and shade from right-of-way trees, parks, schools, healthy food retail establishments, and responsible reduction and treatment of polluted stormwater.

Sec. 23-168. - Definition.

Green and complete streets means streets that are designed and operated to enable safe equitable access for all users, in that pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and public transportation users of all ages and abilities are able to safely move along and across a street, provide for visual pleasure, including exposure to natural elements, promote cooling via robust tree canopy, and improve environmental quality by providing for reduction, accommodation, and on-site pretreatment of stormwater prior to eventual release into local waterways and the Narragansett Bay as part of a comprehensive stormwater management system.

Significant construction or repair projects shall mean any project that changes the curb line, curb cuts, or traffic geometry, any project that includes restriping of traffic geometry, or any new construction or improvement of off-road bicycle paths or multi-use trails, that is located on any streets, paths, or intersections designated as needing improvements in the City’s Great Streets Plan, any street categorized as an arterial or collector road, or any such construction or repair project within 300 feet of a school or City recreation center.

Environmental justice areas shall mean any areas of the city identified through a current local, state, or federal mapping effort and validated by residents of those areas to prioritize improvements to environmental sustainability and health such that no group of people bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, governmental, and commercial operations or the execution of federal, state, and local programs and policies.

Vulnerable road users shall mean any person walking; person bicycling; police officer or emergency worker on duty when outside of a vehicle; road worker performing duties outside of a vehicle; person riding on or driving a wheelchair, motorized or not; person riding on a scooter, motorized or not; person using a skateboard, inline skate, or roller skates

Sec. 23-169. - Scope of applicability.

- a) All publicly-owned transportation facilities in the public right-of-way including, but not limited to, streets and all other connecting pathways, as well as parking lots on publicly-owned land, shall be designed and constructed in conformance with the policy that users of all ages and abilities can travel safely and independently, residents and visitors experience pleasantly-designed urban streetscapes that incorporate greenery and shade trees, and stormwater is both reduced and treated on-site prior to entering the city's combined stormwater and wastewater conveyance system.
- b) The city shall make good faith efforts to foster partnerships with the State of Rhode Island and neighboring communities to develop facilities and accommodations that further the goals presented in both the Providence Great Streets Master Plan as well as the city's green and complete streets policy, as set forth in this Article, and continue such infrastructure beyond the city's borders.
- c) The city shall approach every transportation improvement and project phase as an opportunity to create safer, more accessible, and more equitable streets for all users that are more attractive and that better manage stormwater. The design of new, rehabilitated, restored, resurfaced, or reconstructed facilities shall prioritize the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable road users and those living in environmental justice areas, and should anticipate likely future demand for bicycling, walking, transit, and motorist use, beautification elements, mitigation of urban heat island effect and stormwater runoff through increased tree canopy and other green infrastructure, and should not preclude the provision of future improvements. These phases include, but are not limited to: planning, programming, design, right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction engineering, reconstruction, operation and maintenance. Other changes to transportation facilities on streets and rights-of-way, including capital improvements, re-channelization projects and major maintenance, must also be included.
- d) This Article shall apply to all persons and entities that apply for and receive permits from the Department of Public Works to perform construction, improvements and/or repairs on public roadways in the City, in accordance with Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Department of Public Works.
- e) The city shall utilize the performance measures as described in Section 23-173 to identify improvement projects to be included in the city's capital improvement plan and/or street pavement plan. The projects shall be identified based on their ability to address design issues on city-owned transportation facilities, such as improved safety and ease of use.
- f) All transportation infrastructure and street design projects in the city shall adhere to the requirements of this Article and Rhode Island General Law §24-16-2 titled "Complete Street Design."
- g) All projects initiated by the City Council through the use of Neighborhood Infrastructure Funds (NIF) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding shall be exempt from the requirements of this Article.

Sec. 23-170. - Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council.

- a) There is hereby created a Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council. The Advisory Council shall be comprised of the following members:
 - 1) The Director of Public Works or his/her designee who shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member,
 - 2) the Director of Planning and Development or his/her designee who shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member,

- 3) the Commissioner of Public Safety or his/her designee who shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member,
 - 4) the Director of the Office of Sustainability or his/her designee who shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member,
 - 5) the City Forester or his/her designee who shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member,
 - 6) three members appointed by the Mayor, and
 - 7) four members appointed by the City Council.
- b) All appointed members shall be residents or domiciliaries of the city and shall each serve for terms of two years. None of the appointed members shall be an elected officer or employee of the city. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. No member shall serve beyond the date of expiration of said term unless reappointed. At the first meeting of the Advisory Council the voting members shall elect a chairperson by simple majority vote.
 - c) In appointing members to the Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council, the Mayor and City Council shall give due consideration to appointing members with expertise in the following areas: civil engineering, architecture, city planning, and environmental sustainability. In addition to the above described areas of expertise, the Mayor and City Council shall also give due consideration to appoint members who represent the diverse communities of the City.
 - d) The Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council shall include at least one representative of the aging community and a minimum of one member representing the disability community.
 - e) All meetings of the Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council shall be subject to the provisions of the Rhode Island Open Meetings Act.

Sec. 23-171. - Implementation.

- a) The city shall follow accepted or adopted design standards and use the best and latest design standards available. These standards include, but are not limited to Designing Walkable Urban Thoroughfares: A Context Sensitive Approach, NACTO's Urban Street Design Guide, and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's Low Impact Design (LID) standards as reflected in its Stormwater Design Manual (2015) and LID Guide (2011). Links to these design standards shall be made publicly available on the city's website. In recognition of context sensitivity, public input and the needs of many users, a flexible, innovative and balanced approach that follows other appropriate design standards may be considered, provided that it provides a comparable level of safety for all users.
- b) All significant construction or repair projects subject to this Article shall be presented to the Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council by the sponsoring public agency for review during both the project's initial scoping phase and preliminary design phase.
 - 1) The Advisory Council's role in reviewing projects shall be advisory only.
 - 2) As part of its review, the Advisory Council members shall consider the project's level of compliance with this Article, and whether it implements the elements of the City's Great Streets Plan and other planning and policy documents adopted by the city, where applicable.
 - 3) The sponsoring public agency shall supply the Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council with all documents and plans at least fourteen (14) calendar days in advance of the regularly scheduled Advisory Council meeting at which the project is intended to be reviewed. Documents and plans shall be submitted to the staff of the Advisory Council in an electronic format and all submissions shall be accompanied by all documentation reasonably necessary to evaluate the project.
 - 4) Once documents and plans for a project have been received by the Advisory Council, the Advisory Council shall either review the project or decline to review the project within forty-five (45) calendar days of receipt of the documents and plans. Failure of the Advisory Council to act within the prescribed period shall constitute a declination to review the project and a letter documenting this decline shall be issued from the staff of the Advisory Council to the Director of the Department of Public Works.

- 5) All decisions relating to recommendations regarding projects by the Advisory Council shall be made available in writing to the Director of Department of Public Works and the Director of Planning and Development no more than twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date of the Advisory Council meeting at which the decision was made.
 - 6) The Director of Public Works shall document and communicate to staff for the Advisory Council the reasons that a project will deviate from the Advisory Council's written recommendations.
- c) Traffic calming improvements shall be evaluated as follows:
- 1) The Traffic Engineer shall conduct traffic studies each month, prioritizing obtaining traffic data on:
 - i) Streets with the most collisions in the preceding three 3 years that have not yet been studied by the Traffic Engineer, especially those with high levels of collisions involving people walking or bicycling,
 - ii) Streets included in the Great Streets Plan,
 - iii) Streets with at least two individuals requesting for traffic calming improvements,
 - iv) Streets the city plans to resurface within the next twelve months,
 - v) Streets throughout the city, such that each Ward contains at least one street studied for traffic calming improvements every six months.
 - 2) Based on the conducted studies, streets that are found to exceed at least one of the following quantitative thresholds shall automatically and immediately be granted preliminary approval by the Traffic Engineer for traffic calming improvements:
 - i) 15% of motor vehicles traveling faster than 30 mph over the study period,
 - ii) 20% of motor vehicles traveling faster than 35 mph for consecutive two hour periods on two days within the study period,
 - iii) 10% of motor vehicles traveling faster than 20 mph over the study period on a street narrower than 18 feet,
 - iv) 3,000 motor vehicles average daily traffic on a local road,
 - v) 50 collisions per million vehicle miles over a 3 year period,
 - vi) 20 persons injured per million vehicle miles over a 3 year period.
 - 3) The Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council may recommend that additional streets be granted preliminary approval for traffic calming improvements by the Traffic Engineer. Streets that are eligible for this discussion must meet one of the following quantitative thresholds:
 - i) 5% of motor vehicles traveling faster than 30 mph over the study period on a local or collector road
 - ii) 2000 motor vehicles average daily traffic on a local or collector road
 - iii) 10 collisions per million vehicle miles over a 3 year period
 - iv) 10 persons injured per million vehicle miles over a 3 year period
 - 4) All streets recommended by the Advisory Council for traffic calming improvements shall be prioritized for installation first by the number of injuries recorded over a three year period and then by their 95th percentile speeds.
 - 5) In consultation with staff from the Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Planning and Development, and the City Council, the Traffic Engineer shall evaluate the most appropriate design for improvement. This design must be completed within six months of the Advisory Council's recommendation, unless the Advisory Council shall issue a waiver of the six month period.
 - 6) The Director of Planning and Development shall review for final approval plans prepared by the Traffic Engineer for streets preliminarily approved for traffic calming improvements.

- 7) The Department of Public Works shall install traffic calming improvements upon final approval in the prioritized order determined in subsection (5).
 - 8) During the three (3) months following installation of traffic calming improvements, the Traffic Engineer shall conduct a second traffic study for each installed location to evaluate the effectiveness of the improvements. If this traffic study still qualifies the location for preliminary approval under subsections (2) or (3), additional improvements shall be evaluated by the Traffic Engineer according to the above process.
 - 9) All Advisory Opinions rendered by the Advisory Council shall be published on the City's website within fourteen (14) calendar days of issuance.
- d) The Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council shall review on an annual basis all existing plans, manuals, checklists, decision-trees, rules, regulations, and programs of city departments as appropriate (including, but not limited to any short-term, medium-term, and long-term capital plans) for compliance with green and complete streets principles. The Advisory Council shall annually provide a written report to the City Council and Administration outlining all suggested changes to such land use policies, zoning ordinances, etc. that will better align with green and complete streets principals.
 - e) The Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council shall review all current street and sidewalk design standards to ensure that they reflect the best available design standards and guidelines, and effectively implement green and complete streets, where feasible.
 - f) The Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council shall ensure equitable and inclusive community engagement for all project phases from planning to implementation.
 - g) When available, the city shall make good faith efforts to encourage staff professional development and training on non-motorized transportation issues and best practices of right-of-way green infrastructure through attending conferences, classes, seminars, and workshops.
 - h) City staff shall make good faith efforts to identify all current and potential future sources of funding for street improvements and recommend improvements to the project selection criteria to support the green and complete streets projects.
 - i) The city shall create plans and set goals to ensure the successful implementation of this Article in environmental justice areas and shall prioritize environmental justice areas for improvements.
 - j) Projects developed under this Article shall improve ease of travel, comfort and safety for people with disabilities and the elderly.
 - k) The city shall promote inter-departmental project coordination among city departments with an interest in the activities that occur within the public right-of-way in order to better use fiscal resources.
 - l) The city shall make good faith efforts to include an educational component to ensure that all users of the transportation system understand and can safely utilize green and complete streets project elements.
 - m) The city shall make good faith efforts to encourage improved access to public transit, parks, schools, and healthy food retail establishments, in all development plans reviewed and approved by the city.

Sec. 23-172. - Exceptions.

- a) Applications for waivers or exceptions shall be reviewed and approved by the Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council based on the following criteria:
 - 1) An affected roadway prohibits, by law, use by specified users, in which case a greater effort shall be made to accommodate those specified users elsewhere, including on roadways that cross, run parallel to, or otherwise intersect with the affected roadway;
 - 2) The activities are ordinary maintenance activities designed to keep assets in serviceable condition (including, but not limited to, mowing, cleaning, sweeping, spot repair and surface treatments such as chip seal or interim measures);

- 3) The Director of Planning and Development issues a recommendation that the application of this article is unnecessary or unduly cost prohibitive, based upon all reasonable alternatives commensurate to the project scope of work being exhausted and documented, in which case a greater effort shall be made to accommodate those specified users elsewhere, including on roadways that cross or otherwise intersect with the affected roadway.
- 4) Other available means or factors indicate an absence of need, including future need.
- b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), the Commissioner of Public Safety may issue a waiver or an exception in the form of an executive order if application of this Article would be contrary to public safety, with notice given to the Green and Complete Streets Advisory Council within two business days from the date of the Commissioner's decision regarding said application.
- c) All documentation regarding any waiver or exception application shall be publicly available.
- d) All proposed exceptions must be mode-specific, specifying which Complete Streets principles should be exempted. Infeasibility of one mode of transportation should not exempt a project from incorporating other Complete Streets principles

Sec. 23-173. - Performance measures and reporting.

A report shall be submitted annually to the City Council and placed on the city's website by the Director of Public Works and the Director of Planning. The annual report shall document the annual increase or decrease for each of the following.

- 1) Assessment of linear feet of sidewalk in need of repair or construction to be performed on an annual basis;
- 2) Replacement of non-ADA compliant curb ramps;
- 3) Number of intersection legs without crosswalks
- 4) Total miles of bike lanes;
- 5) Number of street trees;
- 6) Maintenance activities of existing green and complete streets facilities;
- 7) Number of traffic complaints and calming requests by street name;
- 8) Number and severity of traffic violations and crashes by mode;
- 9) Total dollar amount spent on green and complete streets activities;
- 10) Number of new stormwater management improvements in the city;
- 11) Number of traffic calming devices installed, as well as those evaluated and approved for installation;
- 12) Number of crosswalk and intersection improvements installed;
- 13) Number of people biking on a representative sample of streets and trails;
- 14) Number of people riding Rhode Island Public Transit Authority buses within the City;
- 15) Number of applications and waivers requested and granted, along with the justification for any waivers granted;
- 16) Opportunities for community stakeholders in environmental justice areas to influence how these improvements are prioritized;
- 17) Number of Green and Complete Streets improvements made in environmental justice areas.

Section 2. Chapter 15, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 15-2. - Penalties for traffic violations.

(a) *Generally.* The general penalties provided for by section 1-10 of this Code of Ordinances shall apply to violations of this chapter or any regulations made there under except that any person electing to appear before the clerk of court, or mailing the same, in lieu of a personal appearance before the Providence Municipal Court and admitting the violation charged, shall be punished by a fine as hereinafter respectively set forth:

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| Parking from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.* | \$20.00 |
| Overtime parking from 5:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. | 20.00 |
| Parking without permit in a residential zone | 15.00 |
| Parking at expired meter | 25.00 |
| Parking during an emergency | 100.00 |
| Parking so as to obstruct the flow of traffic | 75.00 |
| Parking in prohibited area (no parking) | 30.00 |
| Parking within eight (8) feet of fire hydrant | 100.00 |
| Parking in loading zone | 30.00 |
| Parking in taxi stand | 30.00 |
| Parking within twenty-five (25) feet of corner | 30.00 |
| Parking to obstruct driveway | 30.00 |
| Parking within twelve (12) inches of a driveway as measured by a line running along the curb in either direction | 30.00 |
| Parking on sidewalk | 100.00 |
| Parking in a bicycle lane | 100.00** |
| Standing in prohibited areas | 30.00 |
| Double parking (more than three (3) feet from curb) | 30.00 |
| Parking in marked bus stop | 100.00** |
| Parking in excess of one (1) foot, but not more than three (3) feet from curb | 30.00 |
| Parking with left wheels to curb | 30.00 |
| Angle parking | 30.00 |
| Parking on marked crosswalk or within intersection | 100.00** |
| Stopping bus away from curb | 30.00 |
| Parking in a tow zone | 100.00 |
| Violation of moving vehicle traffic regulation | 75.00 |

* Except in those areas designated as resident permit parking areas (which allow for residential permit parking only between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.).

** The city shall contribute any increase in revenue generated from the increase in fine amounts to smart growth initiatives.

In the event any of the foregoing stated fines are not paid or a plea of not guilty to the citation is entered prior to the fourteenth day after date of violation, said fines shall be doubled.

In the event any of the foregoing stated fines are not paid or a plea of not guilty to the citation is entered subsequent to the fourteenth day and prior to the twenty-eighth day after date of violations, said fines shall be tripled.

(b) *Meter violations.* Where the violation occurs in a metered space it shall be a separate violation for vehicles remained parked in said space for each consecutive unit of time beyond the first unit of time, up to a maximum of two (2) violations.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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Jana L. Mastrosanni CLERK
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FINAL READING
READ AND PASSED

John J. Iglizzi
JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, PRESIDENT
Jana L. Mastrosanni
CLERK
ACTING

I HEREBY APPROVE.

[Signature]
Mayor
Date: 7/27/21

Mastroianni, Tina

From: TracPicard@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Traci Picard
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Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 12:56 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I strongly support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Traci Picard and I live in the West End, and I travel around Providence by foot, as well as transit and, occasionally, vehicle. I am also the parent of a bicyclist.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable and more equitable city.

Please support, pass and continue to fund the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Traci Picard

Sincerely,
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Mastroianni, Tina

From: lb117652@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ellen Biegert <lb117652@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 1:26 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Ellen Biegert and I live in Providence and travel around the City on foot, bike, bus, and car.

Safe and green streets should be the normal practice in Providence— not the exception. Improving our streets to make them comfortable for everyone truly adds to our city and improves the lives of its residents. It makes getting around feel easier, and helps build community.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you,
Ellen

Sincerely,
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Mastroianni, Tina

From: susan.gorelick@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Gorelick
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Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Susan Shim Gorelick__ and I work at Johnson & Wales University_ and I travel around Providence by car and foot I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

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Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
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Mastroianni, Tina

From: Tyler.r.justin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tyler Justin
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Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 1:44 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Tyler Justin and I live at 33 Blaisdell Ave in Pawtucket and I travel around Providence primarily by electric bike.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

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Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,

Tyler Justin

Sincerely,
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Mastroianni, Tina

From: aschneid@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amy Schneidhorst
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Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 1:53 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is __Amy__ and I live at _____ and I travel around Providence by ___walking_____.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
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Mastroianni, Tina

From: haley.witman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Haley Witman
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Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 2:26 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: Support for Green and Complete Streets

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Haley Hardwick-Witman and I live at 1427 Westminster Street and I travel around Providence by foot.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
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Mastroianni, Tina

From: cj.opperthouser@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charles Opperthouser
<cj.opperthouser@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 2:27 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is C.J. Opperthouser, and while I now live in Maine, until this past February I was a Providence resident for a number of years. I'm founder of WalkPVD, Director of Training & Placemaking at Grow Smart RI, and helped get the ordinance language off the ground in its early days.

In an era of deep inequities, too-high traffic fatalities, and an aging population of Rhode Islanders, pursuing Complete Streets standards will help to ensure that Providence is building not just responsively but proactively in addressing these issues and many more. No matter your age, ability, income, or background, a Complete Street will accommodate you safely and comfortably as you get from A to B.

Fortunately for Providence, the current planning department staff already excels at making transportation equity and active transportation priorities in their plans. So, in my opinion, this ordinance will simply make their great work the standard for the future and ensure that Providence continues to address the issues I noted above.

While I'm now a Mainer, my love for Providence hasn't diminished, and I know that the city and its residents deserve this important policy step.

Sincerely,
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Mastroianni, Tina

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Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Stephen Mattos and I live in the Washington Park area and I travel around Providence by biking, walking and car.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
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Mastroianni, Tina

From: kalen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Kalen
<kalen@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 2:35 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is David Kalen and I live on Harrison Street and I travel around Providence by bicycle.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

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Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
David Kalen
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Mastroianni, Tina

From: ruth.harvey@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ruth Harvey
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Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 2:37 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Ruth Harvey and I live on Broadway and I travel around Providence by bike.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Ruth Harvey
517 Broadway Apt 3 Providence, RI 02909-1816 ruth.harvey@as220.org

Mastroianni, Tina

From: dconley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dylan Conley
<dconley@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 2:38 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

Hi Councilors! It's Dylan, on behalf of Copeland and Jenica too!

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

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Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Dylan Conley
82 Dexter St Providence, RI 02909-1222
dconley@wjclaw.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: joebaer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joe Baer
<joebaer@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 3:20 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Joe Baer and I live at 52 Valley Street and I travel around Providence by both car and much of my time walking.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

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Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Joe Baer
52 Valley St Providence, RI 02909-7406
joebaer@wheelerschool.org

Mastroianni, Tina

From: schwabjh@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joseph Schwab
<schwabjh@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 3:21 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Joseph Schwab and I live at 14 Methyl Street and I travel around Providence by walking and bicycling.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

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Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Joseph Schwab
14 Methyl St Providence, RI 02906-4902
schwabjh@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: briandechambeau@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brian DeChambeau
<briandechambeau@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 3:23 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Brian DeChambeau and I live at 18 Danforth St and I travel around Providence by bike.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Brian DeChambeau
18 Danforth St Providence, RI 02908-3611 briandechambeau@yahoo.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: danaleigh27@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dana Brandt <danaleigh27@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 3:31 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Dana Brandt and I live in Mount Pleasant. I'm an avid runner.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Dana Brandt
48 Homefield Ave Providence, RI 02908-1810 danaleigh27@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: alehrer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alicia Lehrer
<alehrer@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 4:11 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Alicia Lehrer and I am the Executive Director of the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council. I travel around Providence by bike, foot and car.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Alicia Lehrer
45 Eagle St Ste 202 Providence, RI 02909-1082 alehrer@wrwc.org

Mastroianni, Tina

From: nic.canning@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nic Canning
<nic.canning@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 4:53 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Nic Canning and I live at 424 Broadway.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

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Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Nic Canning
424 Broadway Providence, RI 02909-1671
nic.canning@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: elliotjyoung@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elliot Young
<elliotjyoung@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 5:18 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is _____ and I live at _____ and I travel around Providence by _____.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Elliot Young
135 Rankin Ave Providence, RI 02908-4215 elliotjyoung@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: shadow@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Daria Brashear
<shadow@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 5:27 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: Please support Green and Complete Streets

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

Hi,

I'm Daria Brashear. I live on Broadway in Federal Hill and I travel around Providence by bicycle, on foot and in a car.

Safe, green streets should be the norm in Providence. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city. As I moved through the city I routinely see ways in which we fail to protect disabled, elderly and young neighbors.

Our only hope for a hospitable environment for **all** street users and for an equitable future for our city is complete streets design and green infrastructure. This should be way we plan and build our streets. Every opportunity missed becomes a failure enshrined in concrete for years, a monument to our failure to take care of ourselves and those around us. We can't afford these failures.

I urge to today to support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,
Daria Brashear
299 Broadway Providence, RI 02903-3040
shadow@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: chris.martin78@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Chris Martin <chris.martin78@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 1:49 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Chris Martin and I live in Barrington, work in East Providence and I travel around Providence by bike, foot and car.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Chris Martin
49 Roffee St Barrington, RI 02806-2914
chris.martin78@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: emailamberma@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amber Ma
<emailamberma@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 9:52 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Amber and I live on the west end and I travel around Providence primarily by bike and walking.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Amber Ma
130 Ford St Providence, RI 02907-2734
emailamberma@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: danica.warns@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Danica Warns
<danica.warns@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 9:54 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Danica and I live at 71 Sycamore St. in West End. I travel around Providence by car and by foot. I wish I could get around safely by foot and by bike but many roads near me are not bike and pedestrian safe, so I rely on my car more than I'd like to. And many people don't have the luxury of having a car, so have to rely on walking around unsafe, busy streets. This needs to change!

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Complete and green streets are what our city needs to be resilient. Safe bike and foot travel is healthy and reduces greenhouse gas and other emissions that impact our water quality. Incorporating green infrastructure will make our city more beautiful, reduce flooding on streets (definitely a problem at most corners in my neighborhood), remove greenhouse gases and pollutants from our air, and keep polluted runoff out of our waterways.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance! It will significantly improve Providence!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Danica Warns
71 Sycamore St Providence, RI 02909-1927 danica.warns@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: GeoDys@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of George Dys
<GeoDys@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 10:17 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is George Dys and I live at 16 wildwood Road in North Forestdale, RI and I commute to Providence by bike, bus and car.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
George Dys
16 Wildwood Rd Forestdale, RI 02824-1204 GeoDys@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: susan.chakmakian@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Chakmakian
<susan.chakmakian@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 11:39 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Susie Chakmakian, I currently live in Cranston, and I usually travel around Providence by car (but I walked everywhere when I lived in Providence as an undergrad).

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

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Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Susan Chakmakian
38 Susan Dr Cranston, RI 02920-5525
susan.chakmakian@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: mrengy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mike Eng
<mrengy@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 9:28 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: In support of Complete Streets

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

I am a daily bicycle and bus commuter (in non-pandemic times, I work in Providence), and I want to encourage you to support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance.

I think this sort of forward thinking legislation makes our city more resilient, healthy, and equitable.

Commuting by car should be one choice but not the only safe or practical choice for those who have access to a car.

Surrounding areas like Boston have made significant infrastructure improvements in the past several years. Providence has made some, and we need to continue that trajectory to catch up and remain a desirable place to live.

Sincerely,
Mike Eng
19 Talbot Mnr Cranston, RI 02905-4124
mrengy@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: praub@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Raub
<praub@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 7:12 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Patricia Raub and I live at 86 Bradley Street and I travel around Providence mostly by car but also regularly by bus and on foot.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Patricia Raub
86 Bradley St Providence, RI 02908-2305 praub@providence.edu

Mastroianni, Tina

From: rory.neuner@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rory Neuner
<rory.neuner@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Rory Neuner and I live on 12th Street. My wife and I moved here last summer and just had a baby. We travel around Providence by foot, by bike, and by car.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Rory Neuner
86 12th St Providence, RI 02906-2925
rory.neuner@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: bernardoeddy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Eddy Bernardo
<bernardoeddy@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 5:37 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Eddy Bernardo, I live in Providence and I travel around city by car when necessary but prefer to travel by bicycle or on foot when possible.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Eddy Bernardo
170 Rutherglen Ave Providence, RI 02907-3545 bernardoeddy@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: tzed250@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of DAVID BETTRIDGE <tzed250@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 8:53 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: Please support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is David Bettridge and I live at 5 Vincent St. I frequently travel around Providence by bicycle.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

The time has come to deprioritize cars, and put people (and our planet) first.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
DAVID BETTRIDGE
5 Vincent St Providence, RI 02908-2827
tzed250@me.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: wpgt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of WILLIAM TRIMBLE
<wpgt@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 9:31 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: Thoughts on Green and Complete Streets

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

As a Providence resident I support any legislation that makes streets safer for bikers, pedestrians, and kids. The one silver lining of the pandemic was seeing so many more people able to use streets for biking, walking, or playing because there were so many fewer cars on the road.

Of course driving for work, shopping, etc. are an important part of the streetscape as well, but I do think that we can do a better job balancing those interests.

Please support any effort, such as the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance, that advances that goal.

Thank you very much.
William

Sincerely,
WILLIAM TRIMBLE
110 Lauriston St Providence, RI 02906-3643 wpgt@yahoo.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: casey.a.merkle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Casey Merkle
<casey.a.merkle@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 2:04 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is CASEY and I live at 242 Broadway and I travel around Providence by bike/walk/scooter.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Casey Merkle
242 Broadway Providence, RI 02903-3018
casey.a.merkle@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: robotneutron@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Roby Newton
<robotneutron@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 9:38 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Roby Newton and I live at 12 Spencer Street. I travel around Providence by foot, bicycle, and public transit. I have been dedicated to a car-free lifestyle since 2001.

Providence is a small city, one that can be quickly traversed by a pedestrian or cyclist. Rhode Island is a small, coastal state, one that may have the most to lose to climate change and rising tides.

I believe that safe and green streets could and should be manifest in Providence. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city! We need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors. Our roadways should serve all people, regardless of whether they can afford or choose to own a personal vehicle. Facilitating and enabling those who use human-powered transportation should be the norm, not the exception.

I experienced the flood of 2010, my home was flooded and we had no electricity for three months. The event spurred observation of the movement of rainwater, watching it roll off endless asphalt and concrete, pour down the non-permeable streets, pool up in the low-lying areas, making roadways impassable. Simultaneously, I have watched the city fill with cars over the last ten years, watched people pave their lawns to make more room for parking. Mitigating stormwater overflow and carbon sequestration should be foremost in our city planning.

On a lighter note, health, fun, and recreation are great reasons to support Green and Complete Streets! Commuting could be a joyful meditation or intensive exercise instead of gridlocked traffic and road-rage. Roadway safety may be the main obstacle keeping people from this possibility.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Roby Newton
12 Spencer St Providence, RI 02909-1617 robotneutron@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: malwina.skowron@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mal Skowron
<malwina.skowron@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 3:39 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Mal and I live at 88 Princeton Ave and I travel around Providence by bike, bus, car, or foot- whatever is most convenient depending on the trip!

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. I'm brave enough to bike on Providence streets, but it's hard when I'm constantly competing with cars for space on the road. It's dangerous to share the space with cars, and it's a big part of the reason that more people don't bike instead of drive. I shouldn't have to be brave to safely commute by bike in this city.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. It will keep people safe, enable other modes of transportation, and create city spaces that are accessible to everyone who wants to live, work, or play in Providence.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Mal Skowron
88 Princeton Ave Providence, RI 02907-1502 malwina.skowron@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: kpreston1823@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katherine Preston <kpreston1823@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 11:11 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Katherine Preston and I live in Fox Point. I travel around Providence by car, walking, and occasionally biking. I would bike more if I felt safe on the roads.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our waterways.

Incorporating complete design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. Please take this opportunity to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Katherine Preston
55 E Transit St Providence, RI 02906-3820 kpreston1823@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: christian.parobek@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christian Parobek
<christian.parobek@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 2:35 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Christian Parobek and I live at 50 Biltmore Ave (Ward 12) and travel around Providence primarily by bicycle.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Christian Parobek

Sincerely,
Christian Parobek
50 Biltmore Ave Providence, RI 02908-3513 christian.parobek@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: dblockharley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dylan Block-Harley
<dblockharley@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 10:23 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is _Dylan Harley_ and I live at 46 Moore Street_ and I travel around Providence by Bike, Foot and Car.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

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Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Dylan Block-Harley
46 Moore St Providence, RI 02907-1415
dblockharley@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: flzetar@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Francesca Zetar
<flzetar@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 1:14 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is ____ and I live at ____ and I travel around Providence by _____.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Francesca Zetar
1124 Fedora St Los Angeles, CA 90006-3204 flzetar@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: kellie.cavalier@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kellie Cavalier
<kellie.cavalier@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 7:59 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Kellie and I live on Armenia Street (just behind the Armenian church on Broadway) and I travel around Providence by foot, bike, and car!

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

We are lucky enough to live in a place where many amenities can be reached without a car and our neighbors and neighborhoods deserve streets that can allow safe multi-modal access to all the wonderful things our city offers.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Kellie Cavalier
12 Armenia St Providence, RI 02909-1607 kellie.cavalier@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: jessicap31415@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessica Porter <jessicap31415@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 3:19 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Jess, I live on 12th Street and I travel around Providence by car and bus, but mostly on foot.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

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Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Jessica Porter
33 12th St Providence, RI 02906-2924
jessicap31415@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: daames3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David A.Ames <daames3@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets! because protecting the environment and the climate are critical issues

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is David Ames and I live at WaterPlace and I travel around Providence by foot and by car.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

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Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,

David A. Ames

200 Exchange St Unit 517 Providence, RI 02903-2623 daames3@verizon.net

Mastroianni, Tina

From: sarahthepark@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sarah Mitchell
<sarahthepark@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Sarah Mitchell and I live in Pawtucket and I travel to Providence by bike, bus, and foot to go to work, buy groceries and household amenities, shop for clothes, and run other errands.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

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Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Sarah Mitchell
24 Carver St Pawtucket, RI 02860-6006
sarahthepark@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: legoldberg22@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lauren Goldberg <legoldberg22@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 5:50 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Lauren Goldberg and I live at 53 Woodbine St and I travel around Providence by biking and walking.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Lauren Goldberg
53 Woodbine St Providence, RI 02906-1921 legoldberg22@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: jack@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jack Madden
<jack@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 10:51 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Jack Madden and I own a business at 181 Break St. and I choose to travel around Providence by bike when I can because it's a better way to get around.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

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Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Jack Madden
181 Brook St Providence, RI 02906-1037
jack@legendbicycle.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: mark@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Binder
<mark@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Mark Binder and I live at 393 Morris Ave and I travel around Providence by Bicycle and by foot.

I am tired of the slapdash - and frankly unsafe – bicycle lanes

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

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Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely
- Mark Binder

Sincerely,
Mark Binder
393 Morris Ave Providence, RI 02906-2610 mark@markbinder.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: sarah.roseanne.thomas@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sarah Thomas
<sarah.roseanne.thomas@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 11:58 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Sarah Thomas, and I live on Ogden Street.

I travel around Providence primarily by bicycling, but also walking and inline skating (and driving when necessary).

While I do have a car, I choose not to use it if I don't have to. Biking to work saves money, gives me exercise, and is better for the environment - it's also way less stressful and more energizing than driving. The exhausting thing is, I often feel like a second class citizen on the roads here. Getting around my city safely (and being treated respectfully) shouldn't require me to be in a car. Having safe places to walk, bike, skate, etc will also relieve some of the congestion on car traffic, so everybody wins! I truly believe the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance is an important step towards improving the safety, health, and quality of life for everyone in Providence - please support it!!!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Sarah Thomas
49 Ogden St Providence, RI 02906-4903
sarah.roseanne.thomas@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: john.deignan9@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Deignan <john.deignan9@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 11:59 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I'm a PVD commuter and I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is John and I live in the West End and I primarily travel around Providence by bike.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,

John Deignan

230 Dexter St Unit D308 Providence, RI 02907-2476 john.deignan9@yahoo.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: claudiawack@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Claudia Wack
<claudiawack@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 12:16 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: Vote for Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Claudia and I'm an Evergreen Street resident. I travel around Providence by car and, when I feel safe enough to do so, By bike. I wish that I could bike more often, but many city streets do not feel safe enough to do so.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance in order to improve non-car travel options and safety! This will also help beautify our city.

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Claudia

Sincerely,
Claudia Wack
144 Evergreen St Providence, RI 02906-2546 claudiawack@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: jegoldman93@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jacqueline Goldman <jegoldman93@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 12:26 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Jackie and I live at 9 Samoset Avenue and despite being a car owner, I travel around Providence by bike, and by foot as often as possible.

I have lived in this city for a while and have been hit by cars on two different occasions. The first was as a cyclist, though I followed all of the traffic rules and had multiple lights and other safety measures, and once as a pedestrian. I try and bike to work as often as possible in order to stay fit and reduce my ecological footprint, and every time I do, I find myself very scared of getting hit again.

Like many people in this city, I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways. We have the opportunity to ensure that personal and environmental safety can be the standard.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city. This is the kind of ordinance that has the power to help our communities in myriad ways. I hope you consider how creating safer and greener infrastructure could positively ripple through the city for generations to come.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Goldman
9 Samoset Ave Providence, RI 02908-3837 jegoldman93@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: karen_ena@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Hlynsky
<karen_ena@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 1:05 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Karen Hlynsky and I live at 225 Lenox Ave in the Elmwood neighborhood. I travel around Providence by car and bus, which is a disappointment. Before moving to Providence, I traveled to work/school/markets by bicycle. Unfortunately, it doesn't feel safe to bike around Providence.

Safe and appealing streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. Greening our streets and walkways would help cool our neighborhoods, making them more appealing for cyclists and pedestrians while promoting healthier lifestyles. Changing the look of streets from "speedway" to neighborhood street would also slow traffic and make streets safer.

We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors as they travel as well as protect our precious waterways. Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Karen Hlynsky
225 Lenox Ave Providence, RI 02907-2611 karen_ena@earthlink.net

Mastroianni, Tina

From: kjpleasants@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kevin Pleasants
<kjpleasants@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 1:31 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Kevin Pleasants and I live at 33 Overhill Rd and I travel around Providence by bike.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

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Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Kevin Pleasants
33 Overhill Rd Providence, RI 02906-3709 kjpleasants@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: iandwestcott@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ian Westcott
<iandwestcott@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 1:34 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Ian Westcott and I live at 7 Lotus Place. I travel around Providence by car, bus and bicycle.

I have seen many attempts to improve street space in my neighborhood, with mixed results and to a mixed response from residents. But I firmly believe that city streets should not be exclusive thoroughfares for car traffic, and we should make all streets safer for everyone. That includes schoolchildren on bicycles, elderly and disabled residents on foot, and everyone in between.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our residents when they move about the city.

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Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance! Please support the urban greenways initiative on Smith Street, Mount Pleasant Avenue, and elsewhere in the city. Elmhurst could be so much easier to get around, and we shouldn't need to get in the car every time we leave the house to run an errand or go to work.

Thank you for your time, and for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Ian Westcott
7 Lotus Pl Providence, RI 02908-2010
iandwestcott@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: ollilat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thomas Ollila
<ollilat@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is ____ and I live at ____ and I travel around Providence by _____.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Thomas Ollila
21 Fountain Ave Barrington, RI 02806-1432 ollilat@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: francissantana53@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Francis santana
<francissantana53@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Francis Santana and I live at 209 Burnside St, Providence, RI 02905 and I travel around Providence by Olneyville and South Providence.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Francis santana
209 Burnside St Providence, RI 02905-3056 francissantana53@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: whelt911@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Will Helt <whelt911@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 2:41 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Will Helt and I live at 72 9th Street and I travel around Providence by walking, bicycle, and public transit.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

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Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Will Helt
72 9th St Providence, RI 02906-2929
whelt911@gmail.com



June 4, 2021

Dear Chairperson Ryan and members of the Ordinance Committee:

Green Energy Consumers Alliance is a non-profit organization based in Providence. Our mission is to harness the power of energy consumers to speed the transition to a low-carbon future. We helped the City of Providence launch the Community Choice Electricity program, and on the transportation side, we have supported hundreds of Rhode Island drivers to make the switch to an electric vehicle through our Drive Green program.

We write to the City Council to voice our support for the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance. Transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gases in Rhode Island, and most of these emissions come from gas-powered cars. Travelling by foot, bike, or bus drastically reduces climate-warming and health-harming emissions from vehicle tailpipes. Most Rhode Islanders choose to drive, however, because all road design decisions are made with cars in mind. Cities like Providence are uniquely positioned to enable the transition to cleaner mobility options by building out infrastructure that makes all modes of transportation safe and accessible. If travelers can freely choose the mode that is most affordable and convenient for them, Providence can reduce its carbon footprint while improving quality of life for residents.

Funds are on the way. The state of Rhode Island is engaged in a regional Transportation & Climate Initiative (TCI) program that would generate \$20 million annually starting in 2023 to invest in transportation options that do not contribute to climate change, including electric vehicles, public transit, and infrastructure for active mobility. The principles outlined in the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance align with the infrastructure investments that would be enabled by TCI. By making a commitment to design streets that encourage safe walking, biking, transit, and driving, Providence will attract TCI funds to help execute the vision established by the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mal Skowron'.

Mal Skowron
Program Associate

My name is Alicia Renadette and I live at 77 Homer St, 02905 and I rent a studio in Olneyville. It can feel like an action-adventure movie just trying to get across the street on foot in these neighborhoods (and I am relatively young and able-bodied). I often drive my bike to someplace safer to ride it (since it is my leisure vehicle- I don't know how people manage when it is their main mode of transport). I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence - not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors as well as our precious waterways.

It is time to invest in South Providence and Olneyville - to bring our streets up to the standards of the rest of Providence! We deserve clean air, shade and alternative transport accessibility.

Providence Green & Complete Streets Ordinance Testimony

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. My name is Jon Zwarg and I live on Eighth Street in Providence. My family and I like to walk and ride bicycles around our city. We believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We are excited about the idea of making streets safer for people who aren't in cars by building things like protected bike lanes and safer sidewalks and crosswalks. We also believe that Providence should take every opportunity to minimize and mitigate the pollution problems caused by stormwater. Green infrastructure is an important tool in addressing stormwater. The Green & Complete Streets Ordinance will help Providence take the next step towards realizing the complementary goals of safe travel for all people and creating a more resilient city.



WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

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June 3, 2021

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Laureen Ratti
President

The Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council strongly encourages you to support the Complete and Green Streets Ordinance that increases safety for all street users and will reduce the negative economic impact that flooding has had in the City of Providence.

Steve Bautista
Vice-President

Aleppo Street, Delaine, Sonoma Court, Amherst and Tuxedo are all part of the on road portion of the Fred Lippitt Woonasquatucket River Greenway (The Greenway). The Greenway runs from downtown Providence into Johnston, through some of the most economically challenged neighborhoods in the city where automobile ownership is less than 60%.

David Birkins
Treasurer

John Flaherty
Secretary

Adding bike sharrows and speed pillows will reduce vehicular speeds alerting drivers that they are on The Greenway and must share the road with cyclists and pedestrians. The speed pillows will reduce the amount of crashes that we often see on these side streets.

Eric Army

Jennifer Lisi

Ashlie Norris

These small on road sections of the greenway are often used as vehicular cut through streets. Aleppo Street runs directly in front of Riverside Park, a highly used park and trailhead for the off road section of The Greenway. It is home to our Red Shed Bike Camp where over 100 youth learn how to bike, canoe and learn about the river. I personally along with my River Ranger staff have seen cars race down these cut through streets, well over the legal speed limit endangering the lives of anyone nearby. The Providence Police can't be everywhere to enforce the speed limit, but the speed pillows are a great deterrent and a reminder to slow down.

Jennifer Recinos

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Mari Anne Snow

Adding green infrastructure, adds a positive neighborhood enhancement, keeps pollutants out of our rivers and bay, and most importantly reduces flooding! Past flooding on the Woonasquatucket has already resulted in major businesses permanently closing or moving out of the city, lost wages, local resident, and local food pantries closing.

Douglas Stephens

Addressing these issues as we begin to repave streets is the most efficient, cost effective approach that makes sense and is successfully being implemented all around the country. It is important as we repave roadway that we use smart design principals to move the city forward toward safer streets for all and a more flood resilient city. We strongly urge you to support this ordinance.

STAFF LEADERSHIP Sincerely,

Alicia J. Lehrer
Executive Director

Lisa Aurecchia
Director of Projects

Lisa Aurecchia
Director of Special Projects

Jill Davidson
Development
Director



Hello, my name is Selene Means, and I live on Federal Hill in Ward 13, and I do not own a car. I do not foresee that I might ever own a car. One reason why I love living in Providence is that it's perfectly fine to live without a car. I love the walkability and public transportation. I love biking to work and around town and I support any means to make it safer for people like myself who prefer these alternative forms of transportation. It's also good to be proactive about the environment and do our part to make sure any future work is sustainable.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

My name is Francis J Santana and I live at 209 Burnside St, Providence RI 02905 and I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors as well as our precious waterways. Also, bike lanes would make me feel more safe when riding scooters on the streets. Riding on the sidewalk feels safer but then I run into the problem of running into people. Also a complaint I've called and given out is that the speed limits for Spin scooters are way too low, I feel unsafe riding them at 10mph. With 15mph I at least felt safer riding with traffic. Now I can't ride them on the sidewalks because of the danger of running into people and even less on the streets because since bike lanes are rare I am now riding slower and drivers get impatient, many of which try to overpass me which puts them in danger and myself as well. The speeds went from 18mph to 15mph to

than fine there, a great balance with safety and comfort for pedestrians, drivers and scooter riders. Along with that concern, more bike lanes and streets better taken care of would be amazing for the city residents.

Members of the Providence City Council

I am submitting Testimony on An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23 "Streets, Sidewalks And Public Places" of the Providence Code of Ordinances to add Article VII "Green and Complete Streets"

I am an elder, a full-time pedestrian, and a student of cities. Providence is not a really safe city for pedestrians (nor for bikers) and its intersections are auto oriented. As we go into the brave new world of climate catastrophe cities need to change. They need to reduce traffic, become more pedestrian and bike friendly, and minimize their heat island effect by becoming greener. Already when people are walking in the summer they shade walk (change course to stay in the shade as much as possible), but often streets do not have enough greenery or shade trees and we are forced to walk in the heat.

A complete transformation will not happen overnight, but we need to get this going. Amending Ordinance Chapter 23 by adding Article VII would be one of the best ways to create a healthier climate in Providence, and it would do it in ways that benefit everyone in the community with cooler communities. Please move forward and pass the amendment to chapter 23.

Greg Gerritt
37 6th St
Providence RI 02906
401-331-0529
gerritt@mindspring.com

Statement on Green and Complete Streets

Providence is a lovely city, and one reason I decided to move here is because it already pays some attention to bike paths and walking paths. I was also impressed by the courtesy cars usually pay to bikes and pedestrians—and if you don't think so, try living some place else!

I never drive if I can walk or ride my bike, and I want to be able to do so safely. Pleasantly. Although dedicated ways for walking and biking for pleasure are lovely, they should be auxiliary to ways that take people where they want to go to shop, visit, attend events, and do all the things Providence is known for.

Jane Arnold

45 Blaisdell Avenue

Pawtucket, RI

Helene Koumans
Providence resident
June 2, 2021

Dear Providence City Council Ordinance Committee,

My name is Helene, and I live on Governor Street. I believe safe, accessible, and green streets must be the expectation in Providence – not the outlier. We, as Providence residents, deserve a transportation system that welcomes those of all abilities and promotes access, mobility, health, and environmental justice.

We must invest in the sustained health and accessibility of our community and our environment, and as a Providence resident, I implore you to support this bill. This bill requires all reconstructed or repaved streets to adhere to green and complete streets design principles, which enable the safety and accessibility for all users regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation. Additionally, green infrastructure will allow for the pretreatment of stormwater to mitigate pollution in our waterways and the Narragansett Bay. I urge this committee to support this bill for a more just, safe, and accessible Providence. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Helene

Mastroianni, Tina

From: elliot@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elliot Rivera
<elliot@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 4:51 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: Green and Complete Streets is a Necessity for our Communities

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Elliot Rivera and I serve as the Executive Director of Youth In Action (672 Broad St) and I travel around Providence by car and foot. and I'm representing the population I serve, the youth of Providence, who commute predominantly on public transit, bicycle or on foot.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways. At Youth In Action our youth fight for Mobility Justice, and this effort creates further equity in this field as it supports diverse opportunities for folks to move around Providence and feel safe-- and welcome-- to do so.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance. It's what our youth are asking for, and what are larger communities need today to access our beautiful city.

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Elliot Rivera
672 Broad St Providence, RI 02907-1457
elliot@youthinactionri.org

Mastroianni, Tina

From: Dark17734@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rahul Kurl <Dark17734@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 4:55 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Rahul and I live near Wayland sq and I travel around Providence by bike and car.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Bike lanes and safer roads are so important to me because riding around town mixed with angry Providence drivers is scary, and bike lanes help alleviate that. I would ride my bike across town a lot more if it felt safer, and this initiative will get us there over time.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Rahul Kurl
1 Wayland Ave Unit 314N Providence, RI 02906-4564 Dark17734@yahoo.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: hlsassy2001@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Heidi Sasseville <hlsassy2001@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 9:56 PM
To: Clerk, City
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Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Heidi and I live on Hope St. I travel around Providence by bus and by foot.

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Sincerely,
Heidi Sasseville
331 Hope St Apt 30 Providence, RI 02906-2343 hlsassy2001@yahoo.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: me@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Bazik <me@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 5, 2021 1:27 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: Please Support the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

On December 5th, 2017, I was struck by a car on Hope Street, right in front of Frog & Toad, while commuting home from work by bicycle. It was my worst encounter with a careless driver in Providence, but not the only one. I spent several weeks in the hospital and a month in a wheelchair. I did not need that experience to know that Providence's streets are dangerous for vulnerable road users. Those of us who embrace the pedestrian scale of our city, and the efficiency of travel by bicycle and public transit confront daily the misguided priorities of decades of city planning concerned primarily with travel by automobile. We are all the worse for it.

My next-door neighbor recently told me he plans to go bicycling only very early in the morning. He'd just returned from a ride, and had had a close shave with a motorist. He was a little shook up. Providence can be a safer, healthier, more vibrant and attractive city if more people get out of their cars and move about the city under their own power. I believe that employing complete street design principles can make that happen.

Complete streets are safe streets for all citizens, and are essential for building a more livable city. New York, Boston and many other American cities are well ahead of us in creating safe corridors for bicycle travel and welcoming pedestrian accommodations.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance.

Sincerely,
John Bazik
1 Overhill Rd Providence, RI 02906-3717 me@johnbazik.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: christopher.costa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christopher Costa
<christopher.costa@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 5, 2021 6:54 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

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Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Christopher Costa
61 Rochambeau Ave Providence, RI 02906-1909 christopher.costa@yahoo.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: pmckenna32@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patrick McKenna <pmckenna32@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 5, 2021 5:35 PM
To: Clerk, City
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Sincerely,
Patrick McKenna
61 Ring St Providence, RI 02909-1329
pmckenna32@gmail.com

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From: mailhotmelinda@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melinda Mailhot
<mailhotmelinda@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 9:28 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Melinda Mailhot and I live Downtown and I travel around Providence mostly on foot.

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Sincerely,
Melinda Mailhot
150 Union St Providence, RI 02903-1790
mailhotmelinda@gmail.com

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From: dolan.jess@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessica Dolan
<dolan.jess@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 5:23 PM
To: Clerk, City
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Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Jess and I live at 236 Westminster St and I travel around Providence by walking and bus.

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Deaths of vulnerable road users (pedestrians, wheelchair users, bicyclists, children and elderly people) have been increasing at an alarming rate. Please support my safety and the safety of everyone traveling around Providence outside of a car. Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Jessica Dolan
236 Westminster St Apt 702 Providence, RI 02903-1929 dolan.jess@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: tysonbottenus@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tyson Bottenus
<tysonbottenus@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 9:14 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: People with disabilities need Complete Streets

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Tyson Bottenus and I live in the West End of Providence. I get around the city by walking and biking both because I love to walk and bike because it's good exercise and good for the environment, but personally because I am visually impaired and unable to drive. I have fallen and hurt myself several times on Providence's broken sidewalks and gotten hit by a bus and a car driver while riding my bike, adding to my pre-existing injuries and disabilities. I shouldn't be taking my life into my hands every time I leave the house. Our city needs stronger policies to support people like me who rely on alternative modes of transportation to get around.

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Sincerely,
Tyson Bottenus
56 Wood St Providence, RI 02909-1731
tysonbottenus@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

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<katarinaxxo@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
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From: jazbarros@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jazandra Barros
<jazbarros@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:12 AM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: We need Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

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RHODE ISLAND BICYCLE COALITION

June 7, 2021

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We urge the Ordinance Committee to approve the Green and Complete Streets ordinance.

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PROVIDENCE -----
-- **STREETS COALITION**

June 7, 2021

TO: Providence City Council – Committee on Ordinances

Councilman Nicholas J. Narducci, Jr., Chair
Councilwoman Carmen Castillo, Vice Chair
Councilwoman Mary Kay Harris
Councilwoman Rachel M. Miller

FROM: Providence Streets Coalition. 401-400-1382. pvdstreets.org.

SUBJECT: Support for Green and Complete Streets Ordinance

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Please listen to the community feedback tonight and pass this bill on, when all feedback has been heard and incorporated, for a full Council vote. We are ready for change, we are ready for more mobility choices, and we are definitely ready for cleaner air and an inhabitable future.

Sincerely,



Liza Burkin
Organizer, Providence Streets Coalition, pvdstreets.org

Mastroianni, Tina

From: bettybourret@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lizabeth Bourret
<bettybourret@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 2:25 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is __Betty Bourret__ and I live in Smithfield, RI__ and I travel around Providence by __bike____.

I don't live in Providence but cycle there frequently because it is such a great city. I meet my friends in Providence for coffee, for lunch, for drinks, dinner. We go to the theater, We go to the breweries. We just walk around town. I love to kayak the river.

Green and Complete Streets program will attract more local visitors like me and more tourists from out of state.

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Sincerely,
Lizabeth Bourret
110 Orchard Meadows Dr Smithfield, RI 02917-1850 bettybourret@yahoo.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: bcataldo98@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bethany Cataldo <bcataldo98@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 6:13 PM
To: Clerk, City
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Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Bethany and I live in Glocester and I travel around Providence by car.

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Sincerely,
Bethany Cataldo
249 Reynolds Rd Chepachet, RI 02814-1624 bcataldo98@gmail.com

Mastroianni, Tina

From: prvdpits@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Justin Wise
<prvdpits@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:31 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I dont want dedicates bike lanes

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

Dedicated bike lanes dont work in new england , we have snow , we have debris, no one cleans them , and if they are not passable, then we have to ride in the road anyway , and they always disrupt the flow of traffic making it harder to travel .

The people that make up these idiotic plans do not rode the roads, and do not ride bicycles in the city , everything else is whatever, but the bike lanes are dumb idea ...

Sincerely,
Justin Wise
260 Camp St Providence, RI 02906-1940
prvdpits@outlook.com

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Please listen to the community feedback tonight and pass this bill on, when all feedback has been heard and incorporated, for a full Council vote. We are ready for change, we are ready for more mobility choices, and we are definitely ready for cleaner air and an inhabitable future.

Sincerely,



Liza Burkin
Organizer, Providence Streets Coalition, pvdstreets.org

Mastroianni, Tina

From: bettybourret@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lizabeth Bourret
<bettybourret@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 2:25 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is __Betty Bourret__ and I live in Smithfield, RI__ and I travel around Providence by __bike____.

I don't live in Providence but cycle there frequently because it is such a great city. I meet my friends in Providence for coffee, for lunch, for drinks, dinner. We go to the theater, We go to the breweries. We just walk around town. I love to kayak the river.

Green and Complete Streets program will attract more local visitors like me and more tourists from out of state.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

Incorporating complete streets design and green infrastructure should be the routine way we plan and build our streets. We can't afford to miss any more opportunities to build a safer, more sustainable, and more equitable city.

Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Lizabeth Bourret
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Mastroianni, Tina

From: bcataldo98@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bethany Cataldo <bcataldo98@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 6:13 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I support Green and Complete Streets!

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

My name is Bethany and I live in Glocester and I travel around Providence by car.

I believe that safe and green streets should be the norm in Providence – not the exception. We all deserve to travel safely no matter how we move around the city, and we need to better protect our children, elderly, and disabled neighbors well as our precious waterways.

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Please support and pass the Green and Complete Streets Ordinance!

Thank you for your work on the Council.

Sincerely,
Bethany Cataldo
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From: prvdpits@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Justin Wise
<prvdpits@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:31 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: I dont want dedicates bike lanes

Dear Members of the Ordinance Committee,

Dedicated bike lanes dont work in new england , we have snow , we have debris, no one cleans them , and if they are not passable, then we have to ride in the road anyway , and they always disrupt the flow of traffic making it harder to travel .

The people that make up these idiotic plans do not rode the roads, and do not ride bicycles in the city , everything else is whatever, but the bike lanes are dumb idea ...

Sincerely,
Justin Wise
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