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ARRUDA	adrienne	06:03:13 PM EDT	hi	good evening
Ajello	Edith	06:59:56 PM EDT	the speed notifications eastbound now don't seem to be noticed by many drivers. Can we really expect better with the new and improved bridge?	The new Henderson Bridge will be half the size of the current structure. The travel lanes on the new bridge will also be reduced from 12' to 11'. We do expect these measures will reduce speeds.
Alves	laurana	06:18:56 PM EDT	How will safety of residents of South Angell Street be addressed? Many drivers come off the bridge at high speeds onto South Angell Street putting residents in danger. How will safety of residents of South Angell Street be addressed? There have been several accidents on S. Angell Street with cars hitting buildings and homes coming off the bridge.	There will be traffic calming measures taken during phase 1 on South Angell. New mph speed sign as well as possible speed bumps. We are working to finalize plans with the City. Phase 2 will have a more long term traffic calming measures
Anthony	Helen	06:02:39 PM EDT	This is Councilwoman Helen Anthony. What is the budgeted amount for Phase II of the Henderson Bridge Renovation and when will Phase II begin?	The budget is being determined now by the TIP Committee. We hope to begin phase 2 within a year of completion of phase 1.
Anthony	Helen	06:06:37 PM EDT	This is Councilwoman Helen Anthony. During the presentation of the original plan last spring, RIDOT said it would add decorative streetlights and a decorative overlook on the Henderson Bridge, as well as an aesthetically pleasing divider between the travel lanes and bike/ped path. Are those elements part of the revised plan for Phase 1?	Good Evening. This will be addressed during the presentation.
Anthony	Helen	06:12:20 PM EDT	This is Councilwoman Helen Anthony. Has the Henderson Renovation project gone out to bid and if so, can the plans be changed based upon the feedback you receive at tonight's meeting.	The project has gone out to bid. The current plans have been modified by comments and ideas from public meetings held in 2019.
Anthony	Helen	06:18:09 PM EDT	This is Councilwoman Helen Anthony. Can you please give us a list of the meetings you held with stakeholders between May 20, 2019 and now. Please include the dates and the name of the stakeholders.	RIDOT will forward you the stakeholder listings from the April and May public meetings held in 2019.
Anthony	Helen	06:38:27 PM EDT	How is it safe for pedestrians to cross the Waterman Street entrance to Henderson Bridge?	Enhanced crosswalk signage and additional traffic calming measures will be in place. RIDOT and the City are meeting to review options.
Anthony	Helen	06:40:44 PM EDT	How much of the budgeted \$88.5M is being spent on traffic redesign on the Providence side of the bridge?	The vast majority of the budget for Phase 1 is needed for the replacement of the structurally deficient bridge, which has always been the primary purpose of this project. Significant traffic improvements are planned to be incorporated into Phase 2.
Anthony	Helen	06:43:39 PM EDT	Why is there no mention of Phase 2 which will address the redesign of traffic on the Providence side of the bridge?	RIDOT is working with the City to determine how phase 2 designs work with Providence Planning needs.
Anthony	Helen	06:45:37 PM EDT	Thank you. You are answering my last question.	check
Bates, Jr.	Edric	06:58:04 PM EDT	I'm curious as to how the change in grade between Massasoit & Waterfront drive will be done while slowing the traffic coming in to Massasoit from Waterman Ave. Will there be traffic signals set up to control this (especially at the Waterman \ Massasoit \ Birch Street intersection)?	Waterfront Drive will be raised along the embankment between Waterfront Drive and Massasoit Avenue. Waterfront Drive and Massasoit Avenue merge just north of Curtis Street. Waterman Avenue continues around the bend towards Massasoit Avenue and merges with the New Waterfront Drive/Massasoit Avenue and has its own lane towards the new roundabout.
Baumgartner	James	06:34:56 PM EDT	I don't see any connections for bikes or pedestrians to Massasoit going northeast or directly east on Henderson expwy	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Baumgartner	James	06:38:44 PM EDT	There doesn't appear to be any sidewalks aside from the shared use path	In Providence, a sidewalk will be added from South Angell Street to Waterman Street. In East Providence, sidewalk will be maintained from Waterman Avenue to Wilmarth Avenue as well as from Dexter Road to North Broadway. As noted previously, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Baumgartner	James	06:47:26 PM EDT	There's no pedestrian or bike connections to Massasoit until phase 2 - that leaves those road users out until then.	As noted previously, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.

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Baumgartner	James	06:49:33 PM EDT	The phase 2 SUP crosses the slip lanes. This is very dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians. Those slip lanes are dangerous in general because they encourage high speeds	The slip lanes are to pull traffic from the roundabout in order for the traffic to move efficiently through the project area. Traffic speeds from the geometry of the roundabout and approaching roadways is expected to be 25 mph.
Baumgartner	James	07:02:44 PM EDT	Why is there no connection for pedestrians or cyclists going north on Massasoit?	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Belleau	Christopher	06:12:47 PM EDT	If you close the exit onto Gano Street. Will I be financially reimbursed for the loss of productivity to my two businesses that exist in close proximity to that exit, and are dependent on daily transport between the two locations?	The Gano Street exit will be addressed in this presentation.
Boghosian	Tiernan	06:44:42 PM EDT	The 1 lane on Waterman already causes extreme traffic during evening rush hour causing grid lock at many lights. The people that go from East Providence to Providence need to return. In addition, the dog park plus bikes is a severe hazard with people parking and crossing the street. There are plenty of places for people to walk their dogs other than near a parkway/"highway to nowhere."	Our traffic analysis has shown that the single lane on the approach to the bridge from Waterman will allow traffic to operate efficiently through the area. Phase 2 will provide additional opportunity for the City of Providence to address issues along Waterman Street.
Boghosian	Tiernan	06:50:08 PM EDT	The roundabouts bring several access points in both directions into 1 access point which causes congestion.	Roundabouts are designed to function as infrastructure that absorbs traffic from multiple access points and allows a steady flow that reduces congestion.
Boghosian	Tiernan	06:58:56 PM EDT	Does the traffic calming consider the excessive traffic on Waterman leading to the bridge?	The traffic model included Waterman Street approaching the Henderson Bridge. The traffic calming measures will slow traffic within the project limits. Collectively the proposed improvements will provide a better experience for all users within the project limits.
Braca	Andrew	06:51:05 PM EDT	Please consider incorporating the northern extension of the path into Phase I. If not, how will pedestrians and bicyclists on the bridge safely access Massasoit Avenue north of the bridge?	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Bradford	Sara	07:04:31 PM EDT	how does bike and pedestrian access the bridge from areas north of the bridge	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Buckey	Hayley	07:00:42 PM EDT	Will there be a light/button on the crosswalk of Providence side to stop traffic if people need to walk across the street to get to the mixed-use path? Thank you so much for this presentation!! It has been presented very clearly. I really appreciate and am excited to utilize all the new changes! I have regularly walked, biked, taken RIPTA across the bridge in both directions to spend time and money in East Providence. :) Looking forward to this!	A signal (light/button) is not included at the Providence approach crosswalk. We will be incorporating other traffic calming efforts such as signage, pavement marking, and speed lumps to slow traffic at this crosswalk.
Burkin	Liza	06:14:52 PM EDT	Hello! I'm curious to know how many participants are in this meeting right now	250 right now
Burkin	Liza	06:23:42 PM EDT	thank you	
Burkin	Liza	06:24:20 PM EDT	Next question: please explain RIDOT's definition of a roundabout as opposed to a rotary.	This will be addressed but a roundabout is a small, counterclockwise circular intersection where all traffic yields upon entering with MUCH slower speeds vs a rotary. the size of the circle is a fraction of the size vs rotary.
Burkin	Liza	06:57:58 PM EDT	This seems REALLY complicated. Given our state's climate goals, air pollution problems, and need for economic development and neighborhood revitalization on this waterfront, why can't we design this with one travel lane in all directions? what businesses will want to develop near this highway mess? what neighbors will want to walk or bike here?	Our current design will hopefully simplify the traffic flow from the current multiple ramps that were built for a highway that never materialized. There are currently many development inquiries because of the new designs. Alternative travel options should be enhanced with a smaller and safe footprint across the new bridge.
Carney	John	06:58:05 PM EDT	Will there be a barrier between the east and west bound lanes on the bridge? It looks like there is not based on the animations	There will not.

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Champagne	Richard	06:27:55 PM EDT	Speeds into providence over the bridge are excessive. Why was a traffic slowing/calming measures not put in place? This might include a round-about (given one was omitted in East Providence). Speed limit signs without available enforcement are meaningless.	A roundabout in Providence is a part of our phase 2 design. RIDOT is also meeting with the City to incorporate some additional traffic calming measures (speed lumps, striping modifications, etc.) as part of Phase 1
Champagne	Richard	06:43:38 PM EDT	What data was used to forecast an increase of only ~10% headed East over 20 years?	The project team reviewed historic traffic trends, projected trends, and met with the municipalities to incorporate growth from planned/speculative projects.
Champagne	Richard	06:59:27 PM EDT	while meetings were held for phase I, how much was actually incorporated? why was the focus on on East Providence?	We have covered some of those changes listed in the power point. The emphasis on the East Providence side were dictated because of the excessive amount of roadway and ramps that are being removed. Their replacement is required as part of the reduction in bridge size.
Collins	Michael	06:57:14 PM EDT	The East Providence side does not look like there are any sidewalks other than the shred path. Are there plans to add sidewalks along waterfront drive?	In East Providence, sidewalk will be maintained from Waterman Avenue to Wilmarth Avenue as well as from Dexter Road to North Broadway. Additional sidewalks on Waterfront Drive other than what is shown are not part of the scope of this project, but could be considered by the City as part of the future development of the area.
Crawford	Jeffrey	07:09:39 PM EDT	You previously indicated a number of green hatched areas which could potentially be developed. However, several of these areas are contaminated sites. What steps will be taken to address contaminated soils generated or the introduction of stormwater into potential contaminated areas.	Soils within the project limits were analyzed and determined to be contaminated as part of the design process. RIDOT also coordinated with RIDEM to develop a method to cap disturbed contaminated soils on-site. Potential developments and Phase 2 elements will need to address these soils if the proposed improvements impact these contaminated soils. For the stormwater management, a lined sand filter will be used to address stormwater quality and avoid contaminated soils.
DaSilva	Mayor Bob	05:50:44 PM EDT	I have another webinar starting at 6pm and will be brief on the other and join you immediately after. Thank you Mayor Bob DaSilva	understood, thank you
DeChambeau	Brian	06:55:39 PM EDT	Transit wasn't mentioned at all during the presentation. Considering RIPTA's draft 2040 plan includes significant connections between Providence and East Providence, why wasn't any transit-specific treatment included? I seems that with minor modifications bus service could be significantly approved.	I apologize for potentially the lack of sound quality during the presentation. Transit was mentioned several times. RIDOT has coordinated with RIPTA to ensure schedules are maintained during and after construction. Additional transit improvements will also be considered further under Phase 2.
Densten	Robin	06:48:48 PM EDT	I just wanted to say that I came into this mtg a bit cynical but now have to say that I'm really impressed with the design & future plans!!	thank you
Doppke	Chris	06:25:58 PM EDT	What year was the existing bridge built?	1965-69
Doppke	Chris	06:39:55 PM EDT	if in the future east bound traffic were to pick up, could one of those movable zipper divides be used to give east bound 2 lanes and west bound down to 1 lane?	Alternatives can be evaluated as the need arises.
Doppke	Chris	07:06:24 PM EDT	how do you plan to keep people from fishing off of the bridge?	During the Public Informational Meeting in 2019, individuals asked about developing options to allow the Public access to the waterfront. Due to the height of the bridge (42' clearance at the channel span) fishing off the bridge was not considered an option. However, we will discuss this issue further. Thank you.
Dunnington	Susan	06:24:21 PM EDT	As an East Prov resident, this looks great!	There is a lot of work to be done. Hope you feel the same after completion!!
D'Aiello	Dr Alan	06:54:55 PM EDT	Will the land that currently abutts Waterfront Drive to the water still be developable with the movement of Waterfront Drive to the alignment of Massasoit Ave.	yes
D'Aiello	Dr Alan	06:55:44 PM EDT	Also, why is the overlook concept being included in Phase II vs Phase I? Is there a possibility that this can be in Phase I?	This was a budgetary decision.
D'Aiello	Dr Alan	07:00:34 PM EDT	Is any of the existing Henderson Bridge being reused? The piers or footings, or is everything going to be new?	The existing pier footings and supports (everything at or below the mudline of the river) are planned to be reused for the new bridge. This saves significant costs and drastically reduces the environmental impacts of construction on the river.

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E	L	07:10:20 PM EDT	Can a pedestrian overpass be used in place of a crosswalk?	A pedestrian overpass has not been considered for this project.
Fawzi	Alice	06:25:25 PM EDT	How will bicyclists get from bridge path to Massasoit (north) going east, and also from Massasoit to the bridge path (going west)?	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Fawzi	Alice	06:26:25 PM EDT	Our home on Paterson shakes with trucks on current bridge. Will this be addressed (stopped) with the new design?	The proposed improvements will not address your house shaking. However the proposed improvements have been designed to slow traffic down, and new infrastructure will provide a smoother surface for vehicles to drive, which should also aid in noise reduction.
Fawzi	Alice	06:41:27 PM EDT	It doesn't seem like there is a way to get bikes to Rumford safely even on the road - going through the roundabout looks more dangerous than going to a stop sign - lots of cyclists use this bridge to get there currently.	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT will also consider adding a sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of an Addendum to Phase 1. Bicyclists will proceed on road
Fawzi	Alice	07:06:19 PM EDT	How do you cross South Angell at the end of the bike path / sidewalk north spurt	The proposed improvements include a sidewalk only from South Angell Street to Waterman Street. A pedestrian crosswalk is included on the approach from Waterman Street to allow pedestrians to cross from the sidewalk to the Shared Use Path. Bicyclists will need to walk their bike across the crosswalk and use the sidewalk to South Angell Street.
Fawzi	Alice	07:06:20 PM EDT	spur	
Fazioli	William	07:13:38 PM EDT	good job!	Thank you
Foster	Derek	07:08:53 PM EDT	Are there any plans to rehab or reuse the crooks bridge/eastside tunnel?	RIDOT is reviewing options for the crooks bridge with the City
Gannon	Kathleen	07:05:31 PM EDT	Do you envision any protective elements between the shared use path and motor vehicle lane on either side of the bridge, proper?	The 5 foot buffer is one acceptable approach to separating travel lanes and the shared use path.
Gannon	Kathleen	07:13:40 PM EDT	The roadway design does seem quite overbuilt on the East Providence side. Why can't the roads be designed more like a typical city grid?	The traffic demand dictates the number of lanes. The roadway geometry encourages the slower speeds.
Goldstein	Amy	06:39:24 PM EDT	They installed barriers in the middle of the Pell bridge for safety. Why no barriers in the center of the undivided Henderson Bridge? Do you realistically think cars won't exceed the speed limit and cause head-on crashes?	The proposed improvements are intended to develop a local roadway network. The proposed bridge is much smaller than the Pell Bridge as well as the roadway geometry will encourage lower speeds. The Pell Bridge connects to a highway system.
Goncalves	John	07:02:48 PM EDT	So, we understand that there have been three traffic studies that have been completed since last spring that impact both bridge renovations: the Henderson Bridge as well as the Washington Bridge. Many neighbors in Fox Point, Wayland Square, and College Hill would love to have an opportunity to see these studies as the traffic implications on the neighborhood? Can you provide a clear, written, and simplified explanation to the public of the results of all of those traffic studies at some point?	The three traffic studies referenced were done as part of the Washington Bridge Project design efforts and included analysis to ensure the combined work on both projects would not cause detrimental effects on the local street network. Results of these three analyses will be shared with the public at the upcoming Washington Bridge Virtual Town Hall in the coming weeks.

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Goncalves	John	07:06:16 PM EDT	Residents on the East Side, particularly in Fox and Wayland Square, are concerned about congestion. With regards to the Gano Street on and off-ramp, do these traffic studies include the impact that the proposed design will have on: 1) traffic2) congestion and 3) local businesses in the neighborhood Q3: Besides speed feedback signs, what other traffic calming measures will be installed on the Providence side of the Henderson Bridge to protect drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians?	Yes, the third and most comprehensive study performed as part of the Washington Bridge project studied impacts on traffic congestion to the local street network. These results will be shared at the upcoming Washington Bridge virtual town hall meeting. Significant traffic calming measures including a roundabout are being considered for Phase 2, however additional traffic calming features on the Providence side of the bridge are also currently being discussed with the City of Providence for inclusion in Phase 1.
Grove	Michelle	06:33:50 PM EDT	How did you determine the 20 year forecast ? Only 250 additional cars toward Providence in 20 years?	thank you for your comment. we worked with the planning departments in Providence and East Providence to identify growth areas and specific parcels. we also included a general annual growth factor
H	H	06:25:12 PM EDT	How mitigate traffic speeds at Waterman dog park. Currently 1 way street; will it now be 2 lanes? Many kids go to dog park and there is already limited parking spots. This looks like it will dangerous to walk/cross.	The proposed improvements do not change Waterman Street. The proposed improvements revise the entrance from Waterman Street to the Henderson Bridge. This new approach will require traffic to slow down to take the left onto the Henderson Bridge.
H	H	06:32:09 PM EDT	How will speed limits be monitored/enforced? Any chance we can install traffic cameras similar to school zones. Fines can go to maintenance.	thank you for your comment. there will be a speed feedback sign on the providence side. the roundabout is under yield condition for all traffic as a calming measure.
H	H	06:55:45 PM EDT	How do 20,000 cars travel across bridge (on Henderson main page) daily but peak hours only have 6000?	The 4-hours of AM (7-9 AM) and PM (4-6 PM) peak period traffic represents a small fraction, typically under 30%, of the daily traffic across the bridge since not all trips are peak period commute trips.
H	H	07:03:26 PM EDT	Do any of you drive the bridge on a normal/daily basis?	One member of the seven person team who worked on this presentation lives in EP and travels the bridge. The Project Manager and Design Consultant both travel and study the traffic as part of their project duties.
Hadfield	Matthew	06:57:46 PM EDT	How will the pedestrians on the northern side of the bridge be able to cross safely to access the shared use path?	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Haggerty	Martina	07:09:56 PM EDT	The lack of proper traffic calming for bikes and peds as repeatedly requested by the City of Providence on the Providence side is extremely disappointing and unsafe.	Providence has been consistent with these requests. There are calming measures for So. Angell and Waterman that are not shown in the animation. RIDOT and the City are meeting again in May to finalize those plans.
Harris	Jonathan	06:40:38 PM EDT	Did the design team consider approaching the bridge from River Dr on the East Side of Providence. This would greatly shorten the approach and help to slow traffic.	Several alternatives were presented by the City and/or the Public. Each alternative had its Pros and Cons. As funding was limited, these alternatives were tabled until Phase 2.
Harris	Jonathan	06:50:57 PM EDT	Could the feature designs be offered through a statewide competition. We have so much talent here in Rhode Island that would love an opportunity.	Please contact your Planning Department to suggest various alternatives/approaches
Helt	Will	07:11:23 PM EDT	Thank you so much for your engagement with the public between the 2019 meetings and this! I am also thrilled by the considerations for pedestrian access. Can't wait for this project to be completed! Keep up the town halls!	Thank you. The response to this first Virtual Town Hall has been overwhelming. 451 registered and 271 people attended tonight. We will continue...
Herr	Brendan	06:31:07 PM EDT	The plans show no safe access from Massasoit (north of bridge) sidewalks to the new bridge path. That is unacceptable. Signed and signaled crosswalks are required to access the new path from the north.	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Herr	Brendan	06:40:36 PM EDT	Sidewalks must be maintained on both sides of Massasoit through the entire project area. It is a full one mile detour over to North Broadway and back to Massasoit for a pedestrian or cyclist.	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Herr	Brendan	06:47:41 PM EDT	Phase 1 construction must include safe pedestrain and cyclist access to the bridge path from the north on Massasoit Ave.	Pedestrian and cyclist access will be maintained during construction.

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Herr	Brendan	06:52:58 PM EDT	Proposed design is extremely hostile to non-car users on the East Providence side. This is literally designing for people to be killed. Non-car users will not stop using the streets just because there are no sidewalks. Sidewalks for north-south use on Massasoit Ave must be maintained throughout construction and in the final configuration.	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Hill	Denise	06:54:50 PM EDT	The speed limit will be posted as 25 which it is now, biut there is zero enforcement.	Please notify your local law enforcement
Hill	Denise	06:55:31 PM EDT	People speed through Angell street at 50 mph now.	Your City team is very concerned with this issue. There are plans for in both phases to address. We are meeting with the City in May to finalize phase 1 options.
Kalunian	Robert	07:01:06 PM EDT	If live meetings are available in the future, will they also have a virtual meeting option for people who cannot attend in person?	We are looking into that option. This format has been very informative towards improving public participation options.
Kalunian	Robert	07:05:07 PM EDT	Are the City of Providence future plans for the west side available to the public?	Our understanding is that those plans are still under development.
Kalunian	Robert	07:13:26 PM EDT	Great job. Thank you.	Thank you, Bob.
Kaprielian	Elyse	07:10:49 PM EDT	sorry I was late joining webinar however what is happening with the undeveloped land where the high and dog park abutt going west nad going east after the last exit? it has been like that since it was built.	Nothing is proposed. This is a potential development area. Please contact your Planning Department to get involved in discussions regarding the Phase 2 design.
Kaprielian	Elyse	07:11:05 PM EDT	highway not high	check
Kaprielian	Elyse	07:11:47 PM EDT	sorry should have corrected before I sent	check
Kent-Daggett	Colin	06:36:18 PM EDT	How will the crosswalk on the Providence side be protected?	Enhanced crosswalk design as well as signage/traffic calming options. We are reviewing the options with Providence in May.
Kent-Daggett	Colin	06:45:18 PM EDT	And, do you have any initial inclinations about how coronavirus will affect the project/timeline	At this time, Phase 1 should have no impact from Covid-19. We will be monitoring potential impacts.
Kolsky	David	06:05:58 PM EDT	When do you begin?	We are beginning now.
Kossin	Lee	06:59:43 PM EDT	Can lanes be changed from 1 to 2 during various rush hours	The configuration of the intersections on either side would be complicated with a reversable lane. It is not expected to be needed.
Kossin	Lee	07:01:59 PM EDT	Doesn't two lanes encourage more use?	Through our traffic analysis, the second lane in the westbound direction is needed to prevent significant congestion during peak traffic periods.
Kriss	Lexi	06:14:12 PM EDT	Could you share how many people are voting?	there are 250 attendees and the majority voted. we can get an exact number as needed. thank you
Langworthy	Cristin	07:09:01 PM EDT	How can this project be used to create an oppportunity to teach hands on civics lessons for local students about community planning & development, project management, municipal budgeting etc? Thinking of a similar example related to fiscal planning & financial literacy done with students in CF.	This is an interesting question. We will look at this an get back to you.

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Lovera	Francisco	06:59:54 PM EDT	was there any consideraion for a transit lane on the bridge?	Transit lanes have not been considered for Phase 1. However, RIDOT encourages all to contact their Planning Department to get involved with ideas for Phase 2.
Lynch	Maryann	06:54:15 PM EDT	Will a grass devide be safe enough for pedestrians walking/biking on the new walk way?	The 5 foot buffer is one acceptable approach to separating travel lanes and the shared use path.
Lynch	Maryann	06:55:03 PM EDT	Will the new height of the onramp from EP to Providence remove the risk for ice forming and creating a danger on the bridge?	The East Providence approach to the Henderson Bridge was lowered which results in a shorter bridge. However, RIDOT Maintenance is responsible for maintaining the bridge and roadway from icing conditions.
Lynch	Maryann	06:55:54 PM EDT	Is there a plan to extend a side walk on the right side of the bridge from EP to Providence, as there is one now?	No. The proposed Shared Use Path will provide pedestrians the opportunity to cross the bridge
Lynch	Maryann	06:57:44 PM EDT	Are you still going to have the on ramp to the bridge from Prov "Waterman Grille" area?	Yes, but we taking measures to slow traffic, by adding a T'd up intersection instead of a rolling ramp to the bridge.
Mann	David	07:00:49 PM EDT	Why is bicycle infrastructure on included in phase 1? The design of phase 1 provides no safe way for people to ride from the bridge to Massasoit Ave.	We are designing all lanes of travel, vehicle and pedestrian, in phase 1 as we focus on reducing the current bridge width and addressing it's structural deficiency.
Mann	David	07:01:01 PM EDT	not* included	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT will also consider adding a sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of an Addendum to Phase 1.
Marston	Brad	06:56:51 PM EDT	Will the new bike / pedestrian path on the Henderson bridge be wide enough to be cleaned regularly by a sweep?	The Proposed Shared Use Path is 12 feet wide.
McCann	Robert	07:03:45 PM EDT	Is there any discussion to make an on-ramp from Gano st to 195 East	Due to the close proximity of the on-ramp from India Street to 195 East, this is not currently being considered.
McKillip	Monte	06:21:06 PM EDT	Will we be able to have a copy of the presentation?	A Yes, a link will be sent out to attendees. In addition, the recorded webinar will be available on the project update page. Thank you for your comment. the presentation will be posted online and there will be a slide later in the presentation with the address.
Medeiros	Maureen	06:53:56 PM EDT	Is phase two funded already?	thank you for your comment. phase 2 has not been funded
Medeiros	Maureen	06:55:41 PM EDT	Why weren't the bike lanes on Waterman Street redirected to Pitman Street for safety?	The bicyclists will be directed by signage towards Richmond Square and East River Street/ proposed Shared Use Path entrance.
Medeiros	Steven	06:58:35 PM EDT	Since the bridge will fly over parks with river walkways that are heavily used by the neighborhoods, what specific design considerations will you be taken on an aesthetic level?	The proposed bridge is steel girder like the existing bridge. Additional aesthetics have not been added but items such as uplighting and an overlook are being considered as part of Phase 2.
Morgan	Mary A	06:30:54 PM EDT	Is it possible to use the pointer to show the different places being discussed?	I'm sorry that we didn't use the pointer.
Nassoit	Peter	06:33:23 PM EDT	do your traffic forecasts account for more bicycle commuters using the bike lane?	We have expectations of additional bike/ped usage with the new bridge design and have accounted for that where appropriate.
Nassoit	Peter	06:36:52 PM EDT	the crosswalks should have lights so pedestrians and cyclists can cross safely	RIDOT and the City of Providence are currently reviewing traffic calming measures to be implemented in Phase 1.

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Nassoit	Peter	06:38:51 PM EDT	Are there any proposals for decorating the center of the roundabout?	We will be looking for those design ideas for phase 2.
Nassoit	Peter	06:59:30 PM EDT	What will the height of the new bridge be compared to the current height?	The height over the river channel will remain the same. The height at the EP approach will be reduced by about 10 feet.
Nelson	Sherri	06:48:08 PM EDT	Will there be any impact to boat traffic, either during the project, or after its completion?	No
Norman	Arthur	06:02:20 PM EDT	How much traffic is projected to be off ramped before reaching Providence side of bridge via the circulator?	The roundabout on the East Providence side is expected to handle traffic the same way it handles traffic today except in a more consolidated way compared to the ramps that currently exist. There is not expected to be off-ramping or diversion of traffic before reaching the Providence side. With significant development potential in East Providence, there is more traffic, proportionally, entering East Providence in the future than today.
Padwa	Jeffrey	06:13:40 PM EDT	Polling question should include "Other" reason for regularly using Henderson Bridge.	Noted
Parr	David	06:29:33 PM EDT	What about switching the direction of the center lane to correspond with rush hour flow in and out of Providence? The San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge uses this technique very successfully.	We are unable to do that with this design but our traffic analysis has shown the proposed number of lanes will provide for the efficient flow of traffic in both directions.
Parr	David	06:38:39 PM EDT	Is the cross walk on Waterman St (approaching the bridge) going to be a cross walk? Will it have a signal with walk/don't walk signs? How might that impede traffic flow?	There will be multiple safety measures at and before the crosswalk, they are being reviewed with the City now.
Personeus	Donna	07:10:20 PM EDT	Will trucks be allowed to travel over the bridge	thank you for your comment. yes, trucks will be allowed.
Peterson	Rachel	06:10:42 PM EDT	the audio has an echo that makes it difficult to hear	Please let us know if you hear this echo with the next presenter or if it is only the current presenter.
Peterson	Rachel	06:12:56 PM EDT	I didn't hear it with the first presenter, only with Dave Walsh. It's this higher pitched echo that follows his voice	Thank you, Rachel.
Peterson	Rachel	06:14:43 PM EDT	no issues with Anthony Pompei	Thank you.
Pivorunas	Jeff	06:47:06 PM EDT	ok, we are up to three roundabouts now	Yes, there are potentially 3 roundabouts in total for phases 1 & 2.
Pivorunas	Jeff	06:55:59 PM EDT	Why would you replace the Gano Street on-ramp, which is one of the most efficient, easy to maintain (since it is on grade) approaches there is, and make people now turn left across traffic when previously it was an easy right hand turn?	Yes, the current Gano on-ramp will be moved in order to both keep the Gano off-ramp and deliver the goal of reducing traffic on the Washington Bridge. More to come on that this summer.
Primeau	Jim	05:50:31 PM EDT	Test	I see your test Question
Rangel	David	06:54:50 PM EDT	Is RIDOT expecting more Henderson Bridge traffic? If so, how will you deal with the intersection at Butler and Angell, which is where all of the Henderson Bridge traffic begins.	The traffic forecast includes growth out to 20 years. The intersection at Butler and Angell is not under RIDOT jurisdiction. Working with the City of Providence, Phase 2 would potentially include new elements that would divert traffic from this intersection. Development activity in East Providence should be evaluated/studied for impacts in Providence with mitigation as necessary.

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Rangel	David	07:08:48 PM EDT	1185 as a 20-year car volume seems awfully close to the 1200 car max for a single lane. How confident is this prediction? What was the confidence interval of the model predicting growth? Is it reasonable to assume that the lane won't exceed the 1200+ volume in the future?	Many assumptions needed to be made regarding development potential in East Providence, future land use, and growth. Estimates were intentionally conservative (high) to understand what a 'worst case' condition may look like. Incremental infrastructure improvements could be considered in the future to improve progression and traffic flow should volumes require that.
Richards	Rick	06:00:49 PM EDT	Is there a budget and/or plan for Phase 2 development at the Providence end of the Henderson Bridge?	We are waiting for a budget and limits on phase 2. There are concepts discussed but no plans.
Richards	Rick	06:16:52 PM EDT	Is construction scheduled to begin in June? If not, when?	thank you for your comment. this will be addressed later in the presentation. thank you
Richards	Rick	06:25:22 PM EDT	How much bicycle & pedestrian traffic is predicted in both directions across the bridge?	Existing bicycle and pedestrian traffic crossing the bridge is minimal, however, the shared use path will be a much more attractive and comfortable facility. Predictions for future bicycle and pedestrian traffic were not completed since they are highly speculative. Future volumes would rely on future connectivity on either side of the river, which will continue to develop as adjacent and future projects are completed. The design of the shared-use-path exceeds industry standards for width and is similar to the facility on the Washington Bridge in terms of carrying capacity.
Richards	Rick	06:29:29 PM EDT	What river traffic do you anticipate that requires 42' clearance?	Unknown. In working with the US Coast Guard it was determined to keep the channel height as it currently exists and maintain the existing asset of a navigable channel up the river.
Richards	Rick	06:36:00 PM EDT	Only 100 more cars per hour use the bridge into Providence in the AM rush hour, which doesn't fit with the poll that showd %) of respndents use the bridge to avoid 195--what is the level of confidence associated with this predicted flow?	Historic data show stabilized traffic demands or relatively low annual traffic growth. No significant area developments were identified for Providence since the area is largely developed already. Additional trips entering Providence would be generated by development in East Providence, however, no specific building program has been identified.
Richards	Rick	06:44:32 PM EDT	Why isn't the area where the dog park is currently located identified for potential development?	Several alternatives were presented by the City and/or the Public. Some of these alternatives impacted the dog park with potential redevelopment. During the Public Informational Meetings of 2019, some of the Public did not want to impact the dog park. As such, our take away was this area needs more voices to identify the preferred alternative. We encourage all to contact their Planning Department to get involved.
Richards	Rick	06:49:09 PM EDT	Why can we only select one answer in the second poll--every item is important.	Noted and agree. We will add that option in our future VTH.
Rogers	Michelle	06:15:08 PM EDT	We also bike and shop the East Side, as well as commute	understood. thank you for your comment
Rogers	Michelle	07:09:04 PM EDT	Cyclists normally want to ride North on Massasoit when traveling East. How easy or hard will this be?	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Runyon	Brent	06:25:10 PM EDT	How will pedestrians get from the south to the north of the bridge in EP? Thinking of runners primarily.	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Sarli	Chris	06:39:27 PM EDT	Can we give the bridge and project a new name? The current bridge, named after its engineer, was constructed according to a philosophy of mobility which has since fallen out of favor. The overall narrative of this project is much more focussed on pedestrian improvements and community improvement than the unbuilt highway it replaces. Merely changing "expressway" to "parkway" does not adequately reflect this change in tone, especially considering the "parkways" of Robert Moses have formed the basis of US Highway design since their construction. There are lots of individuals in Rhode Island's history and present that deserve recognition, and this project deserves a name and identity that reflect the change in thinking and improvements coming to our communities.	This is something that I don't believe has been discussed. We will review the process of "re-naming" a structure like a bridge. The Red Bridge, the Henderson Bridge, ___?

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Sarli	Chris	06:41:26 PM EDT	On the topic of accommodating rush hour access into Providence, were alternatives to adding a second lane considered? RIPTA runs a number of services over the bridge, would it be possible to designate one of the inbound lanes bus-only? Simply adding more inbound traffic lanes will merely induce demand and create more traffic. It would require a wider reach of planning, but efforts to increase transit ridership could increase the capacity of the bridge during peak hours.	Transit lanes have not been considered for Phase 1. However, RIDOT encourages all to contact their Planning Department to get involved with ideas for Phase 2.
Sarli	Chris	06:43:20 PM EDT	On the east-bound ramp leaving Providence, what traffic calming is present to ensure a safe pedestrian/bicycle crossing? Will there be speed bumps, lights, lane narrowing, yield signs, etc? Who will have right of way?	We are coordinating with the City of Providence to have safety measures in place in phase 1. Bumps, striping and signage are all part of the current plans.
Sarli	Chris	06:45:53 PM EDT	What is the vision for pedestrian/bicycle experience at the roundabout?	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Sarli	Chris	06:53:11 PM EDT	Regarding Washington Bridge: What methodologies were used in these traffic studies? My understanding of induced demand is that any short-term reductions in traffic will quickly disappear. I've submitted requests to this end before but RIDOT has not responded. Would it be possible for RIDOT to release relevant studies?	The traffic studies performed as part of the Washington Bridge project will be discussed in detail during the upcoming virtual town hall meeting for that project.
Seiler	Karen	06:44:59 PM EDT	I missed it when the detail showing the one way lane on the new bridge was shown. Is there any room for breakdown for vehicles traveling in that direction?	The bridge will have a 3.5 foot shoulder to allow vehicles to pull over. A portion of the travel lane will be blocked. However, with 3 lanes on the bridge, vehicles will be able to get around the distressed vehicle.
Sherrill	Pamela	06:56:11 PM EDT	Thank you for your responsiveness to EP municipal and Waterfront Commission concerns. Did I understand the Waterfront Drive will be closed between Waterman Ave and Dexter Rd from Spring 2021 to December 21. Will the closure extend south to Warren Ave? If so, during what period?	Waterfront Drive is currently anticipated to be closed from Spring 2021 to December 2021, pending development of the final construction schedule by the winning contractor. Closure south of Waterman Avenue is not expected.
Shwartz	Ted	06:10:39 PM EDT	Why is audio quality of David Walsh so poor ?	There may be audio feedback.
Shwartz	Ted	06:15:26 PM EDT	The poll question seems oriented only to traffic heading west bound to Providence. Traffic needs are for both directions	Noted
Shwartz	Ted	06:21:58 PM EDT	What is music in background	We didn't hear the music that you and others mentioned. Mystery we will solve before our next VTH.
Shwartz	Ted	06:46:12 PM EDT	The bicycle access to/from East Providence looks to be only via 4 lanes of traffic. I see an even more deadly bicycle access than the current situation. Ted Shwartz - President of NBW 2012-2019	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Shwartz	Ted	06:52:13 PM EDT	Entrance to the west bound providence access to I95 would be a left hand turn from Gano St for majority of traffic?	Yes. This existing intersection will be modified to allow for the efficient flow of traffic.
Spohn	John	07:07:29 PM EDT	So no barrier between opposite traffic lanes, but is there a barrier planned between EB lanes and the bicycle/pedestrian lanes on the south side of the span?	Yes
Suchman	Isaiah	06:13:58 PM EDT	"Cross the bridge on foot" should be one of the options.	Understood. Thank you for your feedback.
Suchman	Isaiah	06:38:48 PM EDT	In the animation, we didn't see viewing overlooks as described in the earlier slide. Where will they be located?	They are proposed on the south side of the bridge in phase 2.

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Tinnemeier	Mike	06:56:18 PM EDT	What happens to bikers who want to travel north on Massasoit?	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Tinnemeier	Mike	06:56:51 PM EDT	Just 100 extra cars traveling eastbound in 20 years? Seriously?	Historic data show stabilized traffic demands or relatively low annual traffic growth. No significant area developments were identified for Providence since the area is largely developed already. Additional trips entering Providence would be generated by development in East Providence, however, no specific building program has been identified.
Tinnemeier	Mike	07:00:11 PM EDT	It looks like a biker (or pedestrian) who wants to access businesses on Massasoit Ave (north) are out of luck...	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Tinnemeier	Mike	07:06:33 PM EDT	Currently there is a SIDEWALK on the left side of the eastbound bridge. Will that be preserved?	No. Pedestrian will be required to use the Shared Use Path on the south side of the bridge.
Tinnemeier	Mike	07:07:21 PM EDT	What will the clearance be for boats traveling under the new bridge?	The existing and proposed clearance will be the same (42 feet)
Tinnemeier	Mike	07:09:07 PM EDT	You projected eastbound traffic will only increase by 100 cars in TWENTY YEARS. That seems ridiculous...	Historic data show stabilized traffic demands or relatively low annual traffic growth. No significant area developments were identified for Providence since the area is largely developed already. Additional trips entering Providence would be generated by development in East Providence, however, no specific building program has been identified.
Tinnemeier	Mike	07:12:09 PM EDT	You really need to a bike lane on both sides of the bridge.	The design of bike/ped on one side was planned for best results after both phase 1 & 2.
Tinnemeier	Mike	07:13:51 PM EDT	There was not a Virtual Town Hall in 2019	We held a pair of in person Public Meetings in 2019. One in East Providence (April) and another in Providence (May)
Touafek	Katherine	07:01:07 PM EDT	SO, that sounds like there are NO traffic calming measures onto S.Angell Street but simply a reminder to slowdown. "pretty please"	There are additional measures planned, for phase 1, and being finalized, in May with the City of Providence.
Trimble	William	06:34:12 PM EDT	Where the dedicated bridge bike lanes end in East Providence, will the road have bike lanes? It looks like it ends on Massasoit Ave. southbound, will there be any way for a bike to go northbound? Also, any way to go northbound on Waterfront Drive and thereby avoid the roundabout?	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Trimble	William	06:53:08 PM EDT	It would be great in Phase II to make a connection between the Shared Use Path in East Providence and the East Bay Bike Path/Shared Use Path that crosses Washington Bridge.	Noted.
Vele	Elisa	06:56:16 PM EDT	How long is phase 1 construction expected to last?	Approximately 4 years
Vogel	Pamela	06:14:34 PM EDT	The poll was not reflective of the true situation since I juse it for multiple of those options	Understood. Thank you for your feedback.
Vogel	Pamela	06:40:19 PM EDT	There is no way for a cyclist to head north in East Providence from this graphic	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.

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Vogel	Pamela	06:59:36 PM EDT	Having these meetings done virtually makes it much easier for a broader spectrum of people to attend since there is no need for childcare. I hope you continue this even if the world opens up again	Thanks for the feedback. We will incorporate this format in our future public involvement.
Walczak	Johanna	06:34:04 PM EDT	How can pedestrians and cyclists travel north from the roundabout in East Providence? Are there ped/bike crossings at that intersection to safely travel north up Massasoit?	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Weis	Eric	06:46:59 PM EDT	how does RIDOT propose to fund design/construction of phase 2?	Funding sources for Phase 2 are currently being programmed into the TIP. Additional budget and schedule details should be available later this summer
Weis	Eric	06:47:31 PM EDT	Is phase 2 going to be added to the TIP this year	Yes
Weis	Eric	06:57:31 PM EDT	If I'm going east on the bridge on a bicycle, how do I safely then go north on Massasoit? I don't see the connection.	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Weis	Eric	06:58:22 PM EDT	Also, if I'm headed south on Massasoit, how do I then access the bike/ped path?	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Weiss	Greg	06:20:34 PM EDT	How does two lanes solve the rush hour traffic? The traffic is caused by the two red lights and narrow roads on south angell st.	As mentioned this project intends to reconstruct the bridge. Lanes were determined from the traffic demand. Signals further to the west should be evaluated by a larger traffic study by the City to relieve congestion on the east side.
Weiss	Greg	06:25:03 PM EDT	Cars come off the bridge on to south angell at high speeds when it's not rush hour.	We are working with our consultant firm and the City of Providence on traffic calming measures on South Angell
Wintman	Lewis	06:18:00 PM EDT	Why are you wasting money on this project when you have no idea what the financial condition of this state and country will be post pandemic. If the bridge needs repair, repair it and other infrastructure repairs that are needed. Forget the sizzle,serve the steak!!	The project was funded prior to the current Covid-19 crisis. We continue to work with Federal Highway, the Governor and our State Federal delegation in Washington on future budgets.
Wojcik	Ben	06:44:25 PM EDT	You indicated that one lane can handle a peak of 1,200 cars per hour which is what required two lanes going towards Providence, but one lane going towards East Providence. However, the peak traffic going towards East Providence was over 1,000 cars per hour which comes very close to the 1,200 car "limit". What considerations have been taken for margin of error? I know you included future projections, but what happens if traffic increases and surpasses projections?	Many assumptions needed to be made regarding development potential in East Providence, future land use, and growth. Estimates were intentionally conservative (high) to understand what a 'worst case' condition may look like. Incremental infrastructure improvements could be considered in the future to improve progression and traffic flow should volumes require that.
Wojcik	Ben	06:54:28 PM EDT	In projects like these, landscaping & other aesthetic features frequently are eliminated to reduce costs. What features and means of accountability are in place to ensure this project is not just functional, but beautiful as well?	The phase 1 construction is funded. Additional landscaping and aesthetic features are some of the primary items to be included in Phase 2.
Worden	Michael	06:13:34 PM EDT	Why only one? Many of us use the bridge for most or all of those things.	Noted.
Worden	Michael	06:36:11 PM EDT	How are bicycles coming from the north and down Massasoit supposed to get to the bridge or past the bridge to Waterfront drive south of the bridge?	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.
Zwarg	Jon	06:57:01 PM EDT	How do bicyclists and pedestrians travel eastbound on the bridge and then northbound on Massasoit? Also, the reverse: how to get by bike from Massasoit south to bridge westbound?	Phase 2 will address bicycle and pedestrian connections heading northeast along Massasoit Avenue and east along the Henderson Parkway. Funding has restricted the extent of the proposed improvements. However, RIDOT is looking into adding an asphalt sidewalk from Wilmarth Avenue to Dexter Road as part of Phase 1.

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schulman	howard	06:50:15 PM EDT	It would be nice if the development on the East Providence waterfront preserved and possibly explained its historical features. What used to be there, etc	thank you. EP planning has been involved and we will pass along your comment. thank you
shoppell	san	06:37:46 PM EDT	Will the two lines into PVD be able to be contra-flowed if needed	thank you for your comment. The configuration of the intersections on either side would be complicated with a reversable lane. Its not expected to be needed.
walsh	elizabeth	06:52:39 PM EDT	Where do you think the bikers and pedestrians are going who will use the bike/walker lane? There isn't any real destination heading West with exception of Brown. The new bridge over Prov river never seems to have the bike/walker traffic that was anticipated.	We are working with Providence to add connection to their future bike plans for the City.
walsh	elizabeth	06:55:06 PM EDT	What if there is a breakdown or accident in the East bound lane? What will happen to the cars behind? Will they be able to use one of the westbound lanes?	Yes. We have the option of taking a lane for repairs and/or accidents and still keep a lane in each direction.