Overview of BSRI 2.0 & the Broad Street Construction Project

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Outline

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7. Thank you!

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What is the Broad St Regeneration Initiative (BSRI)? It’s a lot of things...

- Collaborative effort among three municipalities (Central Falls, Pawtucket, and Cumberland) and Blackstone Valley Tourism Council (BVTC) to revitalize Broad Street
- BSRI 1.0 began in 2007 and made significant strides but lost funding in 2012
- BSRI 2.0 began in 2016 with renewed vigor and funding; Coordinator position funded by RI Foundation since 2017 to facilitate cross-municipality collaboration
- We partner with 14 additional stakeholder organizations to optimize impact(s) for local businesses and surrounding communities
- We strive to enhance peoples’ lives via a safe, walkable community that’s aesthetically pleasing
- We work to mobilize local community leaders and businesses
- We seek to engage neighborhoods through short and long-term targeted initiatives
- We want to position Broad Street as a destination for all of Rhode Island and beyond
- We connect resources to needs of business owners
- We’re developing a plan to facilitate the upcoming road construction project to help businesses thrive before, during and after the work is done.
Broad Street Regeneration Initiative (BSRI) Coordinator

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Partners

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The BSRI 2.0 Committee meets monthly to review projects and initiatives of municipal and non-municipal partner organizations.

- Get in touch with the BSRI Coordinator (Laura Burkett) if you’d like to attend as a guest: broadstreetcoordinator@gmail.com
- You can request meeting minutes for details of what was discussed.

We organize activities throughout the year that aim to build community and help our businesses, e.g., Small Business Saturday and Clean-up Meet-up events.

The BSRI website has information and updates on the construction project and our other initiatives as well: www.MyBroadStreetRI.com

The BSRI Coordinator is available for on-site visits or to answer questions.

Public meetings regarding the road construction project will begin this summer.

We will soon have a Deputy Coordinator who’ll be visiting businesses as well.

Let us know how we can best serve you!

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Broad Street Outreach Team

We present the latest info at public meetings and periodic business owners’ meetings

Laura Burkett
BSRI Coordinator

BSRI: Engaging neighborhood leaders and businesses before, during and after the construction projects

David Walsh
RIDOT Asst. Dir. for Admin. Svcs. Business Outreach

Dina Quezada
RIDOT Program Chief for Title VI Environmental Justice

RIDOT: Business meetings, public informational meetings, construction handouts, e-mail notifications

Doris Blanchard
RI Commerce Asst. Dir., Supply RI

RI Commerce: Connecting small businesses with programs and resources. Offer business assistance, access to funding, and red tape reduction. RICC HOTLINE SUPPORT
RIDOT Project Timeline

- Winter 2019
  - Business Outreach Meetings
- Spring 2019
  - Business Outreach Meetings
  - Public Information Meetings
- Summer 2019
  - Project Advertised July
  - Outreach Continues
- Fall 2019
  - Contract Awarded
  - Construction Begins
  - Outreach Continues
- Fall 2021
  - Substantial Construction Completed

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PLAN AND PROFILES OF PROPOSED STATE HIGHWAY
BROAD STREET (ROUTE 114) REGENERATION PROJECT
GOFF AVENUE TO MENDON ROAD
CITIES OF PAWTUCKET AND CENTRAL FALLS, TOWN OF CUMBERLAND
COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE
R.I. CONTRACT NO. F.A. PROJECT NO.
PAVEMENT STRUCTURE
OVERLAY
1.5" MODIFIED CLASS 9 5 HMA
LEVELING COURSE MODIFIED CLASS 9 5 HMA
2.90 MILES

90% SUBMISSION
OCTOBER 2018

LOCATION MAP

DESIGN DESIGNATION
DIVERSION 1000 FT P.F.D.
30 SECOND 1000 FT P.F.D.
3000 FT P.F.D.
10000 FT P.F.D.

HURRICANE EVACUATION ROUTE
The evacuation number reflects Hurricane Evacuation Route Designation (HERD) criteria.
HERD P: Permanent evacuation route, Evacuation and Displacement Route as defined by the American Red Cross.
9: Temporary evacuation route, Emergency Evacuation Route.
5: Service Evacuation Route, Local Evacuation Routes.
0: None

90% SUBMISSION
OCTOBER 2018
R.I. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ADMINISTRATOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT
COP
COST DESIGN OF INFRASTRUCTURE
COP
DIRECTIONS
COP
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
GLOBAL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION
COP

BASE OF LEVELS
VHB
NAD 83 (2011) 2010 (00000)

Contract Number:
Number of Sheets:
Total Sheets:

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exclusive pedestrian signal phase can minimize conflicts with vehicular traffic and allow diagonal crossing.

left-turn queue box provides a location for bicyclists to wait while making two-stage left turn.

opportunity for restaurant seating and event programming. Parking area flush with sidewalk may provide overflow public space for special events.

bus hub capacity for two 40' buses, with space for shelters, benches, trash bins, and other furnishings.

raised crossing communicates pedestrian priority and serves as gateway to pedestrian-scaled downtown streets.

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raised turn around functions as shared street, providing continuous pedestrian space.

bench seating

cafe seating
Broad Street at Cross Street
Central Falls, RI
Existing Intersection

- Uninsightful overhead wires diminish street character
- Volume of northbound right turns may be insufficient to trigger exclusive turn lane
- Lack of streets trees or other greenery contributes to T-shaped, vehicle-focused character of street
- Vehicular traffic signal equipment
- Entrance to commercial buildings
- Transition to residential neighborhood street not fully communicated by intersection
- Narrow sidewalks in this pedestrian-graded urban context do not encourage comfortable use of space for people on feet and provide minimal accommodation for accessibility; existing curb ramps not ADA compliant
- Two-lane configuration does not accommodate the relatively high volume of northbound motorists turning left, leading to long vehicle queues and a congested roadway
- Large curb radii designed to accommodate large vehicles allow motorists to enter vehicles to turn at excessive speeds, endangering other road users
Broad Street at Cross Street
Central Falls, RI
Sketch Concept
RIDOT works with RICC to help businesses before, during and after the road construction project:

- RIDOT & Rhode Island Commerce Corporation - Bill H5783A
  - RIDOT will identify impacted business stakeholders and facilitate connections for qualified businesses with the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (RICC)
  - RICC will provide information about resources, programs, and services to businesses impacted by RhodeWorks projects
  - RICC goal is to work together providing commitment and support to the business community, as well as the cities and towns, within project limits
RICC Programs and Services:

- Commercial real estate and property searches
- Business financing, renewable energy grants, and science and technology grants
- Tax credits and other incentives
- Workforce training and talent development
Business Services

➢ Business Assistance-Small Business Hotline 401-521-HELP
  ➢ Our team continues to educate thousands of small businesses on business resources available to them across the state to help them become successful

➢ Access to Funding-Small Business Assistance Program (SBAP)
  • $11.7MM Leveraged from $2.9million in Commerce Funds
  • Geographic and Sector Diversity: From Newport to Woonsocket to Narragansett
  • Ethnic and Gender Diversity: 51.2% MBE, WBE, and Veteran Businesses
  • 23 Startup Businesses

➢ Red Tape Reduction
  ➢ Government-wide LEAN processing-Streamlined opening of a restaurant process-website
  ➢ 28 towns in E-permitting to allow state to combine permitting with the municipalities. streamline the business licensing process! Mobil access, quick registration-transparency.
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Thank you!

¡Gracias!

Obrigado!

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