

**URI Master Plan Review Team**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
Friday, January 12, 2018  
Alumni Center Board Room

**Membership Present:** Abigail Rider, Christopher McMahan, Steve Baker, Ann Morrissey, Chelsea Siefert, Paul DePace, Vern Wyman, Jodi Hawkins, Linda Acciaro, Jerry Sidio, Brian Maynard

**Membership Absent:** Michael Katz, Dave Palazzetti, John Kirby, William Green, Student Representative (TBA)

**Support Staff Present:** Ryan Carrillo, Dulcie Ilgenfritz, Sheleen Clarke, Kenneth Burke, Karen Beck, Marsha Garcia, Dave Lavalley, Phil Kydd, Dave Potter with Pare Engineering

**Call to Order**

Abigail Rider called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

**Approvals**

**1. Bike Path Connector**

Karen Beck, University Landscape Architect presented the design and location details for the URI Bike Path Connector.

As presented at a previous MPRT meeting, the University received a \$2.2 million grant for the design and construction of a URI/South County Bike Path Connector. The 12 foot wide bike path will connect the URI campus to the William O'Neil Bike Path, offering regional access.

Multiple factors were considered:

- Part of the bike path is already included in the development of Brookside Apartments.
- The Landscape Master Plan and the Transportation and Parking Master Plan looked at the best possible locations for the path with complete streets in mind.
- A public meeting was held on Oct 25, 2017.
- Meetings with HRL, Athletics, Friends of the William O'Neil Bike Path, Town of South Kingstown, DOT, RIDEM, with special consideration paid to the crossings through Athletics and Peckham Farm and programs, plans or expansions that may occur.
- Best and safest crossing at 138.

Committee members voiced comments on the plantings along the bike path and maintenance of the path. All of these are being considered as the design and construction proceeds.

Dave Potter with Pare Engineering presented the plans for the crossing at 138. Pare Engineering working with Sasaki Associates has assisted in the project design. Several possible crossing locations were reviewed. DOT has in the Transportation Improvement Plan for 2021 the resurfacing of Route 138 and the installation of roundabouts at Ministerial Rd and Peckham Farm. The biggest concern was the speed of traffic on Route 138 which averages 42 mph. A Hawk Signal would be installed which is bike/pedestrian activated and brings traffic to a complete stop. Advanced LED warning signs for motorists will be installed on 138. Lane dividers will be located on the bike path at 138 to prevent motorists from driving on the bike path.

Abbi Rider raised concern over control of the light during major events and how this crossing could cause traffic issues. A meeting with Public Safety and the South Kingstown Police Department will be scheduled to discuss jurisdiction along the path.

West Kingston Elementary School has voiced concerns with safety as the bike path passes the school. A gate and fencing was proposed. A second access point connecting the school was discussed but neither the school department, town, nor URI have the money to create the connection at this time.

The intersection of the bike path connector and the William O'Neill Bike Path will be marked by the URI logo on the pavement. Wayfinding signage will be installed.

The plan is in the schematic design phase. The goal is to open the bike path by Oct 1, 2018.

Request made to approve the schematic design for the Bike Path Connector with the understanding that it achieves the objectives of the University but does not indicate a final design.

Motion made by Paul DePace to approve the schematic design. Motion seconded by Vern Wyman; motion passed.

The January 12, 2018 MPRT meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>.