

East Side Traffic and Parking Listening Session

May 11, 2022

### Listening Session Overview

- Introductions
- Study objectives and timeline
- Overview of traffic and parking study scopes
- Public discussion





### **Study Objectives & Timeline**

- Traffic and parking study objectives:
  - Understand existing conditions
  - Understand likely impacts of future District developments
  - Provide guidance on strategies to manage traffic and parking including encouraging alternative modes of transportation
- Recommendations will focus on strategies within the jurisdiction of the District but may include recommendations for other agencies (e.g., City, RIDOT)
- Findings will be presented at a future public meeting of the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission





### Under Construction & Proposed Developments in East Side of 195 District

- Under construction
  - **Parcel 6**: Mixed use project with 13,000-SF grocery store, 9,200 SF of retail and small office, 62 mixed-income units and 162 parking spaces
- Approved
  - **Parcel 9:** Two phase project with approximately 135 units of mixed-income housing, 7,000 SF of commercial space (primarily daycare facility) and 55 parking spaces
  - **Parcel 2:** Mixed-use project with approximately 194 units, 15,000 SF of ground floor commercial, and 90 parking spaces
- Seeking proposals for Parcels 8/8A; responses due May 27





### Fuss & O'Neill

- Interdisciplinary engineering firm with offices all over New England
- We provide traffic analysis & transportation design services throughout the state/region
  - City of Providence
  - City of Cranston
  - Town of Bristol
  - Town of Westerly

Vermont Maine Massachusetts

### Matthew Skelly, PE, PTOE Project Manager

8+ years of traffic analysis experience

5+ years of community engagement experience

100+ projects managed

### Katherine O'Shea, EIT Transportation Engineer

2 years of traffic analysis experience







### **Project Scope**

- Updated Traffic Counts
- Review Crash Reports
- Trip Generation
- Capacity Analysis
- Traffic & parking recommendations related to future development
- Present findings at public meeting







### **Project Considerations**

- Review prior traffic studies and previously issued recommendations
- Analysis will reflect a future condition that aligns with Providence Great Streets Plan
- Examine community concerns and make related recommendations









## I-195 District Parking Study

Public Meeting

May 2022





## We Put People First



Developing transportation systems to promote broader community goals of mobility, equity, sustainability, health, and economic development



Transit



**Transit Corridors** 



Active Transportation and Safety



**Cities and Streets** 



Parking and Demand Management



Paratransit and Community Transit



**Emerging Mobility** 



Engineering and Design

## Parking is tied to...



Local Business Health

**Transit Reliability** 



**Development Potential** 



**Pedestrian Environment** 



Efficient Use of Municipal Resources



**Bicycling Accommodations** 



**Traffic Patterns** 



Signage and Wayfinding

# Improving and accommodating non-driving modes can help less parking go farther.



**Strategic Parking Management** 

Encourage multimodal mobility with right-sized supplies and demand-based management **Mobility Improvements** 

Reduce pressure on limited parking by providing high-quality driving alternatives



## **People Get Around in Different Ways**

### ...AND INCREASINGLY HAVE THINGS COME TO THEM



## **Parking Study Area and Approach**

- Inventory all parking and curb regulations in the neighborhood surrounding East Side I-195 redevelopment parcels
  - Field surveys
  - Aerial imagery
  - Outreach to property owners
- Collect parking utilization data
  - Midday peak
  - -5 pm 7 pm evening peak
- Identify curb management issues



## Evaluate Existing Parking Demand

- Where are existing pressure points during the peak period?
- How many excess spaces exist? Where are these spaces? How can they support future development?
- Is there a mismatch between demand and existing regulations?

### **RISD** Parking Occupancy



## Model Future District Parking Demand

- Expected changes to parking supply in the future
- Future parking demand reflecting proposed development on I-195 District parcels and travel trends
- Calibration based on utilization data, including adjustments due to post-COVID travel trends



## Recommend Parking Management and TDM Strategies

- Consolidating parking resources into shared parking facilities
- Valet parking to maximize parking supply in the available space
- Adjusting curb regulations to reflect emerging needs:
  - Short-term loading
  - Food delivery
  - Passenger pickup and drop-off
  - Freight and courier loading
- Commuter incentives offered by proposed developers to reduce parking demand and promote alternative transportation options
- Parking management strategies such as "unbundled parking" and demand-based pricing to reduce overall parking demand

## Thank you!

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### Thank you!

- Presentations and notes will be posted at: <u>www.195district.com/community-updates/</u>
- Submit additional comments by 5pm Friday, May 13 to <u>questions@195district.com</u>

