

Americas Cup Avenue - Crosswalk Request

Complete Streets Design :

House Bill 2012 - H 7352 was signed into law on 6/20/2012.

Summary: AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS (would require the dept. of transportation to use complete street design principles to accommodate the mobility needs of all users and would require the dept. of transportation to publish a report showing how the agency has complied with the requirements).

Senate Bill 2131 by Senator DiPalma.
Supported by AARP.

Directive by RIDOT to 'All Consultants'.

"The design concept know as "**Complete Streets Design Principles**" conseders transportation needs beyond mororized vehicles. When embraced by designers, it will provide improved pedestrian infrastructure, traffic calming measures, and bicycle and mass transit accommodations for all users of the transportation network".

Letter dated July 11, 2012 from
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Location of requested Crosswalk:

Americas Cup Avenue [East of a point midway between Cotton Court and Church Street].



Current issues:

1. This is a location at which people regularly cross Americas Cup Avenue.
2. There is no crosswalk at this location although there are sidewalks leading to Americas Cup Avenue.
3. The current sidewalks are not handicap accessible.
4. Alternative, marked crossings are very far away.
 - To use the marked crosswalk to the South, has its own accessibility issues.
 - To use the marked crosswalk to the North requires crossing Americas Cup Avenue and then crossing Long Wharf.

Meeting with RIDOT State Traffic Commission

5. Requested 6/28/2012
6. Item #41184 - "Request from Representative Peter Martin to provide a crosswalk and pedestrian accommodations on the northern side of America's Cup Avenue at the signalized intersection with Thames Street/Church Street."
7. Meeting held on Wednesday, July 11, 2012.
8. Deanna Casey testified from AARP.

What was requested:

9. The reestablishment of the original crosswalk, or
10. the establishment of a wider crosswalk in the center of the island which was created by the Northbound and Southbound access roads.
11. Pedestrian controllable crossing signals.
12. A RIDOT plan to address this need.

Result:

13. State Traffic Commission approved this request.
14. Project will be scheduled for implementation.
15. Pedestrian crossings will be signalized.
16. Actual location of the crossing will be determined after a review meeting.
17. Implementation could occur possibly as soon as Spring 2013.

Other items:

18. Traffic lights at Memorial Boulevard and Bellevue Ave were retimed.
19. Meeting at RIDOT on July 17th to consider:
 - Memorial Boulevard design in light of bicycle accident.
 - Condition of the railroad crossings at Elm and Poplar Streets.

20. This is a location at





















