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TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN, RI

**A Resolution Endorsing the Goals of the 2023 Ride Island Bike Plan**

**WHEREAS**, "Ride Island" is an initiative with the goal of creating an island-wide network of connected bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on Aquidneck Island; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ride Island initiative is working collaboratively with the Aquidneck Island municipal administrators and planners, elected officials, and resident advocates in Newport, Middletown and Portsmouth, and Naval Station Newport; and

**WHEREAS**, Ride Island is using industry best practices and evidence-based research to identify solutions to Aquidneck Island's infrastructure needs and the desires of the communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Ride Island is a collaborative initiative, serving the interests of the Aquidneck Island community and providing assistance to municipal planning departments by identifying funding opportunities, providing relevant sources and research on best practices, and facilitating collaboration among the municipalities and the Naval Station and

**WHEREAS**, the Ride Island Bike Plan of 2023 is based on recommendations in existing studies including the Aquidneck Island West Side Master Plan (2005); Aquidneck Island Transportation Study (2011); the Rhode Island Bicycle Mobility Plan (2020); Keep Newport Moving (2022), RIDOT State Transportation Improvement Program (2022-2031); the municipal Comprehensive Land Use Plans of Newport (2017), Middletown (2014) and Portsmouth (2021); and more; and

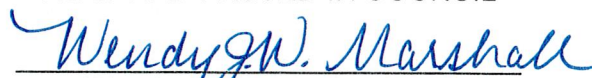
**WHEREAS**, the Ride Island Bike Plan of 2023 addresses gaps in these previous works by incorporating additional transportation data and engagement of previously underrepresented stakeholders and a gathering of representative advisors.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Middletown Town Council does hereby indicate our endorsement of the overall goals of the Bike Plan of 2023 "to expand the bicycle network strategically" and "to safely and efficiently connect people and places so that riding a bicycle in Rhode Island is safe and fun for all ages..

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk submit a copy of this Resolution to the Town of Middletown's State Senator and Representatives, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate and every Rhode Island municipality.

AUGUST 4, 2025

READ AND PASSED IN COUNCIL



Wendy J. W. Marshall, MMC  
Town Clerk