

THE CITY OF NEWPORT

RESOLUTION

**OF THE
COUNCIL**

No.

WHEREAS, the City of Newport is committed to the safety of all road users as expressed in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Complete Streets policies, the Newport Open Space Master Plan, and the North End Urban Plan; and

WHEREAS, there are exponentially growing numbers of bicycle-dependent workers and recreational riders alike, all of whom need to safely navigate throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes and encourages biking and walking as viable transportation modes that reduce the negative impact of traffic congestion on our roads, properties and parking availability, and improving the overall Newport experience; and

WHEREAS, the City is developing a Transportation Master Plan, which will materially benefit from information learned by implementing low-cost painted bike lanes, in advance of committing to higher cost infrastructure such as separated bike paths; and

WHEREAS, bike lanes and other road markings immediately improve the safety of vulnerable road users by raising awareness for all road users, while the absence of bike lanes and shared lanes are inherently less safe for vulnerable road users; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Statewide Bicycle Mobility Plan (RI BMP) was adopted in November, 2020, and includes specific recommendations for priority bicycle roads and routes in Newport based on information collected in numerous public sessions; and

WHEREAS, these safe citywide bicycle routes will provide continuous and connected travel north to south, on the roads historically preferred and prioritized by local bicyclists and bicycle organizations, including but not limited to: Bike Newport, Newport Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commissions, Ten Speed Spokes, and RI Paths to Progress; and

WHEREAS, the City currently has funds available for painting bike lanes that must be used by June 30, 2021; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

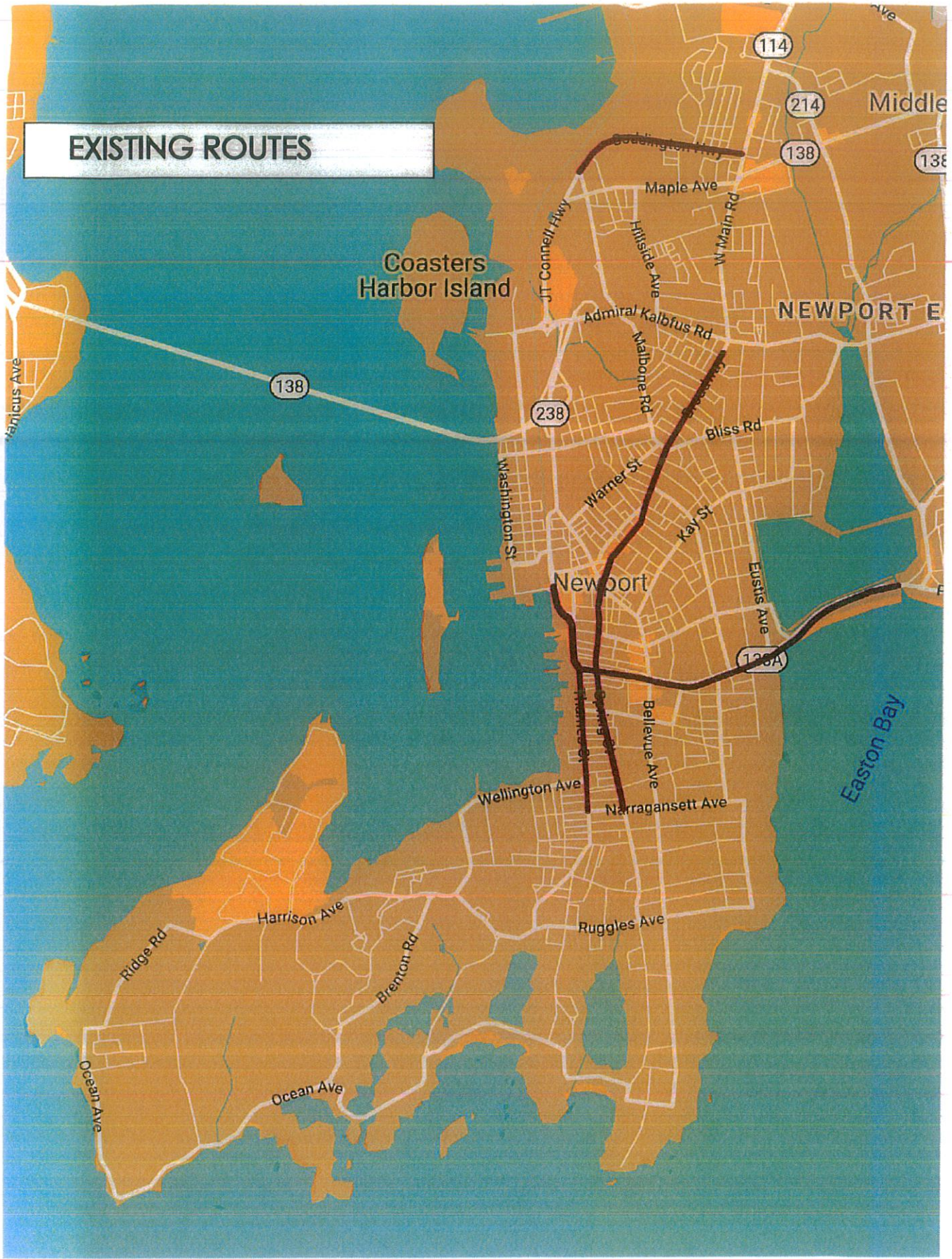
RESOLVED: this City Council asks the City Manager to direct the Department of Public Services and its Division of Engineering to plan and implement bike lanes and shared lanes on priority roads identified in the RI BMP and on the corresponding priority maps using funds currently available for completion before June 30, 2021, and to continue the next round of pavement marking as soon as possible thereafter. The RI Bike Mobility Plan is available on a scalable map at <https://tinyurl.com/ribmpmap>. The corresponding map of local priorities is attached here.

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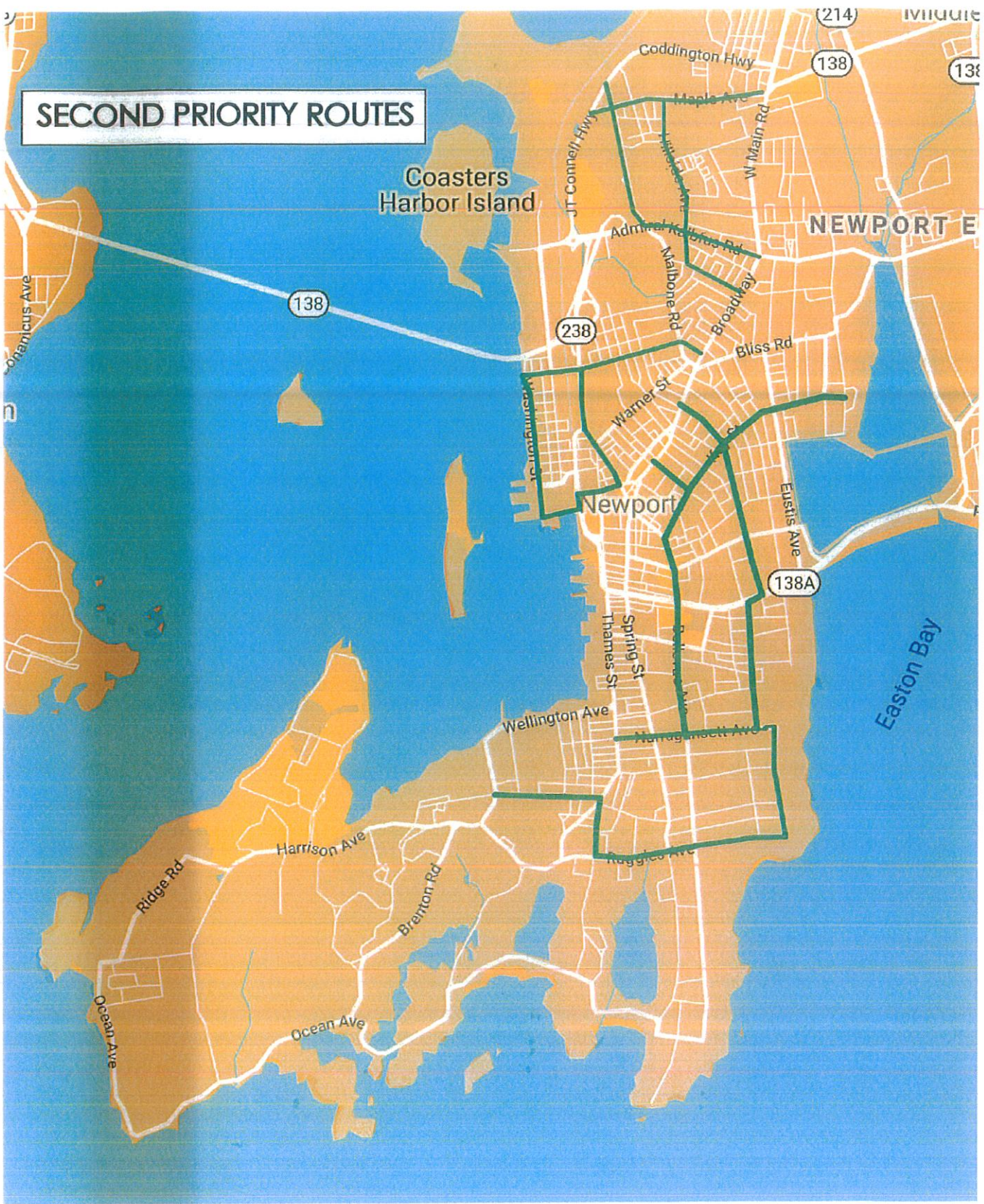
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READ AND PASSED

Laura C. Swistak
City Clerk

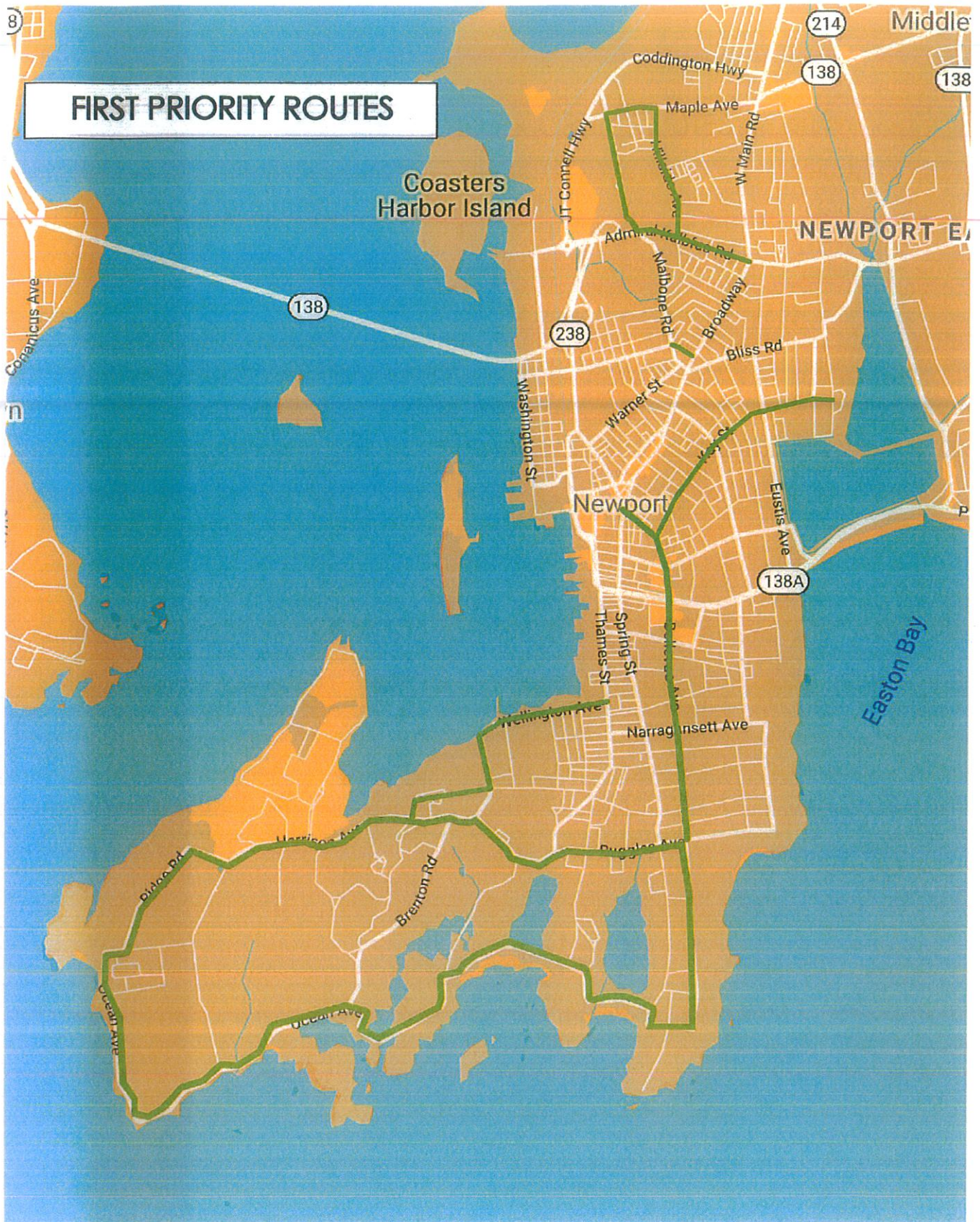
EXISTING ROUTES



SECOND PRIORITY ROUTES



FIRST PRIORITY ROUTES





- FIRST PRIORITY
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Coasters
Harbor Island

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Easton Bay

38

114

214

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Corranicus Ave

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W Main Rd

JT Connell Hwy

Maple Ave

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