

THE CITY OF NEWPORT

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**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.

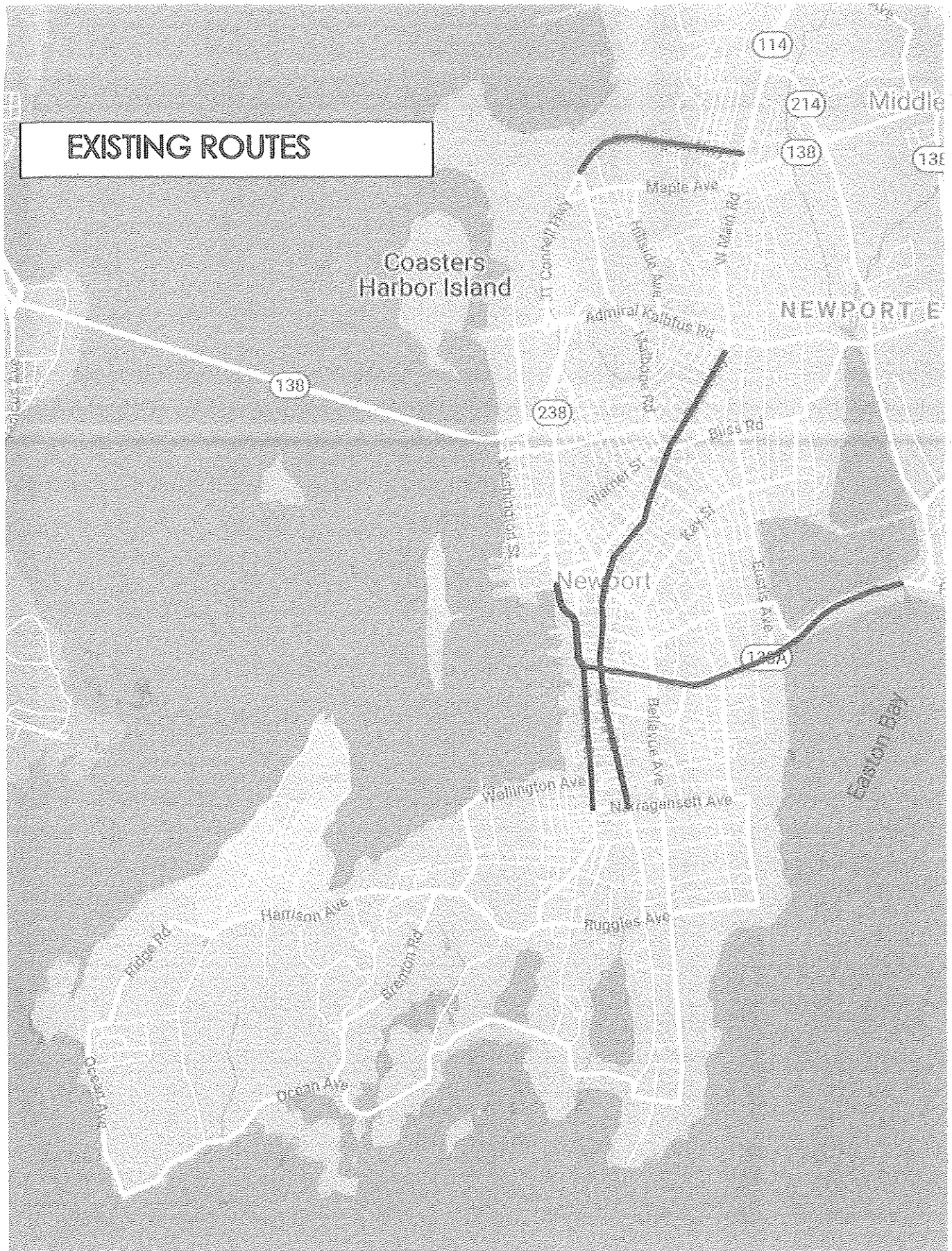
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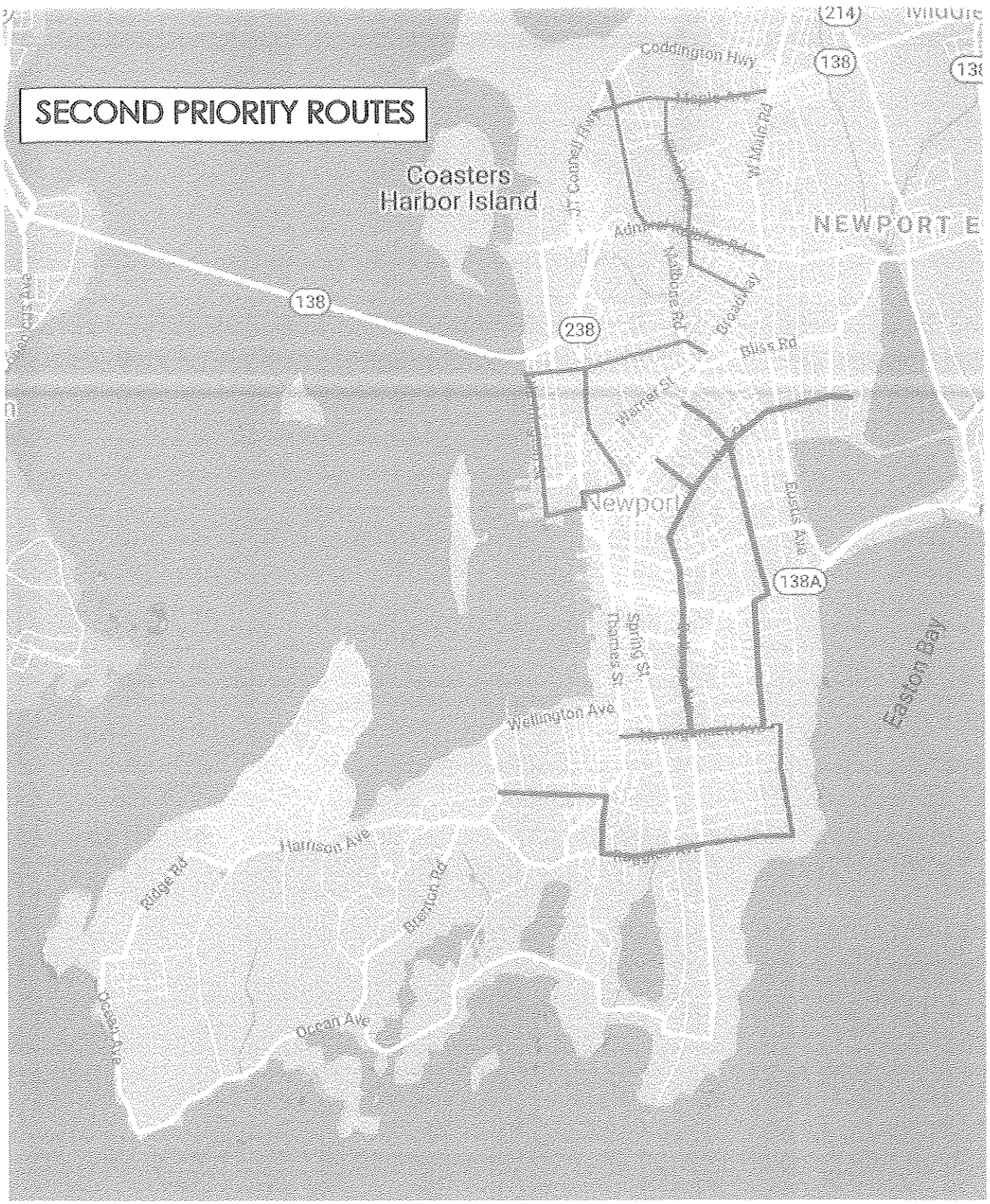
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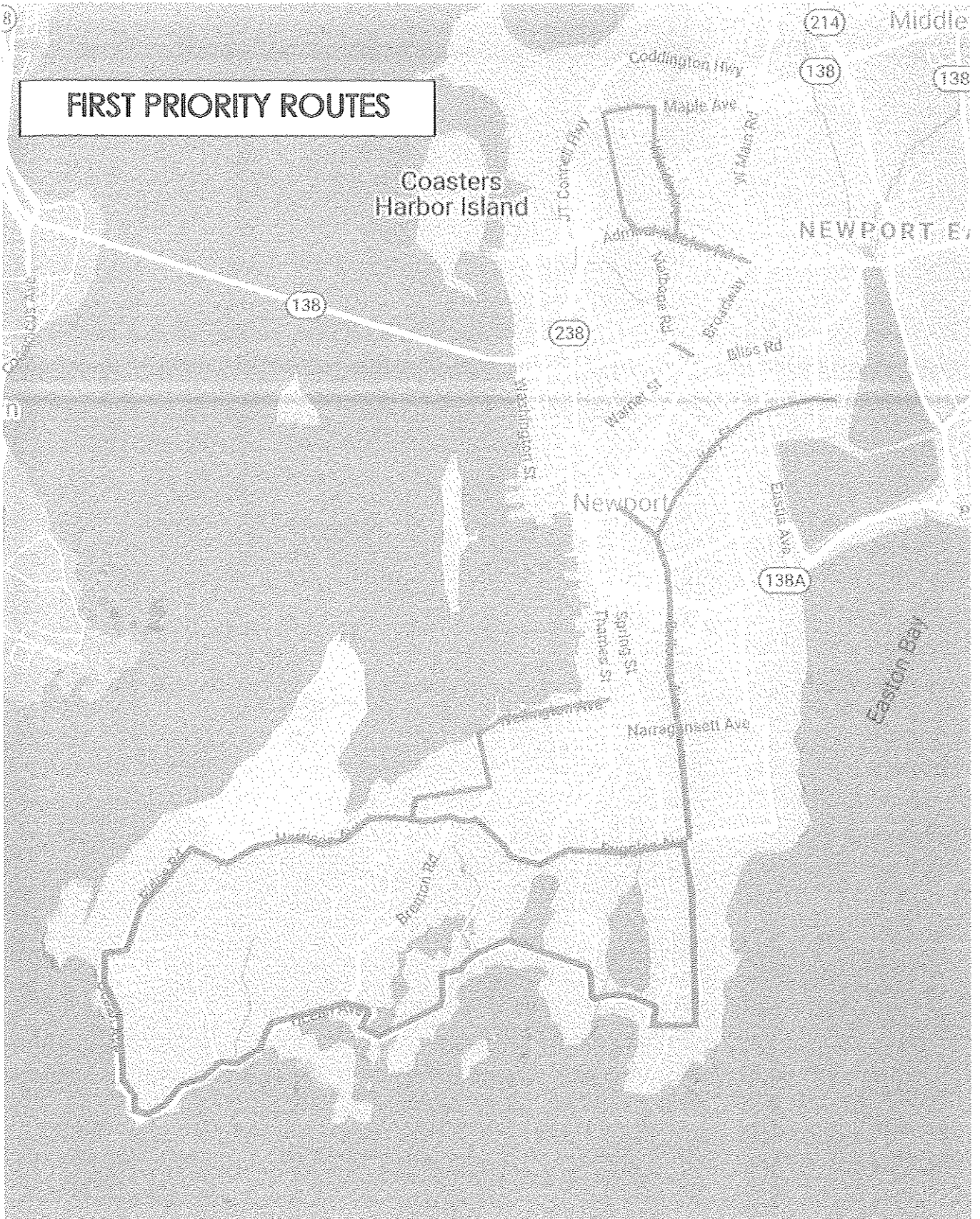
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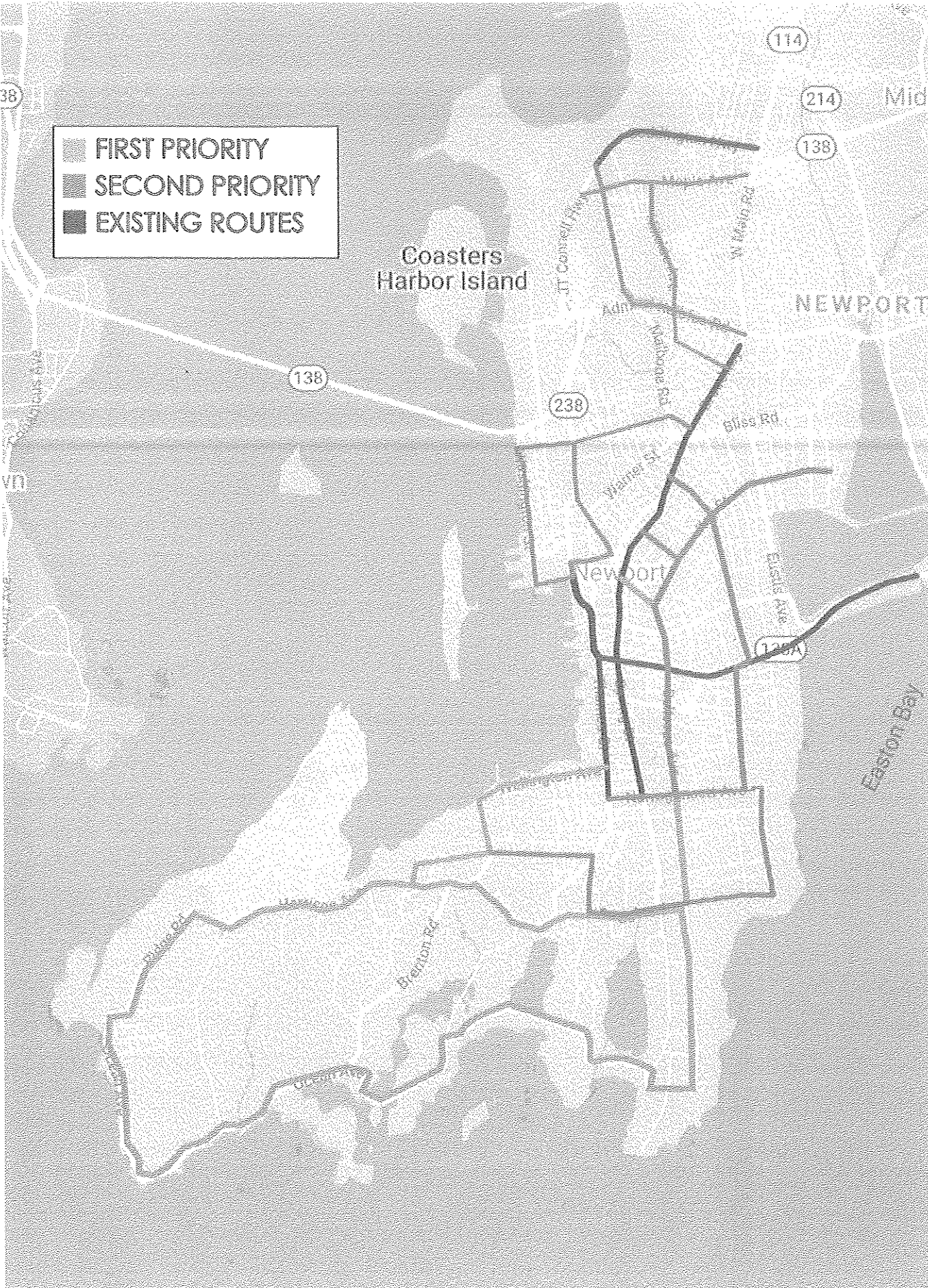
# SECOND PRIORITY ROUTES



# FIRST PRIORITY ROUTES



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WHEREAS, the City recognizes and encourages biking and walking as viable transportation modes and encourages the use of bicycle related pavement markings on our city streets to improve the safety and experiences of vulnerable road users by raising awareness for all roadway users; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Statewide Bicycle Mobility Plan (RI BMP) was published in December, 2020, and includes recommendations for improvements that will enhance connectivity, fill network gaps, and improve safety; and  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: the City Council supports the goals of the RI Bicycle Mobility Plan, dated December 2020, and looks forward to the upcoming installation of shared lane bicycle pavement markings along Ocean Avenue, in addition to the potential future options for bicycle accommodations currently being developed within the on-going Hillside Avenue traffic calming report, and further asks the City Manager to continue to further study the bicycle mobility plan and its associated recommendations while beginning to use this plan, hand in hand with other city planning documents, to help responsibly guide the City of Newport in its efforts to make improvements to our transportation network for the good of our community;

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