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 bicycledependent 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 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;

LYNN UNDERWOOD CEGLIE JAMIE BOVA

IN COUNCIL READ AND PASSED

Laura C. Swistak City Clerk