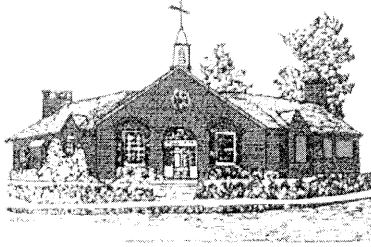


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Rhode Island's Statewide Bicycle Transportation System

- Whereas,** Over the last two decades the State of Rhode Island has constructed over 60 miles of bicycle paths under varied stages of completion, providing off road access to cyclists in all regions of the State, and
- Whereas,** These bikeways serve our State as important modes of intermodal transportation connecting our communities, expanding tourism and recreational access for residents, promoting sustainable local economic development and providing safe routes for cyclists and pedestrians using these bikeways, and
- Whereas,** There are currently eight completed Bike Paths within the State of Rhode Island that connect people to urban neighborhoods, suburban villages, coastal communities and other destinations of historic, cultural and recreational interest, and
- Whereas,** It is vital that our network of bike paths be complete and closes the gaps in expanding the bikeways Statewide so that they can be accessible to the public for all users and abilities, and
- Whereas,** Within the nine municipalities of the Blackstone River Valley, completion of a statewide bikeway system will help to enable citizens to discover the newly established Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, interpreting Rhode Island's legacy as the birthplace of America's Industrial Revolution, and
- Whereas,** The value of completing a statewide bicycle transportation system not only promotes a healthy quality of life for people, it further enhances the value of our businesses, and
- Whereas,** The State of Rhode Island in its Transportation 2035 State Guide Plan calls for the maintaining and expanding of Bike Paths as a safe means for travel and recreation, tourism, public health, and as a means to reduce pollution and traffic congestion.

Now therefore be it resolved that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville respectfully request that the General Assembly include in the State Fiscal 2017 Budget an authorization for public referenda at the November 2016 General Election to submit to the voters for approval a bond issue to fund completion of the statewide bicycle transportation system.

Adopted the 13th day of July 2016.


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Attest:


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