



Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island

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October 27, 2011

State Planning Council
Transportation Advisory Committee
c/o Statewide Planning Program
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908

Re: Town of North Kingstown Project Submissions to the
2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program

To the Members of the Transportation Advisory Committee:

The Town of North Kingstown is pleased to submit its nominations to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The North Kingstown Planning Commission reviewed the proposed submission at their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 and the North Kingstown Town Council held a public hearing on Monday, October 17, 2011 to solicit public input on the submissions. The Town Council voted unanimously to endorse all twelve Town submissions to the TIP. The following briefly describes these projects in priority order.

Recommended Projects in Priority Order:

1. Post Road Reconstruction Maxwell Drive to West Main Street

- Coordinate with sewer project to repave and potentially re-stripe Post Road.
- Incorporate sidewalks, narrower lanes, and landscaping.
- Coordinate with Wickford to Quonset bike study.

2. Route 1/4 West Allenton Road Intersection

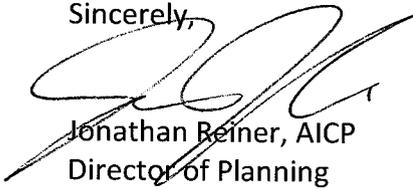
- Overpass and ramps at Route 4 and West Allenton.
- This is a high hazard intersection. The proposed overpass will greatly improve the safety of the intersection.
- This is also a highly traveled corridor with regional impacts. The proposed overpass will greatly improve the traffic flow along Routes 4 and 1.

- 3. Post Road West Main Street to Maxwell Drive - Wickford to Quonset bicycle study**
 - Coordinate with the reconstruction and sewerage of Post Road.
 - Potential for an on-road bicycle facility rather than an off-road path.
- 4. Post Road C-2 Austin Road to School Street.**
 - Redesign of the roadway and address all necessary drainage improvements.
 - The state plans on repaving this section of roadway beginning the spring of 2012.
- 5. Belleville House to Wickford Village sidewalk and crosswalk improvements**
 - New sidewalks to connect the new affordable housing at Belleville House to Wickford Village.
 - Existing sidewalks on Phillips Street are in very poor condition in many spots.
 - Will provide connections to municipal facilities, Wickford village and residential housing along this corridor.
- 6. Post Road Reconstruction C-1 Franklin Road to Austin Road**
 - Redesign of the roadway and address all necessary drainage improvements.
 - The state plans on repaving this section of roadway beginning the spring of 2012.
- 7. West Main Street 1R**
 - Resurfacing of road and replace existing sidewalks, curbing.
 - This project would not address the drainage problems on the roadway.
- 8. Hazard Elimination South**
 - South County Trail (Route 2) at Ten Rod Road (Route 102) in North Kingstown.
 - Remove traffic signal and install modern roundabout.
- 9. Clarence L. Hussey Memorial Bridge #11**
 - The state plans of repairing this bridge in the spring or summer of 2012.
- 10. Post Road Reconstruction landscaping Franklin Road to Austin Road**
 - The RIDOT is planning to repave this section of roadway beginning the spring of 2012.
 - Landscaping improvements will be incorporated into this roadway work.
- 11. Smith Castle Enhancements**
 - The project includes formalized parking, signage, intersection improvements at Richard Smith Drive /Post Road, a bus turnaround, and lighting.
 - The first phase, the planning stage, is complete. With the assistance of funds from RIDOT, The Cocumscussoc Association prepared a Cultural Landscape Report and conducted extensive archaeology on the site.
 - Smith's Castle is now working on a master plan for the site with the goal of expanding the visitor experience to not only the house but also include the landscape.
- 12. Jamestown Bridge Bicycle/Pedestrian access**
 - The Jamestown Bridge Bicycle/Pedestrian access will add a sidewalk/bike lane across the Jamestown Bridge including pedestrian access at both approaches in North Kingstown and Jamestown.
 - Project is on hold until the fishing park and fishing pier project moves forward.

In addition, the Quonset Development Corporation is proposing to submit a project to the TIP as well. This submission will include work to complete the 403 interchange at West Davisville and a new Post Road ramp. This town has submitted a letter of support for the project under separate cover.

Thank you again for your consideration of the Town of North Kingstown submissions to the State Transportation Improvement Program FY 2013-2016. If you have any questions about the projects nominated, please feel to contact me at (401) 294-3331, Ext. 310 or jreiner@northkingstown.org.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Reiner, AICP
Director of Planning

Transportation Improvement Program

Project Prioritization Cover Sheet

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PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

Project Prioritization

Priority	Listed in TIP 2009 - 2012		Regional Project		Project Name
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
1	✓			✓	Post Road Reconstruction Maxwell Drive to West Main Street*
2	✓			✓	Route 1/4 West Allenton Road Intersection
3	✓			✓	Post Road - West Main St to Maxwell Dr - Wickford to Quonset Bicycle Study*
4	✓			✓	Post Road C-2 Austin Road to School Street.
5		✓		✓	Belleville House to Wickford Village Sidewalk and Crosswalk Improvements
6	✓			✓	Post Road Reconstruction C-1 Franklin Road to Austin Road
7	✓			✓	West Main Street 1R
8	✓			✓	Hazard Elimination South
9	✓			✓	Clarence L. Hussey Memorial Bridge #11
10	✓			✓	Post Road Reconstruction Landscaping Franklin Road to Austin Road
11	✓			✓	Smith Castle Enhancements
12	✓			✓	Jamestown Bridge Bicycle/Pedestrian access
					*Projects to be coordinated with the construction of sewer lines in the Post Road Corridor.

Please use an additional sheet if necessary.

CERTIFICATION

Applicant Certification

The information provided on this application is in accordance with local regulations and ordinances.

Jonathan Reiner
 Applicant

Director of Planning
 Title

[Signature]
 Signature

October 27, 2011
 Date

Official Certification - For Statewide Planning Use Only

Submission Date _____ Accepted by _____

Transportation Improvement Program

Application - New Projects Only

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Information

Project Title Belleville House to Wickford Village Sidewalk and Crosswalk Improvements

Location by Street Name Tower Hill Road/Route 1, Phillips Street/Route 102

Project Limits - From Tower Hill Road To Phillips Street

Location Maps - 8 1/2" x 11" Attach Map of Site Indicating Project Limits

Priority Proposal Number 5 of a Total of 12 Proposals

Regional Submission - Yes No Communities _____

Brief Description of Proposed Project

North Kingstown is proposing to improve the sidewalks and crosswalks in the Wickford Village area to assist in the redevelopment of the Belleville House (former St. Bernard's Church being renovated into 40 Section 202 senior apartments) and provide better pedestrian connections to Wickford. This project will improve the pedestrian pathways connecting the Belleville House to the surrounding area and improve pedestrian safety throughout the project area. The Belleville House is surrounded by high-traffic state roads including Route 1 (Tower Hill Road) and Route 102 (Phillips Road/Ten Rod Road).

Describe Need for Proposed Project

There are numerous areas within the Tower Hill and Ten Rod Road corridor where pedestrian safety can be improved. A sidewalk exists the entire length of Phillips Street from Brown Street to the Ten Rod/Tower Hill Road intersection; however, many sections of the sidewalk are deteriorating and there are gaps in the system. The sidewalks that do exist are uneven, narrow and in poor condition in places, forcing users into or onto the road. In addition, the crosswalks are not well marked or signed. Many areas of the sidewalk lack appropriate curbing, giving the pedestrian the feeling of walking in the road.

Enterprise Zone - Yes No Details _____

Located Within State Land Use Plan 2025 Map's Designated Growth Center - Yes No

Located Within State Land Use Plan 2025 Map's Urban Services Boundary - Yes No

Consistent with Local Comprehensive Plan - Yes No

Consistent with State Guide Plan Transportation 2030 - Yes No

INFORMATION

Additional Information

Information addressing the following categories of review criteria as described in the Transportation Improvement Program, Guidance on Applying Criteria for Evaluation of Project Proposals should be provided separately. Submission must **not exceed** 2 pages, single spaced, 12-point font:

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| 1. Mobility Benefits | 4. Environmental Impact |
| 2. Cost-Effectiveness | 5. Degree of Support to Local and State Goals and Plan |
| 3. Economic Development Impact | 6. Safety, Security, and Technology |

PROJECT ESTIMATES

Project Estimates

	ROW	Study	Design	Construction	Total
Estimated Project Costs					\$91,258.00
Total Cost					\$91,258.00
Amount Requested Through TIP Process					\$91,258.00

Funding from other sources committed to this project - Yes No

Source	Amount
Total	

NOTIFICATION / CERTIFICATION

Notification / Certification

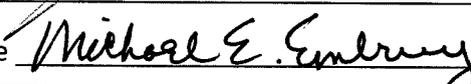
Date of Local Public Hearing October 17, 2011 (North Kingstown Town Council)
Municipal & Regional Planning Agency Projects Only

Preferred TAC Public Hearing

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| <input type="radio"/> November 7 at 6:00 pm - South Kingstown Town Hall | <input checked="" type="radio"/> November 8 at 9:00 am - Department of Administration |
| <input type="radio"/> November 9 at 6:00 pm - Blackstone Valley Corridor | <input type="radio"/> November 10 at 6:00 pm - Middletown Town Hall |

Attest: The information provided on this application is true and accurate

Applicant's Signature  Date October 27, 2011

Chief Executive Officer's Signature  Date October 27, 2011

ADMINISTRATIVE

Application Checklist - Submitted by October 28, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

- 8 Collated Copies of Completed Application
 - Forms - Project Prioritization & Application
 - Attached 2-page narrative
 - Location Maps as PDF files
- Email a copy of completed application to linsey.cameron@doa.ri.gov or provide on a CD
- Mail to:

Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program	Statewide Planning Official Use Only
ATTN: Linsey Cameron, Supervising Planner	Submission Date _____
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1. Mobility Benefits

Restoring sidewalks and improving the pedestrian path system from the Belleville House to Wickford village will allow residents easier access to continuous, wider and more level sidewalks. This will provide residents with the ability to walk to and between various markets, shops, services, and municipal buildings. Better sidewalks will allow the residents who live in the 40 senior apartments at the Belleville House to safely walk or utilize their wheel chairs to access these same destinations. The residents of the Wickford Village Housing development will also benefit from the improved pedestrian access to the medical office building and other businesses on Phillips Street. It will allow the students who live in nearby neighborhoods to access the middle school and library as well. All of these improvements will encourage pedestrian activity along the corridor. This improved pedestrian corridor would link to the RIPTA bus route in Wickford on Route 1A. This bus route links Kennedy Plaza to Newport and Narragansett. Easy pedestrian access to these RIPTA stops would encourage more walking and transit use.

2. Cost-Effectiveness

The existing sidewalks along Phillips Street are in a deteriorated condition. The Town would like to improve and preserve these existing sidewalks and add new segments of sidewalks where needed to allow for a continuous connection from the Belleville House to Wickford village. This project would restore these facilities to functional, safe use for existing users and attract new users including those from the Belleville House, members of the library, students and teachers from the nearby school and visitors to the Wickford area. Once in place, the maintenance costs would be reduced and the need for temporary fixes would be eliminated. This will also extend the life of sidewalk system and provide a better performing more durable material than the asphalt, dirt or crumbling cement that exists in several places.

3. Economic Development Impact

The improved sidewalk infrastructure will improve access to Wickford village, a historic main street center with a mix of retail, residential, municipal, waterfront and office uses. It is a visitor destination and draws a significant tourist population throughout the spring and summer months and over the holiday season. The improved sidewalks will encourage pedestrian activity in the village and help support the businesses of Wickford. The sidewalks will also link to the medical office building and businesses on Phillips Street as well as North Kingstown Free Library and the former Wickford Elementary School and playground. These sidewalks will provide better pedestrian access to the Belleville House, noted above, which will provide 40 affordable senior apartments currently under construction. The project is also located in the state urban services boundary.

4. Environmental Impact

Encouraging walking connections will decrease congestion and increase environmental-related benefits of the transportation system such as improved air quality. There will also be energy conservation benefits through increased walking and transit use versus additional single-user automobile travel. Not only will these sidewalk improvements improve the pedestrian experience but it will also enhance the visual appeal of the area. The existing sidewalks are in

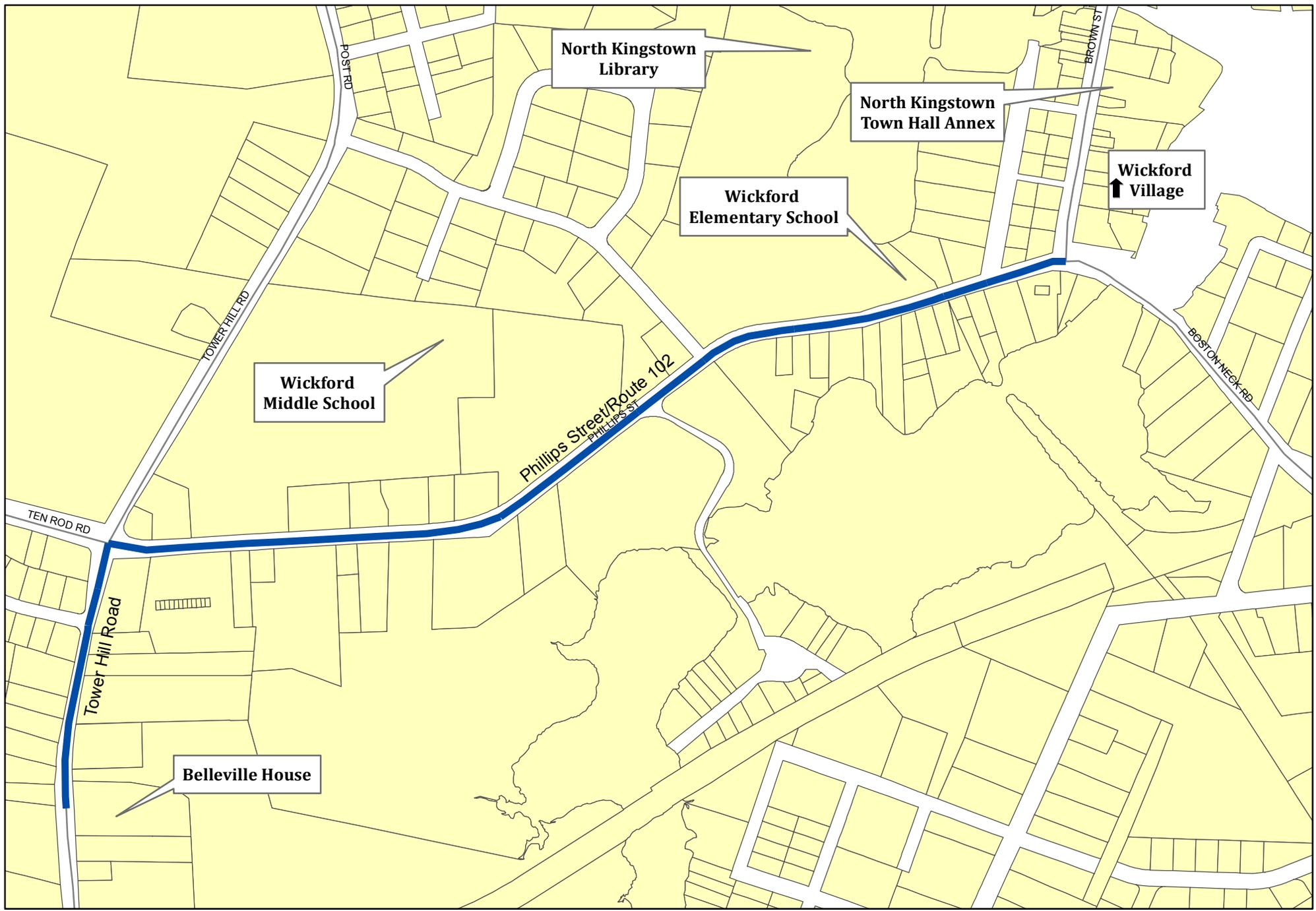
very poor condition and consist of dirt paths and crumbling concrete in some places. This connection to Wickford will provide better access to the Wickford Historic District as well. The proposed sidewalk improvements will connect to the southwestern boundary of the historic district at Elam Street. The walkability of the village is an attractive feature that must be fostered and preserved, supporting the cohesiveness of the village. In addition, the sidewalks will allow better access to a town-owned greenway adjacent to the Belleville House.

5. Degree of Support to Local and State Goals and Plan

This project was given a priority of 5 out of the 12 projects submitted. It is the only new project included in North Kingstown's TIP submission. The town will be providing an in kind contribution in staff time to oversee the implementation of the project. This project will directly link to the redevelopment of the St. Bernards Church property into 40 Section 202 Senior apartments. The improved sidewalk infrastructure will allow these residents greater mobility as well. In addition, the sidewalk project will link to the historic Wickford village area. This is an important locale for retail, office, municipal, residential and waterfront activity. The project will also help to implement the following goals, objectives and actions of the North Kingstown Comprehensive Plan: Goal C.1 Provide for the adequate movement of traffic on a regional and local basis through North Kingstown. C.1.3 Improve local circulation. C.1.8.2 Establish site-specific means to improve safety and adequate movement in conformance with applicable roadway corridor design standards such as sidewalk construction. C.2.1.6 Implement affordable housing projects in areas served by public transportation and other alternatives to private vehicles. C.2.8.4 Connect schools, residential areas, recreation areas and commercial areas via bikeways and walkways. C.2.8.5 Link the pedestrian trails and bikeways with other transportation modes. These improvements also implement portions of the Wickford Village Plan. The following goals and policies of the State Guide Plan will be implemented by the proposed sidewalk improvements: Goal D, D.1.a, D.1.d, D.3.d, ED.1.a, EN.2.a, EN.2.c, EN.3.a, Goal EQ, H.2.b, H.2.d, H.3.b, I.2.a, LU.3.d, Goal PE, PE.1.a, PE.1.b, PE.2.c, PE.3.d, PE.3.f, PE.3.l, PE.3.m, Goal S, S.2.c, and S.3.q.

6. Safety, Security, and Technology

Improving the sidewalks and pedestrian connections along the Phillips Street and Tower Hill Road corridor will create a safer walking environment and alleviate many of the safety concerns due to the deteriorating pathways. Phillips Street and Tower Hill Road are quite congested during peak hour traffic. Repaired sidewalks and the installation of crosswalks along Phillips Street will provide a clearly defined pathway free of any damage or deterioration so pedestrians and drivers alike understand which part of the road is for vehicles and which part is for pedestrians. The new sidewalks will allow safer access to the school, library and municipal facilities in Wickford. It will also allow better access to these areas for the elderly residents of the Belleville House. There have been serious vehicular crashes on Phillips Street including one fatality in recent years (2009). Phillips Street is designated as a town evacuation route and Wickford Middle School is designated as a Red Cross Shelter. Any improved access to this school will benefit those in need of a shelter. If local roadways are not passable, the pedestrian access to the shelter is all the more important.



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Belleville House to Wickford Village Sidewalk and Crosswalk Improvements

