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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

William R. Riccio, Jr., P.E.
Director

Mr. Parag Agrawal
Secretary, State Planning Council
Rhode Island Department of Administration
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908

July 27, 2017

Subject: 2017 Annual STIP Update

Dear Mr. Agrawal:

The City of Newport is pleased to submit its package for consideration with respect to the 2017 update of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP.) We would like to present the following additional information that may help with the annual update process with respect to some of Newport's projects within the current program:

STIP ID 5109 – Transportation Alternatives – Safe Routes to School – Bedlow Avenue / Hillside Avenue Sidewalks: The City of Newport's Utilities Department is currently installing both new water and sewer facilities within Bedlow Avenue. A new gas main was installed in 2016 which will allow the City of Newport to program its roadway improvements in 2018. We respectfully request consideration of moving the funding of this project up to 2018 so as to be best able to present one complete project to improve the transportation corridor in one process.

STIP ID 6376 – Bridge Capital Program – Ocean Avenue Anna2 Bridge at Gooseneck Cove: This project name is confusing in that it includes the notation "Anna2." It appears that this bridge may in fact be a roadway culvert that was replaced in 2008 during a project that included the installation of two roadway culverts, one in Ocean Avenue and the other in Hazard Road. This project was performed in association with the NRCS and the NOAA. If this is in fact the same culvert, it appears that the project may be considered for removal from the STIP.

STIP ID 6377 – Bridge Capital Program – Old Colony Ramp North, RI 138 WB at Newport Secondary RR. It appears that this bridge may be included in the overall project limits associated with STIP ID 9201 Pavement Capital Program – Reconstructing Pell Bridge Approaches.

STIP ID 6378 – Bridge Capital Program - Van Zandt Avenue RR Bridge. This bridge lies south of the existing project limits associated with STIP ID 9201 Pavement Capital Program – Reconstructing Pell Bridge Approaches and along the corridor within which the Shared Use Trail Path Along Newport Secondary Rail Corridor, STIP ID 9003, will be constructed. The Shared Use Path has also been awarded a \$1Million grant to advance a small portion of the project through the RI Green Bond program being overseen by the RIDEM. The City would be open to the RIDOT investigating the complete removal of this bridge in order to better accommodate both

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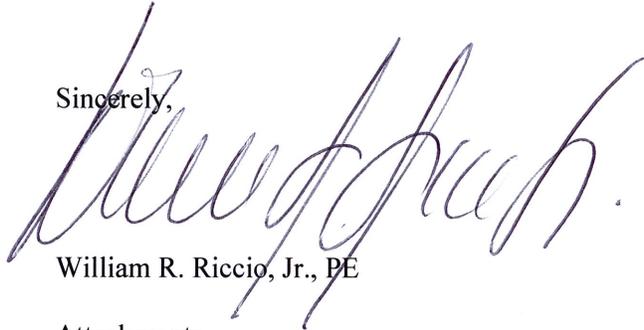
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the shared use path along the corridor and the future development of a transit connection to downtown Newport that is being planned as part of the Pell Bridge corridor.

The public hearing associated with the submission was held July 26, 2017 before the Newport City Council with the resulting resolution #2017-89 approving the submission (attached for reference.)

We hope that this information is helpful to the update process and are available to discuss any of these items with you at your convenience. I can be reached via phone at 401-845-5841 or via email at wriccio@cityofnewport.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William R. Riccio, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

William R. Riccio, Jr., PE

Attachments

THE CITY OF NEWPORT

RESOLUTION

**OF THE
COUNCIL**

No. 2017-89

RESOLVED: That the Newport City Council authorizes the City Manager to sign the City of Newport's submission of materials associated with the Rhode Island State Planning Council's 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Annual Update associated with FFY 2018-2027.

IN COUNCIL
READ AND PASSED
JULY 26, 2017



Laura C. Swistak
City Clerk

FFY 18-27 STIP Application Cover Sheet



Newport

Please complete this form and the project prioritization sheets on the following pages.

CONTACT	Contact Information
	Applicant Name: <u>William R. Riccio, Jr., PE</u>
	Contact Person (if different): _____ Title: <u>Director of Public Services</u>
	Mailing Address: <u>280 Spring Street</u>
	City: <u>Newport</u> Zip Code: <u>02840</u>
	Phone: <u>845-5841</u> Email: <u>wriccio@cityofnewport.com</u>

CERTIFICATION	Applicant Certification
	<u>Joseph V. Nicholson, Jr. City Manager</u> Date <u>7-27-17</u> Contact Person Signature
	<u>[Signature]</u> <u>7-27-17</u> Date

CHECKLIST	Submittal Checklist
	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 collated copies of complete STIP submittal package, including:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Project Prioritization cover sheet
	<input type="checkbox"/> New Project Application Form for each new or updated project
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-page narrative on evaluation criteria
	<input type="checkbox"/> 8.5" x 11" PDF map of project location
	<input type="checkbox"/> Email a copy of complete STIP submittal package to Michael.DAlessandro@doa.ri.gov or provide on a CD
	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit complete STIP submittal package to:
	Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program ATTN: Michael D'Alessandro One Capitol Hill Providence, RI 02908

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Project Prioritization

Newport



PROJECT PRIORITIZATION	Priority	Earliest Funded Year RIDOT/RIPTA 18-27 Ten Year Plan	Project Name	STIP ID	Bridge Group
	MED	2020	JT Connell Hwy (Admiral Kalbfus to Rt 114)	1364	Non-Bridge
	LOW	2021	Thames and Spring Streetscape Improvements	5105	Non-Bridge
	LOW	2021	Marlborough Street/West Marlborough Streetscape Improvements	5108	Non-Bridge
	HIGH	2021	Safe Routes to School - Bedlow Avenue/Hillside Avenue Sidewalks	5109	Non-Bridge
	LOW	2018	Ocean Avenue Anna2 Bridge at Goose Neck Cove	6376	Bridge Group 15
	HIGH	2018	Old Colony Ramp North, RI 138 WB at Newport Secondary RR	6377	Bridge Group 15
	HIGH	2018	Van Zandt Ave RR Bridge	6378	Bridge Group 15
	MED	2022	Goat Island Causeway at Newport Harbor	6379	Bridge Group 50
	HIGH	2021	Shared-Use Trail Path Along Newport Secondary Rail Corridor	9003	Non-Bridge
	LOW	2018	Railroad At-Grade Crossing - Poplar and Elm Streets	9010	Non-Bridge
HIGH	2018	Reconstructing Pell Bridge approaches	9201	Non-Bridge	

FFY 18-27 STIP Application/Project Priority Form



Newport

Newly Proposed Projects *(Please use an additional sheet if necessary)*

PROJECT PRIORITIZATION	Priority	Project Name	STIP ID
	MED	Bellevue Avenue Improvements	NA
	MED	Farewell Street Enhancements	NA

FFY 18-27 Project Application Form



State Transportation Improvement Program

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 City Newport Zip Code 02840
 Phone 845-5841 Email wriccio@cityofnewport.com

PROJECT INFORMATION

Type of Project *select all that apply*

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|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pavement | <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Transit | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation Enhancement | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Enter Other Project Type</u> | | |

Project Description

Was this project previously submitted during the FFY17-25 STIP development process? Yes / No

If you selected no, please continue to the "Current Project Title" Section

If you selected yes, please answer the following:

What was the Project Title? Farewell Street Pavement Preservation and ADA Sidewalk Improvements

What was the TIP ID# assigned to the project at that time (4-digit number)? NA

Current Project Title Farewell Street Enhancements

Location by Street Name Farewell Street

Project Limits - From America's Cup Avenue To Van Zandt Avenue

Please include an 8.5" x 11" map of the site, indicating project limits.

Provide a brief description of the proposed project:

Farewell Street is a Principal Arterial that serves to provide ingress and egress from the City of Newport via the Pell Bridge and points north. The facility is comprised of two travel lanes and one sidewalk with highway style cobra lighting on the east side. Cemeteries lie adjacent to both sides of the roadway creating the existing gateway effect as one enters the city. The existing roadway is approaching a stage that pavement preservation techniques will provide a treatment that will extend the lifecycle of this corridor at minimal cost and great benefit. The existing highway lighting foundations protrude vertically from the sidewalks thereby creating a challenge for pedestrians to navigate. Farewell Street outbound is fed from the south via the locally maintained portion of this facility that was reconstructed in 2015 as well as America's Cup Avenue. As a point of entry, Farewell serves both Thames Street which was reconstructed by the city in 2012 and America's Cup Avenue where all but a small portion of the facility was upgraded in 2016 by RIDOT. This project is proposed to include pavement preservation (thin overlay or alternative surface preservation treatment,) new granite curbing to conform with city ordinance and new decorative street lighting that would be maintained by the city. These enhancements could also provide a link to the recently completed pedestrian improvements along America's Cup Avenue if the sidewalk and curbing improvements could continue on a small portion of America's Cup Avenue that was not completed in that project. This project will increase mobility options while creating a safer connection for users from the city's north end which will also provide transportation equity in the community.

Describe need for proposed project:

This project will provide enhancements that will benefit the city and the state through better defining the user experience of entering and exiting the City of Newport, a major tourist destination in our state. The project will expand mobility options by creating an accessible pedestrian connection to those who desire to walk from the north end of the city to the city center. The City of Newport is willing to participate in the funding of this project in an amount to be determined in order to create a mutually beneficial partnership between the state and federal governments.

Describe anticipated municipal or state transportation network or economic development benefits:

Improvements along this corridor will assist with advancing and improving economic opportunities involving development, job creation, and tourism.

Is the project consistent with the local Comprehensive Plan? Yes No

Has the project been the subject of a properly conducted municipal public hearing? Yes No

Is the project on the Federal Aid System? Yes No

Is the project on the National Highway System? Yes No

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Evaluation Criteria

Please address the following topics as they relate to the project. Refer to "An Overview of TIP Guiding Principles" for more information. Submission **must not exceed** 2 pages, single-spaced, 12-point font.

1. Mobility Benefits
2. Cost Effectiveness
3. Economic Development
4. Environmental Impact
5. Supports Local and State Goals
6. Safety and Security
7. Equity

PROJECT ESTIMATES

Project Estimates

	ROW	Study	Design	Construction	Total
Estimated Project Costs			\$ 100,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00

Amount Requested through TIP Process \$ 1,200,000.00

Is there funding from other sources committed to this project? Yes No

Source	Amount
The City of Newport is willing to participate in the funding of this project. Lighting maintenance will be programmed into future operating budgets as applicable.	
Total	\$ 0.00

Estimated date of construction 07/15/2019

CERTIFICATION

Municipal Applications

I attest that the information provided on this application is true and accurate.

Joseph J. Nicholson, Jr. City Manager _____ Date 7-27-17

Chief Executive or Elected Municipal Official Signature

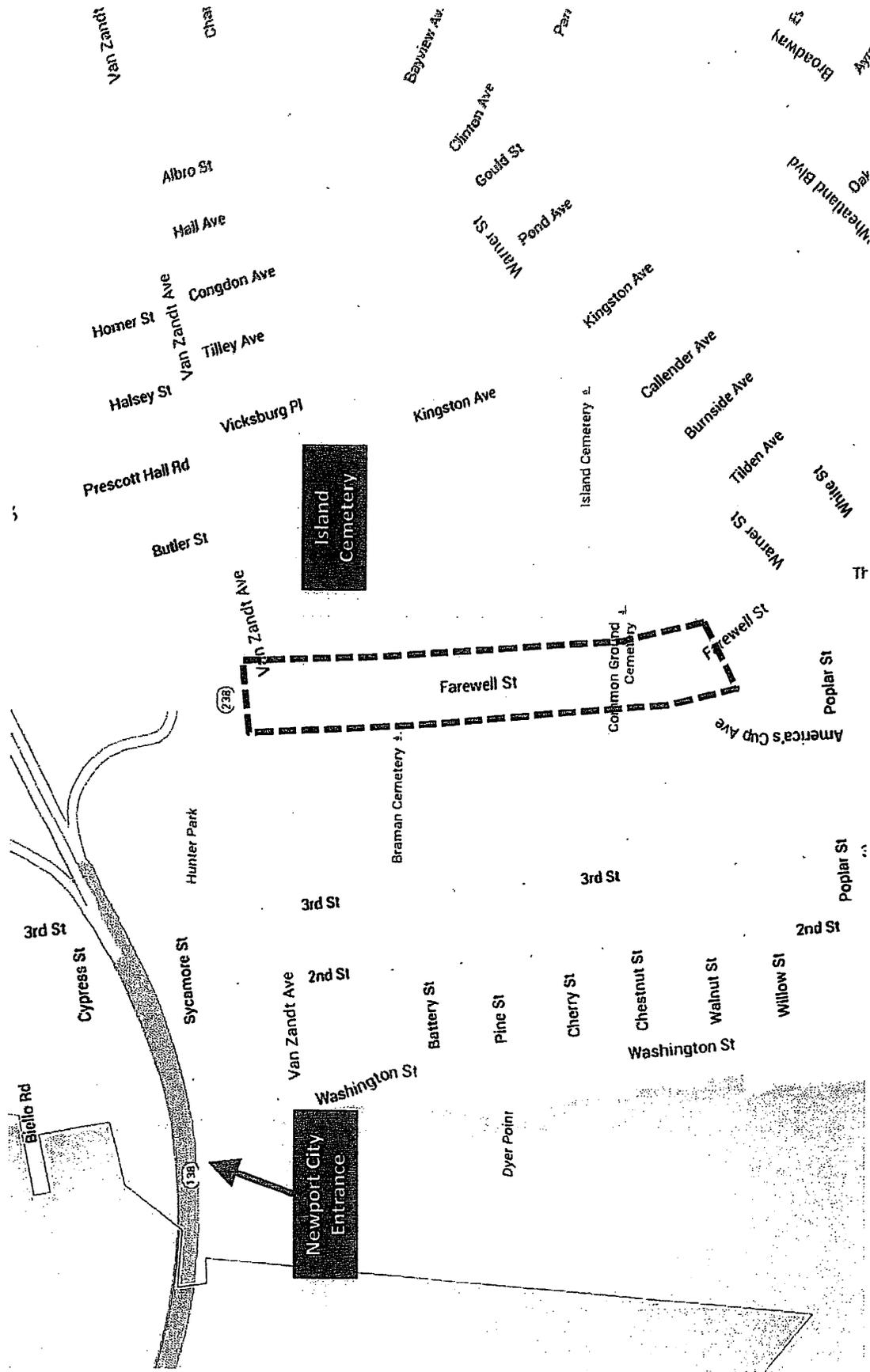
Non-Municipal Applications

I attest that the municipality in which the project is located has been notified of the proposed project.

 Chief Executive or Elected Municipal Official Signature Date

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Farewell Street from America's Cup Avenue to Van Zandt Avenue



--- Limit of Work — Point of Interest

FFY 18-27 Project Application Form



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Project Description

Was this project previously submitted during the FFY17-25 STIP development process? Yes / No

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What was the Project Title? Bellevue Avenue ADA Sidewalks/Access Improvements
 What was the TIP ID# assigned to the project at that time (4-digit number)? NA

Current Project Title Bellevue Avenue Improvements
 Location by Street Name Bellevue Avenue
 Project Limits - From Kay Street To Ocean Avenue

Please include an 8.5" x 11" map of the site, indicating project limits.

Provide a brief description of the proposed project:

Bellevue Avenue, a two lane concrete roadway that serves as a Minor Arterial in the City of Newport, was constructed by RIDOT 25-30 years ago. A great example of one of Newport's complete streets, the roadway experiences heavy volumes of a variety of users including but not limited to pedestrians, bicyclists, mopeds and other alternative vehicles, passenger vehicles, heavy vehicles, public and private buses and trolleys and many others. Brick and/or chip sealed stone sidewalks align this corridor, a major international tourist destination in the State of Rhode Island. Bellevue Avenue is home to the iconic mansions of the Gilded Age in addition to being in close proximity to the renowned Cliff Walk. The Newport Preservation Society welcomed more than one million visitors to the mansions in 2016 each of which used Bellevue Avenue to reach their destination via some mode of transportation.

The City of Newport has been spending approximately \$300K to \$500K annually to perform concrete joint repairs along the roadway to combat concrete deterioration. In addition, the city funded capital upgrades to the decorative lighting to make them more energy efficient. Present conditions indicate that there are approximately \$1.5 to \$2.0 million dollars worth of concrete repairs (estimate developed based upon field inspection and measurement in October 2015) while taking into account repairs performed in 2016 and the \$300K that will be spent in 2017. Although the City of Newport plans to continue performing these annual maintenance activities, it recognizes that the maintenance needs of this facility are becoming unsustainable and capital outlay is necessary in the coming years. In addition to the roadway needs, the chip sealed sidewalks need capital repairs in order to fully address accessibility concerns along this corridor.

This project will increase accessibility and mobility options for all users while assisting with the increase of tourism in the State of Rhode Island.

Describe need for proposed project:

The need for this project relates to providing equity for all users of the transportation system along this major tourist destination in the City of Newport and the State of Rhode Island.

Describe anticipated municipal or state transportation network or economic development benefits:

Improvements along this corridor will assist with advancing and improving tourism which will yield economic benefits to the state.

Is the project consistent with the local Comprehensive Plan? Yes No

Has the project been the subject of a properly conducted municipal public hearing? Yes No

Is the project on the Federal Aid System? Yes No

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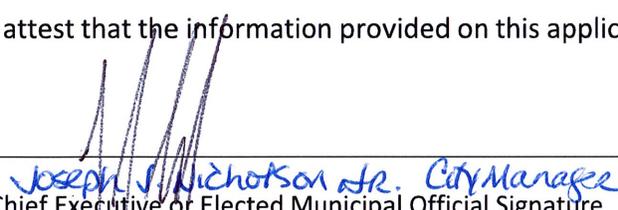
Source	Amount
The sidewalks are estimated at approximately \$1,800,000 and the roadway improvement estimates will be based upon the preferred surface option to be determined.	
Total	\$ 0.00

Estimated date of construction 07/15/2021

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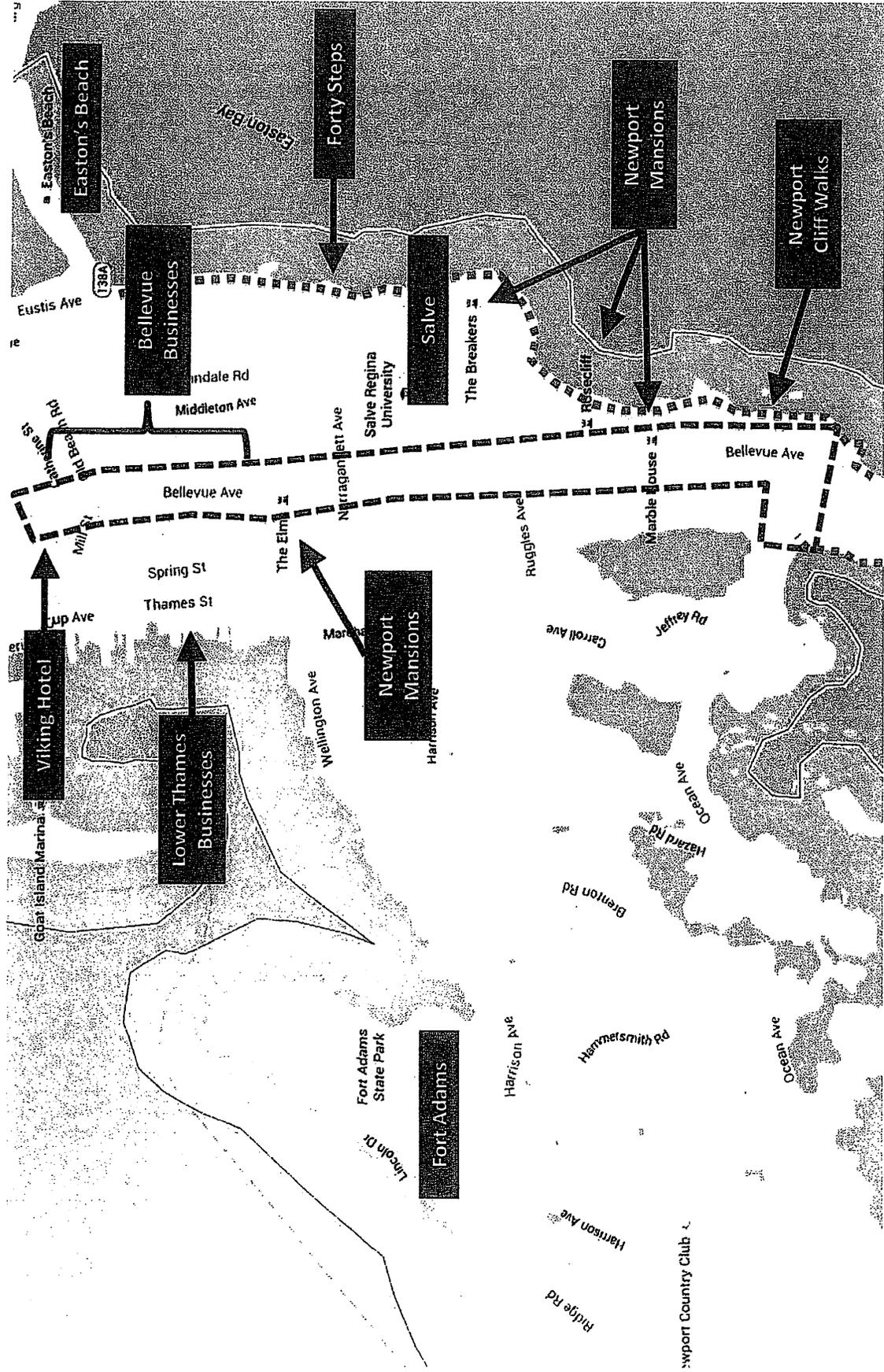
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Bellevue Avenue from Kay Street to Ocean Avenue



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