

# Fall River, Route 79/Davol Street Improvements Project (#608049)

## Project Fact Sheet



### **Project Purpose and Need**

The purpose of the project is to promote economic growth in the City by creating new developable parcels of land and to establish multimodal connectivity between the neighborhoods and the waterfront.

### **Existing Conditions**

- Route 79 between the Veterans Memorial Bridge and Central Street is a divided limited access highway carrying two lanes in each direction with a speed limit ranging between 40 mph and 45 mph.
- Route 79 carries approximately between 20,000 and 30,000 vehicles per day and has excess capacity.
- Northbound Davol Street carries approximately 5,000 vehicles per day south of President Avenue and 16,000 vehicles per day between President Avenue and the Veterans Memorial Bridge.
- Southbound Davol Street carries approximately 5,000 vehicles per day south of President Avenue and 10,000 vehicles per day between President Avenue and the Veterans Memorial Bridge.
- Only access between neighborhoods east of Route 79 and the waterfront is via President Avenue.
- There are no dedicated provisions for bicyclists within the project corridor.

### **Proposed Project Improvements**

The project combines Route 79 with northbound and southbound Davol Street which allows:

- Creation of 19 acres of new developable parcels
- Additional 9 acres of open space
- Reduction of total number of travel lanes from four to two lanes in each direction
- Establishment of four cross street connections between neighborhoods and waterfront at:
  - Brightman Street
  - President Avenue
  - Hathaway Street (South Coast Rail Commuter Station Connection)
  - Turner Street
- Provision of two miles of sidewalks and over two miles of shared use paths
- Separation of storm and sanitary sewer and addition of water quality infiltration basins
- Addition of coordinated traffic signals along Route 79
- Introduction of landscaping elements throughout the corridor
- Replacement of bridge carrying northbound Route 79 at the southern project end

### **Anticipated Project Milestones**

- Fall/winter of 2021 – Environmental Permitting, 25% Design, and Right-of-Way Procurement
- Winter 2022 – Advertisement/Request for Proposals (RFP)
- Summer 2022 – Contract Awarded to Design-Build Proposer
- Fall 2025 – Roadway and Bridge Full Beneficial Use (FBU)