

**TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RHODE ISLAND**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2026 - 8298  
ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT – 2026 BOND  
REFERENDA**

WHEREAS, proposed legislation in the Rhode Island General Assembly known as House Bill 2026 - 8298, An Act Relating To Capital Development – 2026 Bond Referenda, would submit the State’s capital development program requesting the issuance of general obligation bonds totaling twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) to support the bicycle mobility plan, for approval of the electorate at the general election to be held on November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the South Kingstown Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee has informed the Town Council that the bond referendum would provide direct funding for a statewide bicycle system consisting of a seamless off-road and on-street network that would provide transportation and recreational links statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Town would benefit from the State’s support of creating and enhancing safe bicycle routes for residents who wish to bike to work, students who wish to bike to school and after-school activities, and residents and visitors seeking recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, this funding would also help with design and engineering costs for pedestrian and bicyclist access to the Town’s Marina Park and a coastal route to the South Kingstown Town Beach, as well as other funding for the priority bicycle projects identified in Safe Streets for All;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of South Kingstown respectfully requests that the Rhode Island General Assembly enact the above-referenced legislation known as House Bill 8298; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the members of the Town's Legislative Delegation.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL ACTION ON this 27th day of April 2026.

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Emily R. Houle

South Kingstown Town Clerk on behalf of the Town Council

