

# **“New Bedford needs a flashing crosswalk sign on E. Rodney French Blvd. before someone gets hurt.”**

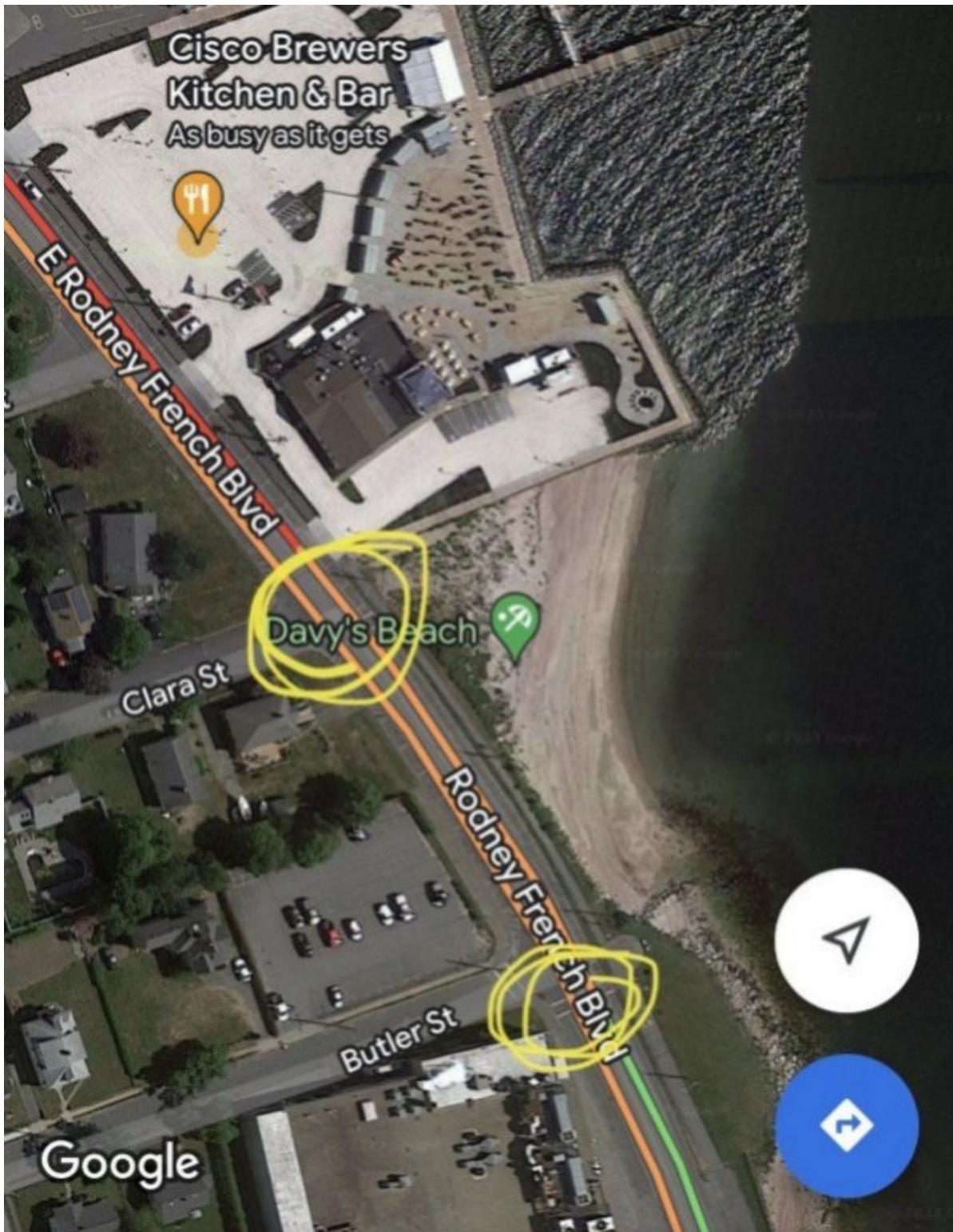
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“It’s that time of year again where people park along East Rodney French to go to Cisco Brewers. As a person who lives in the immediate neighborhood, I enjoy walking along the water with my toddler in her carriage. Being that there is no official crosswalk at the end of Apponagansette St, I usually walk to the end of Butler St and “attempt” to cross East Rodney French there.

We all know that the point has always been a cruising route and has an uptick in traffic during the summer months even without the more recent congestion due to Cisco. I noticed driving by today that people are already parking on top of the crosswalk at the end of Butler Street making it nearly impossible to safely cross.



*Google Maps photo.*

Last year there were lines painted to give ten feet or so on either side of the crosswalk and a construction barrel was placed in the middle of the crosswalk at an attempt to slow people down. I found it to be a futile effort if I'm being honest. I would sometimes watch as 10+ cars go by and stare at me waiting to cross with my stroller in tow.

I'm sure that Cisco has brought in revenue to the city and I think it's a nice addition to the South End. I feel that the crosswalks at least along Cisco Brewers should have a flashing crosswalk sign in order to keep everyone safe and hopefully prevent any unnecessary accidents from happening."-Ashley Hobbs.