

*Caller Questions*

1. **Laurie from Northern RI: Travels every day from northern R.I. to Middletown. On Wednesday, August 24, Route 24 South was down to one lane. What was the issue?**

As I mentioned last week, I sit on the board for the R.I. Turnpike and Bridge Authority. I looked into Laurie's questions. RITBA has an ongoing bridge inspection for the Sakonnet River Bridge. This requires a lane closure during the daytime. They make every effort to do this outside the peak commuting times, but it is to keep people safe.

2. **Kathleen from Lincoln: There was an earlier question about a stop sign at the intersection of Mussey Brook Road and Route 126.**

Our maintenance division went there and noticed some excessive brush blocking the stop sign and cut it down. We didn't see any other issues there.

3. **Louis from Middletown: At the intersection of Valley Road and Aquidneck Avenue, is a roundabout being considered?**

The intersection of Valley Road and Aquidneck Avenue is part of the 10-year plan and slated for improvements in 2019. The project does include a roundabout, along with resurfacing, sidewalk replacement, and ADA improvements.

4. **Tom: Regarding the Park & Ride on Route 2 in North Kingstown, who bought it?**

As I said last week, we're pleased to sell this property for \$2.1 million. It will be used in this case, we expect to use it for the new Pawtucket-Central Falls Train Station. The highest bidder was Tracy J. Roll of TMC New England, LLC.

*Emailed Questions*

1. **Virginia from Tiverton: The merge signs say to merge right as you get onto I-195 East from South Water Street, under the Iway Bridge. You have to merge left as the approach goes to one lane.**

We reviewed the signage and Virginia is correct. We are fabricating new signs and will have them installed in two weeks.

2. **Allan from Johnston: The red light at the intersection of Atwood Avenue and Plainfield Street is not working properly. Sometimes only a few cars get through the green light before it turns yellow, sometimes it runs normally.**

If there is a gap in the traffic waiting for the light, the signals start changing sooner than if there was a continuous line of cars waiting at the light. And if someone waiting in line isn't paying attention, looking at their phone or texting perhaps, their hesitation creates those gaps.

3. **Peter from Coventry: At the new signal at Routes 3 and 102 in Exeter, cars are backing up. Also, why are sidewalks present in a rural, wooded area.**

We will review Peter's concerns. The signal remains under construction and the timings have not been finalized. The sidewalks and crossing signals were added under a design from the previous administration. Going forward we will not expend dollars to add those features to intersections where there clearly is limited or no pedestrian traffic.

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