

Caller Questions

1. Kate from Warwick – Wants to know when striping and crosswalks will be installed on Fountain Street in Providence

We contacted the City of Providence and learned that Fountain Street is currently being paved, with temporary striping to follow. Final completion is slated for Spring 2017.

2. Jennifer from Seekonk – On Eddy Street in Providence, the pavement condition is bad on the overpass

We have a project in our 10 year plan for this bridge, starting in 2019.

3. Chester from East Providence – On the Henderson Bridge (aka Red Bridge) – Jersey Barriers and condition of bridge

This structurally deficient bridge is due for replacement in 2025 for \$5 million. The Jersey barriers, which we own, are in place to help keep traffic from going too close to the deteriorated areas.

4. John from South Kingstown – There is corrosion, missing cement and exposed rebar at the Service Avenue/Airport Connector/Route 113 bridges

The bridges John mentions were part of a bridge preservation program that began in Spring 2013. While it included tasks such as replacing joints, steel repairs, and painting, it was limited in scope and did not address the entire bridge's needs. This was a failure of the past administration and should have happened. I'm pleased to report that the new administration included these bridges in a future bridge project to be addresses in 2018, including repairs to the Hillsgrove Bridge, carrying Service Avenue over I-95, and the Airport Connector Bridge over I-95. Repairs to the Route 113 (East Avenue) Bridge over I-95 actually will be done by the end of this year.

5. Marilyn from Providence – There is poor signage and lighting at the entrance to Route 403

We believe the location Marilyn was referring is actually West Davisville Road heading to the Route 403 Westbound on-ramp in North Kingstown. There is some advance signing, but to better assist motorists, we will fabricate an additional sign and have it in place by mid-October.

As for the lighting, we have notified the Town of North Kingstown who said they will look at installing additional lighting, as warranted.

Emailed Questions

1. Michael from Bristol – When are you making intersection Improvements to Route 136 (Metacom Avenue) in Bristol?

Starting in 2017, we will be making safety improvements along Route 136 (Metacom Avenue) in Bristol by installing new traffic signal systems and turning lanes at three separate intersections:

- Tupelo Street/Michael Drive
- Chestnut Street/Annawamscutt Drive
- Bayview Avenue

2. Donna Friel – Rough pavement condition on Route 2 North and South near Rhode Island Mall

We have a bridge rehabilitation project underway now for four bridges on Route 2 in the area Donna is asking about. This work will address needed repair work for the bridges before they reach an advanced state of deficiency, which would cost three to four times more than what we're spending here. Our project also includes paving the area Donna is concerned about, beginning at the intersection with Route 2 and the Sears Automotive Center/Rhode Island Mall to just before West Natick Road near Warwick Mall. The paving is scheduled for June 2017.

3. Steve Brophy from Wakefield – Concerned about roadwork on Route 108 in Narragansett and notification to URI students who commute

Due to ongoing comments received by both communities from residents and commuters like Steve, we have been involved in recent discussions between National Grid and its contractor (which is performing this work for the Deep Water Wind Project) and the Towns of Narragansett and South Kingstown.

National Grid has a website with more information including expected traffic disruptions at: www.sea2shoreri.com.

Contact Us

- Call RIDOT for potholes, litter, debris in roadway at 222-2378
- www.dot.ri.gov/help
- dot.customerservice@dot.ri.gov
- Road kill – DEM – 222-3070 ([recently killed deer only](#)). Otherwise call RIDOT at 222-2378
- Bike Path issues: DEM – 222-3070 for East Bay and Blackstone bikeways. Otherwise, the city or town in which the path is located in the proper contact.
- National Grid [1-800-322-3223](tel:1-800-322-3223)
- RIPTA [784-9500](tel:784-9500)
- MBTA [1-800-392-6100](tel:1-800-392-6100)/[617-222-3200](tel:617-222-3200)

