

**RIDOT Director Peter Alviti with Gene Valicenti on WPRO – January 15, 2026**

**Caller Questions from January 8, 2026**

- 1. Brett from South Kingstown: Called to follow up claiming Google maps is still directing people into his driveway along Lab Hill Drive from Route 1 in South Kingstown**

Our Office of Asset Information Systems staff checked again and reported they do not see this happening on their end. If Brett could please reach out to our Constituent Services office at [help@ridot.net](mailto:help@ridot.net), they will connect him with our staff in that office to get a better handle on the issue.

- 2. Steve from his car: Claims the temporary patch put in after a new water line was installed for the new State Police facility is causing people to drive on the other side of the Road on New London Turnpike in West Greenwich**

RIDOT has no jurisdiction as this is a town road. We let them know about Steve's concerns and he's welcome to get in touch with them at 392-3800.

- 3. John from Warwick: Suggested we install a "no right turn on red" sign to reduce conflicts from those exiting the Cumberland Farms onto West Natick Road near the mall in Warwick**

Our Traffic engineers reviewed John's request and found it had enough merit to forward to the State Traffic Commission (STC.) They'll do a study to see if such a sign is warranted. If it is, they'll give the go ahead and we'll install the sign. John is welcome to track the STC's progress by emailing [DOT.STC@dot.ri.gov](mailto:DOT.STC@dot.ri.gov).

- 4. Joe from Cranston: Wondered if anything could be done about the protesters he said are hanging no war in Venezuela signs at the overpass from Route 37 to I-95 North in Cranston**

We alerted the Rhode Island State Police about Joe's concerns. They will continue to keep an eye on it and other areas like this to make sure no one is causing any safety issues or breaking the law.

**5. Chris from Chepachet and Senator David Tikoian from Smithfield: Both called with similar concerns about the unraveling crack sealing material along Route 44 and its sidewalks in Smithfield**

Our Maintenance crews swept the roadway and sidewalks along Route 44 in this area. It appears when our crack sealing occurred it was either too late in the season or too much material was put down. Current reports from the field show the cracks are still sealed and flush with the pavement, but we will continue to keep an eye on it.

**6. Jeff from Wakefield: Requested we relocate the stop sign on Ministerial Road at Post Road in South Kingstown as he said it's so far off the road, people are blowing through it**

Weather permitting, we will relocate the sign closer to the intersection and add additional stop signs on the left side as well.

**7. Karen from Warwick: Concerned about the inconsistent speed limits on Route 117 (Centerville Road) in Warwick, saying they range from 40 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour**

Our Traffic Maintenance staff changed the 40 mph speed limit signs to 35 mph in this area along Route 117 (Centerville Road) in Warwick, to make it more consistent. There are fluctuations in speed limits along this road and many others because of differing conditions such as denser development, pedestrian walkways, school zones, etc.

The speed limit along most of Centerville Road is 35 mph, except a 25-mph zone near Scott Elementary School, a 30-mph zone east of the I-95 ramps heading into Apponaug, and a 30-mph zone heading west from Coit Avenue to New London Avenue in West Warwick.

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- **Administrative Offices:** 1-401-423-0800
- **EZ-Pass Customer Service:** 1-877-743-9727

Contact Us

- Call RIDOT for potholes, litter, debris in roadway at [222-2378](tel:222-2378), and check out how you can help combat it at: [www.ridot.net/cleanrhodes](http://www.ridot.net/cleanrhodes)
- Website link to Gene's show: [www.ridot.net/news](http://www.ridot.net/news)
- Call weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. [222-2450](tel:222-2450) or Email for help: [help@ridot.net](mailto:help@ridot.net)
- Website for help: [www.ridot.net/help](http://www.ridot.net/help)
- Roadkill – DEM – [222-3070](tel:222-3070) (recently killed deer only). Otherwise call RIDOT at [222-2378](tel:222-2378)
- Bike Path issues: DEM – [222-3070](tel:222-3070) for East Bay and Blackstone bikeways. Otherwise, the city or town in which the path is located is 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)