

**RIDOT Director Peter Alviti with Gene Valicenti on WPRO – February 5, 2026**

*Caller Questions from January 29, 2026*

- 1. Bea from Smithfield: Asked when Whipple Road in Smithfield would be repaved, claiming it's very hilly and gutted**

This is not our road, so we reached out to the Town of Smithfield on Bea's behalf. Their DPW Director said portions of Whipple Road (including the "hill") were paved in fall 2020 and 2023. Per available funding, the section from Route 7 east to the Lincoln Town line is scheduled to be paved in summer 2027.

- 2. Jim from Lincoln: Wondered when Route 122 (Mendon Road), from I-295 to Angell Road, in Cumberland would be fixed**

As part of an ongoing project, Mendon Road will be paved this summer.

To let Jim and your other listeners know, this past weekend, we were informed of a water main break in the immediate area. We notified Cumberland Water who addressed the situation and patched the existing pavement.

- 3. Steve from Warwick: Concerned about the condition of I-95 from Jefferson Boulevard to Providence after the lanes and striping were adjusted**

Weather permitting, crews for our I-95 15 Bridges project have been patching potholes in this area during overnight operations. Aided by our Maintenance Division, they will continue doing so as necessary while ongoing construction activities progress.

- 4. Ray from Woonsocket: Reported poor striping on Route 101**

Although Ray did not specify any limits along Route 101 (Hartford Pike), it covers about 12 miles from the Connecticut line to Route 6 in Scituate. It was last striped in 2025 and keeping with our schedule, it will again be striped in spring 2027. Should Ray have a specific area along Route 101 that he thinks needs further review, we ask that he email us at [help@ridot.net](mailto:help@ridot.net) and we will take another look.

**5. Kim from Scituate: Said the timing is off at the traffic signal crossing over Route 2 (Bald Hill Road) at Toll Gate Road in Warwick**

We recently improved the existing traffic signal technology at this intersection. After Kim's call, our project contractor made some adjustments to provide more time for eastbound motorists traveling from Toll Gate Road to cross Route 2 (Bald Hill Road.) Please keep in mind, however, that the new technology is designed to keep the more heavily traveled Bald Hill Road moving.

**6. Larry from Mapleville: Asked if anything is planned for Victory Highway going through the Burrillville villages of Mapleville and Oakland**

We understand fixing Victory Highway is a priority for Larry and other residents of Burrillville. Bridges, however, are RIDOT's top priority and unfortunately those safety concerns have caused us to plan most pavement projects in the state beyond 2030. Currently, Victory Highway is scheduled for pavement reconstruction in 2031.

**7. Prince from Cranston: Said the traffic signal should be removed from the exit lane at the Job Lot Plaza on Elmwood Avenue in Cranston**

Our traffic engineers checked and determined replacing the signal is not needed. Rather they recommend replacing the severely faded striping within the Job Lot Plaza driveway to separate the traffic heading to and from the traffic signal. Our business outreach folks then notified Job Lot and learned they have a plan in place to restripe their parking lot and entrances this spring/summer.

**8. Jim from Warwick: Reported the traffic signal on Route 117 at Commonwealth Avenue in Warwick is not working**

We appreciate Jim's call. Snow blocking the westbound turn lane caused temporary traffic backups at this intersection. The snow was cleared and the signal checked. It is operating correctly as designed.

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