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Representative Marvin L. Abney
State House Room 306
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Representative Abney,

At the DOT Budget hearing that took place on March 11, 2025, committee members requested additional information on a variety of topics. The outstanding questions along with answers are listed below.

- **Representative Slater requested the Department have a neighborhood meeting for Bridge Group 4 project, which is the project replacing 15 bridges and other improvements along the I-95 and Route 10 corridors.**

DOT's outreach section has reached out to Representative Slater and will continue to work with him and other appropriate parties to schedule a community meeting during Spring 2025 to discuss the project.

- **What is the cost of turning the tolling gantries back on and the assessment being done by the vendor?**

The tolling network of 13 locations or a combination of more than 30 actual gantries has laid dormant for a long period of time therefore DOT is in the process of working with the vendor to complete an assessment of that system to determine which pieces of equipment need to be upgraded, updated or replaced. The assessment will also determine the schedule and cost of turning the system back on. DOT is also working with the vendor and other parties to determine the software systems needed for the collection of the tolls.

The estimated cost for the assessment is \$1.1 million and it is expected to take 2-3 months to complete.

- **What is the status of the Wood Street paving project?**

This location has a drainage repair project led by DOT's Maintenance Division which should be completed summer 2025.

The paving project will not only pave the road, but it will include 12 ADA compliant ramps and stormwater quality improvements. Design for the paving project will begin in 2025.

- **When will the contractor be back to finish the small paving section on the Pavement Improvements-Little Compton, Tiverton project?**

The wall was not part of this project and is not currently in the STIP. RIDOT's Planning division is assessing the wall for resiliency impacts to determine the appropriate path forward. At that time the project will be programmed into the STIP.

The small stretch of paving was not considered as part of the paving project due to the condition of the wall. The Department is looking into interim pavement improvements until the full project, including the sidewalks and wall can be programmed into the STIP.

- **Can interim paving repairs be done on East Main Rd. until the full project begins?**

The Department went out and assessed East Main Rd. from Clements to the Town line. RIDOT Maintenance division will make temporary improvements in those areas determined by the Department. The improvements will be completed during this construction season.

- **When will the pedestrian crosswalk signals on 117 be functional?**

The pedestrian crosswalk signals were synchronized on March 19, 2025.

- **Why are the EV fees structured as a flat fee versus by weight?**

Department of Administration Office of Management and Budget will provide a response separately.

If you should have any additional questions or need more Information, please contact me at loren.doyle@dot.ri.gov or (401) 563-4524.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loren Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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