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The Honorable Evan P. Shanley, Chairperson  
House State Government and Elections Committee  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

RE:2024 – H 7759 - RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

Dear Chairperson Shanley:

The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) respectfully submits this letter in support of H7759; with the following amendments.

In 2016 the Rhode Island General Assembly passed the Rhode Works legislation [S2246Aaa.pdf \(state.ri.us\)](#) and [H7409Aaa.pdf \(state.ri.us\)](#) into law.

Within the approved law there is a reporting component to the bill §42-13.1-16. This document has become the Rhode Island Department of Transportation Quarterly report. RIDOT has expanded this report beyond what was requested in the legislation to include a “special projects” insert.

Our proposal is to include the Washington Bridge in this section of the quarterly report. We can provide the following:

- Costs submitted for police, fire, rescue and school versus the proposed legislation of accrued;
- An updated timeline regarding actions to be undertaken on the Washington Bridge, including but not limited to, repairs, alternation, or replacement of all or a portion of the structures;
- A list of prime consulting firms retained;
- Adjustments made to traffic patterns over the bridge;
- Adjustments the department anticipates making to these traffic patterns;
- Data on traffic delays for the period covered by the report, including:
- Average and maximum traffic delay times during the weekday morning rush hours of seven (7:00) AM to ten (10:00) AM, and the afternoon rush hours of (3:00) PM to six (6:00) PM: and
- Average and maximum traffic delay times during the weekends and holidays, and the time of those delays.
- The projected costs for repairing the bridge and for replacing the bridge, and any combination thereof and for any segments or portions thereof;
- Submitted, eligible and paid cost year to date for municipal expenses.

By adding this to our Quarterly Report this will allow us to generate this information using the process which is currently in place. This will allow staff the time needed to compile this data, synthesize and organize it into clear and concise document.

This information will also be posted to our website and we will include a link to this report from the Washington Bridge project page for easy access.

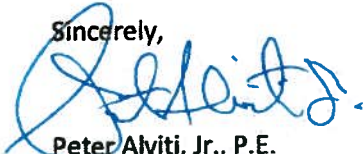
Attached is a copy of the report we will utilize to transmit this information. RIDOT will also provide a narrative to go along with the quarterly reporting that can speak to any other information which is available.

The requirement for the Director to attest to the quarterly report would be difficult if not impossible given the large number of personnel that would be submitting information contained in the report. Attestation of this magnitude of reporting included in this bill would require an expenditure of considerable funding to hire independent consultants that would study and analyze every aspect of data being submitted by the Department even then the attestation could only be rendered conditionally based on the accuracy of information submitted. We are also of the opinion that RI Department of Health would be a more appropriate Department that is readily equipped for assessing health impacts and risks.

In addition, we meet with EMS monthly and can report out the information provided by them on impacts in our quarterly report. All information related to the investigation or audit will be shared as allowed by investigatory agencies. If there should be any substantial changes to the budget, project or schedule we will immediately notify the parties noted in the proposed legislation.

We thank you for your consideration and review.

Sincerely,



Peter Alviti, Jr., P.E.

Director, Rhode Island Department of Transportation

cc: The Honorable Members of the House State Government and Elections Committee  
The Honorable Katherine S. Kazarian  
Nicole McCarty, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House

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# Quarterly Report

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**Reporting Elements required by Legislation \_\_\_\_\_**

<b>Washington Bridge Construction</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Completion</b>	<b>Status</b>
Washington Bridge Rehabilitation Contract-Design Build			
Emergency Repairs			
Washington Bridge-Demolition Contract (Design Build)			
Washington Bridge-Rebuild Contract (Design Build)			

<b>Costs</b>	<b>Original Est Budget</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Paid YTD</b>
Washington Bridge Rehabilitation Contract-Design Build			
Emergency Repairs			
Washington Bridge-Demolition Contract (Design Build)			
Washington Bridge-Rebuild Contract (Design Build)			
<b>Total</b>			

<b>Municipality Costs</b>	<b>Submitted Requests</b>	<b>Eligible Requests</b>	<b>Paid to date</b>
<b>East Providence</b>			
Police (including details)			
Fire & Rescue			
School			
Miscellaneous			

<b>Providence</b>			
Police (including details)			
Fire & Rescue			
School			
Miscellaneous			

<b>Traffic Data-Summary</b>	<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>YTD Total</b>
Total accidents involving motor vehicles		
Motor vehicle accidents involving pedestrians		
Motor vehicle accidents involving cyclists		
Motor vehicle accidents involving construction equipment		

This data reflects the area between point A and Point B