

Caller Questions

1. Nancy from Cumberland – Asked about Sunken Bricks in the Crosswalk at Diamond Hill Road and Route 116 in Cumberland

We are aware of this issue and are meeting with the town this week to see if we can do accelerated repairs. If we can't, we will incorporate the repairs into a future pavement management contract.

2. Gordon from Warwick - Asked about the Condition of Chatter Strip on Airport Connector Westbound at Jefferson Boulevard and Post Road

I'm pleased to report that our Maintenance Division patched the area on Friday, October 7.

3. Mike from North Providence - Asked about the Proposed Speed Bump in front of North Providence Town Hall on Route 44 (Smith Street)

North Providence came to us asking about a raised crosswalk, which is different from a speed bump, and not nearly as severe. As I mentioned last week, we at RIDOT are not big fans of speed bumps. But we had worked with North Providence before in this area trying to calm traffic and there are still concerns at this site. So we will work with the town to get them through the Physical Alteration Permit (PAP) process, or they can submit it to the State as part of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

4. Renee from South Kingstown - Asked about the Condition of Route 78 in Westerly

Through one of our statewide contracts, we are currently working on the third of three phases to preserve the Potter Hill Road Bridge that carries Route 78 over High Street. The Jersey barrier has been in place for the safety of our workers and the motoring public while we have making some joint repairs on top of the bridge, and steel and concrete repairs under the bridge. Project completion is slated for December.

Emailed Questions

1. Robert – Asked when Route 122 (Lonsdale Avenue) between Higginson Avenue and Weeden Street in Central Falls/Pawtucket might be Paved

We plan to pave Route 122 (Lonsdale Avenue) from Dexter Street to Route 1 in Central Falls/Pawtucket in 2022 and 2023. In the more immediate future, we plan to restripe this area this month.

2. Vincent – Asked about Installing Rumble Strips and Flashing Lights on Route 37 at Natick Road in Cranston

Our Customer Service Office has reached out to Mr. Moses directly.

Back in August of this year, we performed a Safety Assessment of this intersection. Since that date, we have adjusted the traffic signal, and we also plan to install the following:

- Supplemental warning signs and pavement markings approaching the intersection (end of 2016);
- Temporary raised rumble strip warning motorists of the approaching intersection (April 2017, after snow plowing season has ended);
- Overhead flashers and permanent rumble strips, if temporary devices are successful (2017);
- High friction surface treatment to reduce skidding and wet weather related crashes (2018).

Follow up from Earlier Emails

1. David – Asked about the Light at Route 1A and Route 152 in East Providence

Typically, we only have left turns on the side streets at major intersections. That being said, such a change would require a study and approval by the State Traffic Commission (STC) which we will request.

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- Website for help: www.ridot.net/help
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- 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**
- RIPTA **784-9500**
- MBTA **1-800-392-6100/617-222-3200**

