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Governor Lincoln D. Chafee
State of Rhode Island
State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

April 4, 2013

Re: RI - FY 2013 -- 2016 State Transportation Implementation Plan (STIP) Approval

Dear Governor Chafee:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the FY 2013-2016 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment, which was adopted by the State Planning Council/Metropolitan Planning Organization for the State of Rhode Island on February 28, 2013.

In accordance with the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments and 23 CFR § 450.324(b), a conformity determination does not need to be completed since projects in this amendment do not impact the previous conformity determination. Furthermore, we are making the following determinations:

1. The projects in the STIP are based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and Subparts A, B, and C of 23 CFR 450.
2. The TIP is based on a continuing, comprehensive transportation planning process carried on cooperatively with the State, the MPO, and the transit operator in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 and §5303 of the Federal Transit Act.
3. The STIP is determined to be in conformance with the State Implementation Plan for air quality requirements of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93.

Accordingly, the FHWA and the FTA have jointly determined that the Rhode Island STIP Amendment is hereby approved. If there are any questions regarding this action, please feel free to contact Corey Bobba of the FHWA at 401-528-4577 or William Gordon of FTA at 617-494-3514.

Sincerely,

Daniel Berman
Acting Division Administrator
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Mary Beth Mello
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Cc: Mr. Michael Lewis, Director -- RIDOT
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March 15, 2013

Ms. Mary Beth Melo
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
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Mr. Daniel J. Berman
Acting Division Administrator
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380 Westminster Street
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Dear Ms. Melo & Mr. Berman:

The Transportation Advisory Committee approved Minor Amendment #1 to the State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for federal fiscal years 2013-2016 on February 28, 2012. This amendment was requested by the Town of Westerly. Since the most recent call for proposals for the FY 2013-2016 TIP, the Town has been working with the Watch Hill Conservancy to make significant upgrades to Westerly's historic Watch Hill commercial area centered on Bay Street. The goal of these upgrades is to provide for safer pedestrian mobility and lengthen the Bay Street commercial district operating season past the summer months.

The Town of Westerly and the Watch Hill Conservancy have each dedicated \$15,000 (total \$30,000) for the necessary architectural and engineering design to complete streetscape enhancements including restoring sidewalks to ADA standards, resetting curbing to restore the storm water gutter line, improving pedestrian lighting, roadway paving, installing new crosswalks, and providing sidewalk furnishing for pedestrians. The total cost of the proposed improvements is \$563,000.

In addition, the Town was awarded Community Development Block Grant disaster relief (CDBG-DR) funding in the amount of \$1.03 million for drainage improvements and repaving on Canal Street (Railroad Street to White

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Rock Road) and White Rock Road (entire length). Repaving Canal Street (Railroad Street to High Street) was originally in the TIP for \$2.25 million (\$2 million in the Pavement Management Program and \$0.25 million in the Enhancement Program). The CDBG-DR funding will now complete some of the work that was already scheduled in the TIP.

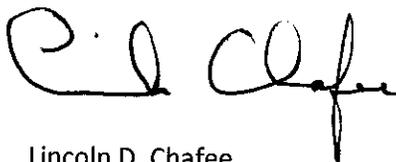
The Town proposed to reduce the amount of funding in the Canal Street paving project by \$563,000 to \$1.69 million to reflect the CDBG-DR award. The Town also proposed that the Bay Street Infrastructure Project as outlined above be added to the TIP in the amount of \$563,000 in FY 2014.

This amendment was classified as a minor amendment which required a public hearing and final decision by the TAC with notice to the State Planning Council. The public hearing was held before the TAC on February 28, 2013. Staff has determined, and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) concurs, that an Air Quality Conformity determination is not required, and the current analysis (completed for the FY 2013-2016 TIP) remains valid.

I hereby approve the amended TIP and provide my assurance that the TIP, this amendment, and any future amendments will satisfy all requirements of state and federal law, regulation, and guidance. I request that you provide the appropriate approvals and certifications so that the transportation projects contained in this TIP may proceed.

Enclosed are copies of the draft Transportation Advisory Committee minutes of February 28, 2013, the draft Public Hearing and Comment Period Report, documentation confirming fiscal constraint, a complete set of amended TIP Tables, and the air quality concurrence letter from RIDEM. If you have any questions about this action, please contact Ms. Linsey Callaghan of the Statewide Planning Program at (401) 222-6479 or linsey.callaghan@doa.ri.gov.

Sincerely,



Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

Enclosures: 4

cc: Mr. Michael P. Lewis, Director, RI Department of Transportation
Mr. Ray Studley, Interim CEO, RI Public Transit Authority
Mr. Kevin Flynn, Chairman, State Planning Council
Ms. Anne E. Arnold, Manager, Environmental Protection Agency

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<u>Administrative Program</u>										
EEO/Training/Motor Carrier Safety				O	\$.50	\$.50	\$.50	\$.50		Support Services - DBE
				O	\$.50	\$.50	\$.50	\$.50		STP
Motor Fuel Tax Evasion Prevention Program				O	\$.10	\$.10	\$.10	\$.10		STP
Project Modifications				C	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00		Bridge
				C	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00		NHS
				C	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00		STP
Administrative Program - Program Total					\$ 9.10	\$ 9.10	\$ 9.10	\$ 9.10	----	

Bike/Pedestrian Program

Safe Routes to School Program	Statewide			DRC	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00		SRTS
Recreational Trails Program	Statewide			C	\$.60	\$.60	\$.60	\$.60		RTP
Bike Path Signage/Bike Map Printing	Statewide			C	\$.03	\$.03	\$.03	\$.04		STP
Colt State Park Bike Path	Bristol			C	\$ 1.88					EM
	Bristol			C	\$.50					STP
	Bristol			C				\$.59		STP Enhancement
Blackstone River Bikeway	Woonsocket	Segment 8A		C	\$ 4.00	\$ 1.00				STP
	Providence	Segment 1A		C			\$ 1.50			STP
Trestle Trail, East Section	Coventry	Town Farm Road to Log Bridge Road	0026F	C	\$ 5.90					EM
Trestle Trail, West Section	Coventry	Log Bridge Road to the CT border	0026M	C		\$ 4.00				EM
Ten Mile River Greenway Segment 1-4 / East Junction track	E. Providence/Pawtucket			C		\$ 1.50	\$ 1.00			STP
East Bay Bike Path Extension	Warren			C		\$ 2.00				STP

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<u>Bike/Pedestrian Program</u>										
Maskerchugg River Bridge Multi-Use Path	Warwick, E. Greenwich			C		\$.50				STP
Other Bike Projects				C			\$2.50	\$5.00		STP
CMAQ and Enhancement Funding	To Avoid Double Counting			C	-\$1.50	-\$1.50	-\$1.50	-\$1.50		STP
	To Avoid Double Counting			C				-\$.59		STP Enhancement
Bike/Pedestrian Program - Program Total						\$12.41	\$9.13	\$5.13	\$5.14	----

Bridge Program

Bridge Design	Statewide			D	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00		Bridge
Bridge ROW	Statewide			R	\$.50	\$.50	\$.50	\$.50		Bridge
Bridge Inspection Program	Statewide			O	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00		Bridge
Bridge Preventive Maintenance	Statewide			C	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00		Bridge
Program to Eliminate Structurally Deficient Bridges	Statewide			C	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00		Bridge
Shippee Bridge No. 307	Burrillville	Route 98 over Nipmuc River	0154B	C	\$2.00					Bridge
Middle Road Bridge No. 761	E. Greenwich	Middle Road over Route 4	0156E	C	\$1.00					Bridge
Horton Farm Bridge No. 472	E. Providence	East Shore Expressway North (Rte.114) over I-195	0143K	C	\$1.50					Bridge
McCormick Quarry Bridge No. 476	E. Providence	East Shore Expressway (NB) over US Rt. 6 (Warren Ave.)	0143D	C	\$3.50					Bridge
Jamestown - Verrazzano Bridge No. 800 Phase V	N. Kingstown, Jamestown	Route 138 over the West Passage of Narragansett Bay		C	\$2.00					Bridge
Slatersville Stone Arch Bridge No. 273	N. Smithfield	Providence Pike (Rte. 5) over Branch River	0118A	C	\$4.00					Bridge
Great Island Bridge No. 499	Narragansett	Great Island Road over Point Judith Pond Tidal Flats Inlet	0144B	C	\$3.00					Bridge - Off

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<u>Bridge Program</u>										
Kent Dam Spillway Bridge No. 84	Scituate	Tunk Hill Road (Rte.12) over the Kent Dam Spillway (Scituate Reservoir)	0143B	C	\$2.00					Bridge
Newman Ave. Bridge No. 224	E. Providence	Newman Avenue (Rte. 152) over the Ten Mile River	0171B	C		\$2.00				Bridge
Coles Bridge No. 134	E. Providence	Pawtucket Avenue (Routes 1A & 114) over the Ten Mile River	0153D	C		\$1.50				Bridge
Louisquisset Pike Bridge No. 276	Lincoln	Route 146 over Route 116	0184B	C		\$5.00				Bridge
Pleasant Valley Parkway Bridge No. 777	Providence	Dean Street over the Woonasquatucket River	0129A	C		\$3.50				Bridge
Third Carolina Bridge No. 56	Richmond	Carolina Road (Rte. 112) over the Pawcatuck River	0145B	C		\$1.00				Bridge
Second Carolina Bridge No. 55	Richmond	Carolina Road (Rte. 112) over the Mill Canal	0145B	C		\$1.00				Bridge
Capron Bridge No. 792	Smithfield	Capron Road over the Woonasquatucket River	0153E	C		\$2.00				Bridge - Off
Victory Highway Bridge No. 589	W. Greenwich	Victory Highway (Rte. 102) over I-95	0168C	C		\$5.00				Bridge
Division Street Bridge No. 760	E. Greenwich, Warwick	Division St. over Route 4	0156D	C			\$3.00			Bridge
Pawtucket Avenue Bridge No. 471	E. Providence	Pawtucket Avenue (Rte. 114) over I-195	0143K	C			\$3.00			Bridge
Union Village RR Bridge No. 107	N. Smithfield	Great Road (Rte. 146A) over the P&W RR tracks	0145C	C			\$1.50			Bridge
Harris Avenue RR Bridge No. 510	Providence	Route 6 over Harris Avenue, AMTRAK, and P&W railroad	0030G	C			\$6.00			Bridge
Kingston Road Bridge No. 403	Richmond	I-95 over Kingston Road (Rte. 138)	0143C	C			\$2.00			Bridge
Kingston Station RR Bridge No. 372	S. Kingstown	Kingstown Road (Rte. 138) over AMTRAK railroad	0139D	C			\$5.75			Bridge
Howard Road Bridge No. 459	Cumberland	Howard Road over the Abbott Run River	0035D	C				\$1.00		Bridge - Off

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<u>Bridge Program</u>										
Meshanticut Interchange, Bridge Contract 3	Cranston, Warwick	Includes the following bridges: 821, 820, 245, 246, 490, and 491. Route 2/5/295 interchange area.	0028B	C				\$5.00		Bridge
Newel Bridge No. 204	Cumberland	Diamond Hill Road (Rte. 114) over East Branch Sneech Brook		C				\$1.50		Bridge
Tefft Hill Trail Bridge No. 592	Exeter	I-95 over the Tefft Hill Trail	0168E	C				\$2.50		Bridge
Simonsville Bridge No. 326	Johnston	Simonsville Avenue over Simmons Brook	0182A	C				\$1.00		Bridge
Central Street Bridge No. 449	N. Smithfield	Central Street over the North Smithfield Expressway (Rte.146)	0183B	C				\$1.00		Bridge
Branch River Bridge No. 108	N. Smithfield	Great Road (Rte. 146A) over the Branch River	0145D	C				\$1.00		Bridge
Dean Street Bridge No. 776	Providence	Dean Street over Rte. 6, Harris Avenue and AMTRAK railroad	0163B	C				\$4.00		Bridge
Broadway Ramp Overpass (Tobey St.) Bridge No. 509	Providence	Route 6 Ramp over Route 6 & AMTRAK, and P&W railroad	0030H	C				\$5.00		Bridge
Harbor Junction Bridge No. 131	Providence	Elmwood Avenue (Rte. 1) over the P&W railroad	0144E	C				\$1.50		Bridge
Big River Bridge No. 34	W. Greenwich	Nooseneck Hill Road (Rte. 3) over Big River	0143A	C				\$1.00		Bridge
South County Freeway Bridge No. 686	Warwick	I-95 North Bound over Rte. 4/South County Freeway Ramp	0156C	C				\$1.00		Bridge
Bridge Program - Program Total					\$39.50	\$41.50	\$41.75	\$46.00	----	

CMAQ Program

South County Commuter Rail	RIDOT	Providence to Wickford Junction		O	\$5.00	\$1.00				CMAQ 100%
Passenger Initiatives	RIPTA	Statewide		O	\$.50	\$.50	\$.50	\$.50		CMAQ 100%
Transit Service Initiatives	RIPTA	Statewide		O	\$1.20	\$1.20	\$1.20	\$1.20		CMAQ
Transportation Support Projects	RIPTA	Statewide		O	\$.50	\$.50	\$.50	\$.50		CMAQ 100%

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<u>CMAQ Program</u>										
Vehicles, Revenue (Replacement)	RIPTA	Statewide		C	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10		CMAQ
Commuter Resources	RIPTA	Statewide		O	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50		CMAQ
Bike/Pedestrian Projects	RIDOT	Statewide		DC	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50		CMAQ
Reserved for South County Commuter Rail if Eligible or for New Projects	RIDOT	To be determined		O		\$4.00	\$5.00	\$5.00		CMAQ 100%
CMAQ Program - Program Total					\$10.30	\$10.30	\$10.30	\$10.30	----	

<u>Enhancement Program</u>		Programmed Projects Shown in Appendix B								
Enhancement Budget				DRC	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00		STP Enhancement
Enhancement Program - Program Total					\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	----	

<u>Highway Program</u>										
Highway Design				D	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00		STP
				D	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00		NHS
Highway ROW				C	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50		STP
ADA Projects		Candidate Projects Shown in Appendix C		C	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00		STP
Apponaug By-Pass - Transportation Improvements	Warwick			C	\$7.70					EM
Apponaug Bypass - Transportation Improvements	Warwick		0185A	C	\$5.00	\$7.00	\$8.00			STP
Reconstruction of Two Mile Corner (Routes 138/114)	Middletown	East Main Road - Bailey Brook to West Main Road; For West Main Road -East Main Rd. to Coddington Highway	0007F	C	\$5.38					EM

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<u>Highway Program</u>										
Reconstruction of Two Mile Corner (Routes 138/114)	Middletown	East Main Road - Bailey Brook to West Main Road; For West Main Road -East Main Rd. to Coddington Highway	0007F	C	\$0.26					NHS
Pell Bridge Access	Newport	Bridge Approaches / Ramps(Admiral Kalbfus to Americas Cup)	0050B	DRC	\$4.06					EM
	Newport	Bridge Approaches / Ramps(Admiral Kalbfus to Americas Cup)	0050B	C		\$7.00				NHS
Route 138 (Kingstown Rd.)	S. Kingstown	Contract 1 - From Kingston Station RR Bridge to Route 108	0139C	DRC	\$12.50					EM
	S. Kingstown	Contract 2 - From Route 2 to the Kingston Station RR Bridge	0139A	DRC			\$1.75			NHS
	S. Kingstown	Contract 2 - From Route 2 to the Kingston Station RR Bridge	0139A	DRC			\$3.25			EM
Hartford Ave (Route 6A)	Johnston	Atwood Avenue to Killingly Street Contract-2	0138B	C		\$6.25				STP
	Johnston	Atwood Avenue to Killingly Street	0134B	C			\$0.30			STP
Town Center, East Main Rd. (Route 138)	Portsmouth	Turnpike Ave. to Hedley	0007E	C				\$7.00	\$8.00	NHS
Route 5 Reconstruction	Cranston / Warwick	Mayfield Ave. to Rt. 95, Contract-1	0079B	C			\$4.50			STP
Main Street Improvements Route 115	Scituate	Route 115 from North Road to Jackson Flat Road	0173C	C		\$2.00				STP
	Scituate	Route 115 from North Road to Jackson Flat Road	0173C	C		\$0.50				STP Enhancement
Enhancement Funding	To Avoid Double Counting			C		-\$0.50				STP Enhancement
Highway Program - Program Total					\$39.39	\$26.75	\$22.30	\$11.50	\$8.00	

Interstate Program

Interstate Design				D	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00		Interstate
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<u>Interstate Program</u>										
I-295 Ramp Resurfacing				C	\$5.00					Interstate
I-95 Resurfacing Contract - 4	Warwick	Route 2 to Route 113		C	\$3.00	\$7.00				Interstate
I-95 Resurfacing Contract - 5	Cranston, Providence, Warwick	Route 113 to North of Thurbers Avenue Curve		C			\$10.00	\$6.00		Interstate
	Cranston, Providence, Warwick	Route 113 to North of Thurbers Avenue Curve		C				\$4.00		NHS
I-95 Resurfacing Contract - 6	Pawtucket, Providence	Westminster Street Overpass to MA State line		C				\$1.00	\$17.00	Interstate
I-195 Resurfacing and Safety	East Providence	East Shore Expressway to MA State line		C				\$1.50		Interstate
Traffic Management Center	RIDOT	Operations		O	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50		Interstate
Interstate Program - Program Total					\$13.50	\$12.50	\$15.50	\$18.00	\$17.00	

Major Projects with Multi Year Funding

GARVEE Debt Service		Debt Service		O	\$30.38	\$30.39	\$30.36	\$32.59		NHS-GARVEE
		Debt Service		O	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$20.00		Bridge-GARVEE
I-195 Relocation - Remaining Work	Providence	Includes Contract 16 and Landscape Contracts		C	\$24.00					GARVEE-Land Sales
I-195 Relocation - Providence River Pedestrian Bridge	Providence	To be constructed in IWAY Contract 16		C			\$2.00			Bridge
	Providence	To be constructed in IWAY Contract 16		C			\$4.00			GARVEE-Land Sales
Sakonnet River Bridge No. 250	Portsmouth, Tiverton	Main Bridge Non-GARVEE Funding	0031K	C	\$16.00					Bridge
Pawtucket Bridge No. 550	Pawtucket	I-95 over Pleasant St., Taft St., & Seekonk River	0143G	C	\$10.00					Bridge
	Pawtucket	I-95 over Pleasant St., Taft St., & Seekonk River	0143G	C	\$10.00					NHS

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<u>Major Projects with Multi Year Funding</u>										
Providence Viaduct Bridge No. 578, Rehabilitation	Providence	146 interchange to Atwells Ave	0156F	C	\$1.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00		Bridge
	Providence	146 interchange to Atwells Ave	0156F	C	\$10.00					TIGER
Major Projects with Multi Year Funding - Program Total					\$119.38	\$68.39	\$74.36	\$72.59	---	

Pavement Management Program

Pavement Management Design and Right of Way				DR	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00		STP
Crack Sealing		Statewide		C	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00		STP
Paver Placed Elastomeric Surface Treatment		Statewide	0085D	C	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50		STP
Surface Sealing		Statewide		C	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00		STP
Local Roads Program	Statewide	Federal Program		C	\$4.30					STP
Victory Highway	Burrillville	Main Street (Cooper Hill Road) to Rt. 107 (East Ave.) Contract-1	0177G	C	\$1.00					NHS
	Burrillville	Route 7 to 0.5 miles south. Contract-2 Phase III		C	\$0.50					NHS
US Route 44 Putnam Pike	Glocester/Smithfield	RIDOT Maintenance Facility to West Greenville Rd. Contract - 3B	0061A	C	\$3.75					STP
Central Avenue and Sunset Avenue	Johnston, Providence	Atwood Avenue (Route 5) to Killingly Street	0172D	C	\$1.00					STP
Railroad Street /Manville Bridge No. 396	Lincoln	Main Street to Woonsocket City Line (Old River Road)	0165J	C	\$0.63					Bridge
	Lincoln	Main Street to Old River Road	0165J	C	\$2.50					STP
Broadway No.	Newport	Washington Square to Bliss Road	0172U	C	\$3.00					STP
Ocean Avenue	New Shoreham	Beach Avenue to Bridge Gate Square (Corn Neck Road)		C	\$0.40					STP Rural
Mineral Spring Avenue No.	Pawtucket	Dorman Avenue to Main Street	0172F	C	\$2.20					STP

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<u>Pavement Management Program</u>										
Nayatt Road	Barrington	Rumstick Rd to Washington Rd.		C		\$1.00				STP
US Route 1 - Post Road	Charlestown	Oyster Drive to South Kingstown Town Line		C		\$5.00				NHS
Route 102	Coventry, Foster	Harkney Hill Road to Old Plainfield Pike	0172S	C		\$2.00				NHS
Route 2 New London/Reservoir Avenue	Cranston	Park Ave. to Sockanosset Cross Road		C		\$4.00				STP
Route 37	Cranston, Warwick	Entire Length, Natick Avenue to US Route 1 (Post Road)		C		\$3.00				NHS
Route 4	E. Greenwich, N. Kingstown	US Rt. 1 (Tower Hill Rd.) and Route 403 to Oak Hill Road and I-95		C		\$3.00				NHS
Woodville Road	Hopkinton, Richmond	Route 3 (Main St.) to Switch Road		C		\$3.00				STP Rural
High Street	S. Kingstown	Route 108 (Kingstown Road) to Route 1A (Main Street)		C		\$2.50				STP
Bay Street	Westerly	From the intersection of Bay Street, Sunset Avenue and Wawinnet Avenue to Larkin Road at its intersection with Lighthouse Road.		C		\$.56				STP
Route 114, Hope Street/Main Street	Bristol, Warren	Dyer Ave. (Warren) to Washington St. (Bristol)	0076W	C			\$3.00			STP
Route 107, Main Street	Burrillville	Route 100 to 400' West of Union Ave. remaining part of Pascoag one-way circulator	0076N	C			\$2.00			STP
Dexter Street	Central Falls /Pawtucket	Route 122 (Lonsdale Ave.) to Goff Ave.		C			\$1.30			STP
US Route 44 Taunton Avenue	E. Providence	From US Route 1A/Route 114 (Pawtucket Avenue) to the Massachusetts State Line	0076R	C			\$1.50			NHS
Winsor Avenue	Johnston	Steer Road to Greenville Avenue		C			\$1.00			STP
US Route 6 Hartford Pike/Harford Ave.	Johnston, Scituate	I-295 to Danielson Pike		C			\$6.00			NHS
Snell Road	Little Compton	East Main Road to Long Highway		C			\$.70			STP Rural

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Project/Program	Town/City	Limits	ID	Phase	2013	2014	2015	2016	FUT	Funding*
<u>Pavement Management Program</u>										
Route 12 - Scituate Ave. Gainer Dam	Scituate	Start of Gainer Dam (Route 12) at Scituate Reservoir to end of Gainer Dam	0130D	C			\$2.00			STP
Flagg Road	S. Kingstown	Plains Road to Old North Road		C			\$1.00			STP
US Route 1 - Tower Hill Road	S. Kingstown	Route 108 to Government Center		C			\$1.50			NHS
Route 2 - Bald Hill Rd./ New London Ave.	Warwick, Cranston	West Natick to Route 37		C			\$2.50			STP
Route 116	Coventry	Route 33/117 (Washington St.) to Gervais Rd.		C				\$.80		STP
Laurel Street and Maxon Street	Hopkinton	Laurel - Potter Hill Road to Route 216 (High St.) & Maxon St. Maxon - Laurel to Route 3 (Main Street)		C				\$.70		STP Rural
Narragansett Avenue	Jamestown	End to Southwest Avenue		C				\$.50		STP
South Pier Road	Narragansett	Route 108 (Point Judith Road) to Boone Street		C				\$1.30		STP
Post Road	N. Kingstown	Rt. 1A (West Main St.) to Maxwell Drive		C				\$3.00		STP
Woonasquatucket Avenue	N. Providence, Providence	Smith Street (Route 44) to Fruit Hill Road	0172B	C				\$2.50		STP
US Route 44 Smith Street	Providence	Lyndhurst Avenue to US Route 1 (North Main St.)	0172C	C				\$2.00		STP
Route 146	Providence, N. Providence, Lincoln	I-95 to Sherman Ave.		C				\$5.50		STP Rural
US Route 6 - Scituate Bypass/Hartford Pike	Scituate	Rt. 102 (Chopmist Hill Road) to Danielson Pike		C				\$2.00		STP
Fish Road	Tiverton	Route 24 to MA Line Contract - 1		C				\$1.20		STP
Fish Road	Tiverton	Route 177 Bulgarmarsh Rd. to Goff Ave. Contract - 2		C				\$1.00		STP
Canal Street	Westerly	White Rock Road to High Street		C				\$1.44		STP
	Westerly	White Rock Road to High Street		C				\$.25		STP Enhancement

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<u>Pavement Management Program</u>										
Enhancement Funding	To Avoid Double Counting			C				-\$0.25		STP Enhancement
Pavement Management Program - Program Total					\$26.78	\$31.56	\$30.00	\$29.44	----	

<u>Planning Program</u>										
MPO Planning				SD	\$1.30	\$1.30	\$1.30	\$1.30		Metro Planning
RIDOT Research				SD	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50		SPR Research
RIDOT Planning				SD	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50		STP
				SD	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50		SPR
Planning Program - Program Total					\$5.80	\$5.80	\$5.80	\$5.80	----	

<u>Study & Development Program</u>										
Projects to be Studied Listed in Appendix D										
Study & Development Budget				SD	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50		STP
Study & Development Program - Program Total					\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	----	

<u>Traffic Safety Program</u>										
Programmed Projects Shown in Appendix E										
Traffic/Safety Design/Planning/Right of Way				C	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00		STP
Arterials Traffic Signal Synchronized System		Statewide		C	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25		STP
Drainage Improvements		Statewide		C	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00		STP
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)		Statewide		C	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$10.50	\$7.50		HSIP

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<u>Traffic Safety Program</u>										
Programmed Projects Shown in Appendix E										
Lighting Repair/Improvements		Statewide		C	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25		STP
Municipal Traffic Projects		Statewide		C	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50		STP
Pavement Striping		Statewide		C	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50		NHS
		Statewide		C	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50		STP
Railroad Grade Crossings		Statewide		C	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50		RR Safety
Repair Damaged Safety Devices		Statewide		C	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00		STP
RI*STARS Program		Statewide		C	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00		STP
Guide Signing Inventory/Improvements		Statewide		C	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50		NHS
State Traffic Commission Projects		Statewide		C	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50		STP
Traffic Monitoring		Statewide		C	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00		STP
Traffic Signal Optimization		Statewide		C	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50		HSIP
Traffic Safety Program - Program Total					\$30.50	\$30.50	\$33.50	\$30.50	----	

Transit Program

Bus	Activity	FTA Program	ID	Phase	2013	2014	2015	2016	FUT	Funding*
Facilities, Administrative & Maintenance	Rehab/Renovation			C	\$0.75	\$1.10	\$1.00	\$1.00		FTA 5307
Facilities, Passenger	Rehab/Renovation/ Upgrades			C	\$1.00	\$0.89	\$0.68	\$0.70		FTA 5307
Planning & Program Management	Plan, Outreach & Training			P	\$0.98	\$1.00	\$1.02	\$1.04		FTA 5307
	Mobility Management			P	\$1.20	\$1.20	\$1.20	\$1.20		FTA 5307
Support Eq/Supplies/Vehicle	ITS/Computers			C	\$2.73	\$2.18	\$2.20	\$2.54		FTA 5307
	Replacement			C	\$2.02	\$1.92	\$2.20	\$2.47		FTA 5307
	Preventive Maintenance			O	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00		FTA 5307

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<u>Transit Program</u>								
Bus								
	Activity	FTA Program						
Transit Operations	Complementary ADA		0	\$3.38	\$3.41	\$3.45	\$3.48	FTA 5307
	Job Access/ Reverse Commute		0	\$1.14	\$1.16	\$1.17	\$1.18	FTA 5316
	New Freedom		0	\$.46	\$.46	\$.47	\$.47	FTA 5317
	Rural Intercity Bus Connections		0	\$.17	\$.17	\$.17	\$.18	FTA 5311
	Rural Operations/ RTAP		0	\$1.06	\$1.07	\$1.08	\$1.09	FTA 5311*
	Small Urban		0	\$.64	\$.64			FTA 5307*
Revenue Vehicles	Replacement		C	\$8.90	\$8.90	\$8.90	\$8.90	FTA 5307
		Number of Vehicles		18	18	18	18	
Revenue Vehicles Paratransit	Replacement		C	\$.20	\$.40	\$.83	\$1.50	FTA 5307
		Number of Vehicles		2	4	8	15	
	Replacement		C	\$.79	\$.80	\$.80	\$.81	FTA 5310
		Number of Vehicles		8	8	8	7	
Rail								
	Activity	FTA Program						
Fixed Guideway	SCCR Commuter Rail Service		0	\$5.00	\$1.00			FTA 5307 (CMAQ Transfer)
	SCCR Commuter Rail To Avoid Double Counting Service		0	-\$5.00	-\$1.00			FTA 5307 (CMAQ Transfer)
	SCCR Commuter Rail Service		0		\$4.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	Other State
	Commuter Rail Facilities & Equipment		C	\$7.60	\$7.60	\$3.10	\$3.10	FTA 5309 RIDOT
	Pawtucket/Central Falls Commuter Rail Station	Pawtucket	SD			\$4.50		FTA 5309 New Starts Local
	Commuter Rail Feasibility Study	Woonsocket	SD				\$1.00	FTA 5309 New Starts Local
Major Projects	Providence Core Connector	Providence	D		\$.50	\$1.00		FTA 5307

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<u>Transit Program</u>								
Transit Program			\$45.02	\$49.40	\$50.77	\$47.66	----	

<u>Federal Funding Category Descriptions</u>	
Bridge: Bridge On/Off System	SPR: Statewide Planning
Bridge - Off: Bridge - Off system	SPR Research: Statewide Planning Study
CMAQ: Congestion Mitigation Air Quality	SRTS: Safe Routes to School
EM: SAFETEA-LU Earmark	STP: Surface Transportation Program Urban/Flex
HSIP: Highway Safety Improvement Program - Includes Penalty Funds	STP Enhancement: Surface Transportation Program Enhancement
Interstate: Interstate Maintenance	STP Rural: Surface Transportation Program Enhancement < 5,000 Population
Metro Planning: Metro Planning	Support Services - DBE:
NHS: National Highway System	STP Supportive Services/DBE Training
RR Safety: Rail Highway Crossings	TIGER: TIGER Grant
RTP: Recreational Trails	

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**STATE PLANNING COUNCIL
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

RI Department of Administration
Conference Room A
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908

Public Hearing & Comment Period Report
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
FY 2013 – 2016 – Draft TIP
Amendment #1

Approved February 28, 2013

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I. Introduction

The State Planning Council received a request from the Town of Westerly for an amendment to the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Since the most recent call for proposals for the FY 2013-2016 TIP, the Town has been working together with the Watch Hill Conservancy to make significant upgrades to Westerly's historic Watch Hill commercial area centered on Bay Street. The goal of these upgrades is to provide for safer pedestrian mobility and lengthen the Bay Street commercial district operating season past the summer months. The Town of Westerly and the Watch Hill Conservancy each dedicated \$15,000 (total \$30,000) for the necessary architectural and engineering design to complete streetscape enhancements including restoring sidewalks to ADA standards, resetting curbing to restore the stormwater gutter line, improving pedestrian lighting, finishing paving of the roadway, installing new crosswalks, and providing sidewalk furnishing for pedestrians. That design is nearing completion. The total cost of the proposed improvements is \$563,000.

In addition, the Town was awarded Community Development Block Grant disaster relief (CDBG-DR) funding in the amount of \$1.03 million for drainage improvements and repaving on Canal Street (Railroad Street to White Rock Road) and White Rock Road (entire length). Repaving Canal Street (Railroad Street to High Street) was originally in the TIP for \$2.25 million (\$2.0 in the Pavement Management Program and \$0.25 in the Enhancement Program). The CDBG-DR funding will now complete some of the work that was already scheduled in the TIP.

The Town proposed to reduce the amount of funding in the Canal Street paving project by \$563,000 to \$1.69 million to reflect the CDBG-DR award. The Town also proposed that the Bay Street Infrastructure Project as outlined above be added to the TIP in the amount of \$563,000 in FY 2014.

This amendment was classified as a minor amendment which required a public hearing and final decision on the request by the TAC with notice to the State Planning Council. The public hearing was held before the TAC on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. RIDEM concluded that there was no need for an air quality redetermination as the project that is requested is air quality exempt.

II. Public Hearing Procedures & Presentation

The following procedural overview and informational presentation were provided 6:30 p.m. public hearings:

A. Attendance

Speakers (for presentation)

Ms. Amy Grzybowski, Town of Westerly
Mr. Paul LeBlanc, P.E., Town of Westerly
Mr. Richard Youngken, representing Watch Hill Conservancy

Speakers (for public comment)

None

TAC Members Present

Ms. Frances Shocket, Chair, Public Member
Mr. Everett Stuart, RI Association of Railroad Passengers
Mr. Lloyd Albert, AAA Southern New England
Mr. Michael Bliss, Narragansett Indian Tribe
Mr. Alan Brodd, Town of Cumberland
Mr. Michael Cassidy, Public Member
Mr. Russ Chateauneuf, RIDEM
Mr. Richard Crenca, City of Warwick
Mr. Albert Dahlberg, Public Member
Mr. George Monaghan, RI Consulting Engineers
Mr. Paul Romano, Public Member
Mr. Barry Schiller, RI Sierra Club
Mr. Robert Shawver, RIDOT
Ms. Pam Sherrill, RI Chapter, American Planning Association
Ms. Lillian Shuey Picchione, RIPTA
Mr. Robert Vanderslice, RI Dept. of Health
Mr. Michael Wood, Town of Burrillville / RI League of Cities and Towns

Others in Attendance

Mr. Corey Bobba, FHWA
Ms. Ellie Derrig, Town of Westerly
Ms. Joelle Kanter, The Providence Foundation
Mr. Bill LeGare, Valley Transportation
Mr. Steve Pristawa, RIDOT
Mr. Kevin Viveiros, Pare Corp.

Statewide Planning Staff Present

Mr. Jared Rhodes, Chief
Ms. Karen Scott, Assistant Chief
Ms. Linsey Callaghan, Supervising Planner
Ms. Ronnie Sirota, Principal Planner

B. Public Hearing Procedures

Ms. Shocket, Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) called the hearing to order at 6:35 p.m. and explained that Ms. Karen Scott, Assistant Chief of the Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program, will summarize the proceedings to date.

Ms. Amy Grzybowski, Director of Planning, Code Enforcement and Grants Enforcement for the Town of Westerly then presented the town's amendment request.

Ms. Scott then reviewed the hearing procedures prior to the acceptance of public comment.

Ms. Shocket explained that following the close of the hearing, the TAC will consider the proposal and the public comment received in deliberating their final decision.

Ms. Scott then thanked Ms. Shocket and explained the details of the Public Hearing:

- Amendment #1 for the TIP includes changes to the approved TIP that have been proposed by the Town of Westerly.
- In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Rhode Island State Planning Council, Department of Transportation, and Public Transit Authority, which outlines procedures for amending and modifying the TIP, this request has been classified as a minor amendment.
- The Amendment request was received by the Statewide Planning Program on August 28, 2012. The delay in processing the amendment stems from the need to update the State's Long Range Transportation Plan, *Transportation 2035* prior to amending the TIP. *Transportation 2035* was adopted by the State Planning Council on December 13, 2012.
- The Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) has reviewed the proposal and agrees that an air quality redetermination is not required. RIDEM's written response was included in the TAC mailing packet.
- The required 10 day notice of the hearing and of the opportunity to submit comments was published in the Providence Journal on February 8, 2013 with electronic distribution to the State Planning Council, as well as posting on the Statewide Planning Program website.
- As of the start of this meeting, staff has not received any written comments.
- At the close of this public hearing, the Transportation Advisory Committee will act on this amendment. Their decision will be final. Notice of the decision will then be forwarded to the State Planning Council.

C. Town of Westerly Presentation

Ms. Scott introduced Ms. Amy Grzybowski from the Town of Westerly. Ms. Grzybowski then introduced Mr. Paul LeBlanc, Town Engineer and Mr. Richard Youngken representing the Watch Hill Conservancy, who joined her to explain Westerly's projects. They explained that the Town of Westerly has been working hard over the past couple of years to obtain as much grant funding as possible to support their infrastructure (see introduction above). They explained that federal Community Development Block Grant disaster relief (CDBG-DR) funding from Hurricane Sandy flooding will be used for drainage and repaving at Canal Street and White Rock Road. The remaining work for the Canal Street / White Rock project will be completed with TIP funds identified for FY 2016.

In addition to the Canal Street and White Rock Road projects, the Town has been working to advance an infrastructure project in the Bay Street commercial district. The Watch Hill Conservancy, Watch Hill Fire District, as well as the community, including the merchants, have also contributed to this effort by funding previous and desired work to locate the utility wires underground. The total public private partnership already invested, is approximately \$5.5 million. The Town's TIP amendment request relates to finishing the Bay Street project, with improving the appearance of the street including the sidewalks, proper infrastructure for utilities, and proper street amenities. The project is shovel ready.

D. Public Hearing Procedures for Speakers

Ms. Scott stated the following hearings procedures:

- This evening that this hearing is being held by the Transportation Advisory Committee to accept comments on draft Minor Amendment #1 to the State of Rhode Island's Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal years 2013 – 2016.
- The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the State Planning Council Rules of Procedure and the Administrative Procedures Act.
- Comments will first be received from those who have signed up on the registration forms available at the door, in the order in which they registered and after the customary recognition of elected officials.
- If you speak, please identify yourself and address all comments to the chair.
- To ensure that all who wish to speak may have an opportunity, each speaker will be limited to an initial presentation of five minutes.
- After all who wish to speak have had an initial opportunity, those wishing to make supplemental statements will be recognized.
- After all who have registered have spoken, any others wishing to comment will be recognized.
- Written statements will be given equal consideration. They may be read or simply submitted to me for the record. They must however be submitted prior to the close of this evening's hearing.

III. Public Hearing /Public Comment Summary

Ms. Shocket as chair & presiding officer asked if there were any elected officials who wished to present a statement. Since there were none, Ms. Shocket stated that she will now recognize any other speakers in order of their registration.

There were no public comments received during the public hearing on February 28, 2013.

IV. Conclusion

Ms. Shocket asked if there were any other comments. Since there were none, Ms. Shocket formally adjourned the hearing at 6:47 p.m. Ms. Shocket stated that a Public Hearing Report will be compiled by the Statewide Planning Program staff and made part of the record of these proceedings.

Following the Public Hearing, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) resumed its meeting and discussed the proposed FY 2013 – 2016 TIP Amendment #1. (See TAC Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2013.) The TAC voted unanimously to approve TIP Amendment #1 as requested.

Appendix A. Public Comment Period Notice

(For publication February 8, 2013)
STATE PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEWIDE PLANNING PROGRAM
RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908-5870

PUBLIC NOTICE **MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Amendment # 1 is being proposed to the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the State of Rhode Island, as adopted by the State Planning Council on July 12, 2012.

The amendment has been requested by the Town of Westerly for the following purposes:

- Add the Bay Street Infrastructure Project to the Pavement Management Program.
- Eliminate a portion of the Canal Street/White Rock Road Project from the Pavement Management Program.

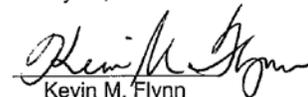
The requested changes will affect the Pavement Management Program of the Transportation Improvement Program.

A determination of air quality impacts will be presented at the Transportation Advisory Committee. The proposed amendment is available for review at the R.I. Statewide Planning Program Office (see address above) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and at the Program's website at www.planning.ri.gov. A copy may also be obtained by calling (401) 222-7901.

The State Planning Council's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) will conduct a public hearing of the proposed minor amendment at its meeting scheduled for:

Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
Conference Room A, Second Floor
RI Department of Administration

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Those requiring any accommodation for disabilities must call (401) 222-7901 not less than three (3) business days in advance of the meeting. Any individual requiring the services of an interpreter to participate in this meeting should call (401) 222-1236 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. All persons may present their views on this amendment in person, through a representative, or by filing a written statement with the Secretary of the State Planning Council, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. All comments on the TIP must be received by the close of the hearing on February 28, 2013.


Kevin M. Flynn
Secretary
State Planning Council

February 8, 2013



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-222-4462

11 February 2013

Karen G. Scott, Assistant Chief
Statewide Planning Program
Department of Administration
One Capital Hill
Providence, RI 02908-5872

Re: FFY 2013-2016 TIP, Amendment #1

Dear Ms. Scott

This letter is in response to your letter of February 4, 2013, requesting concurrence on your office's opinion that the proposed amendment to the TIP does not require additional air quality assessment. My office agrees that the proposed changes are "air quality exempt", and as such, the current air quality conformity determination will remain valid.

If you should have any additional questions, feel free to contact me at 222-2808, ext 7011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas McVay".

Douglas McVay, Chief
Office of Air Resources
Department of Environmental Management

cc: Frank Stevenson, P.E.



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August 28, 2012

Mr. Kevin Flynn
Associate Director
Department of Administration
One Capitol Hill, 3rd Floor
Providence, RI 02908-5870

Re: Amendment to the 2013-2016 TIP

Dear Mr. Flynn,

On behalf of the Town of Westerly I am requesting an amendment to the 2013-2016 TIP that was recently approved by the State Planning Council. Due to our success in receiving grant funding from Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Relief and Economic Development Agency awards for the Canal Street Infrastructure Improvement Project we are in a position to reallocate funds to The Bay Street Infrastructure Project.

The entire Bay Street area is a concentrated walkable historic commercial area that is an important economic engine for the Town of Westerly and the region. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and it is a key regional destination. With the remaining proposed improvements, it is the hope of the Town that the operating season will be extended from Labor Day to the New Year with a new spring opening date of March 1st each year. This will provide jobs and commercial activity for 10 months of the year rather than 5 months of the year.

The Bay Street project has been a Public/Private Partnership between the Watch Hill Conservancy and the Town of Westerly from its inception with design and construction costs shared by both entities. Much of the design and underground infrastructure construction is substantially complete with the exception of streetscape enhancements: restoring sidewalks to ADA standards, resetting curbing to restore the stormwater gutter line, improving pedestrian lighting, finish paving of the roadway, installing new crosswalks, and providing site furnishings such as benches as resting places for pedestrians. A primary goal of the enhancement project is to provide safer pedestrian mobility to this destination main street. The enhancement project will substantially complete a major overhaul of the street's basic infrastructure.

The streetscape enhancement project has been in the design phase and will be shovel-ready this fall. Streetscape improvements that are included in the Town of Westerly's TIP amendment submission must be completed by May 1, 2013 so as not to negatively impact commerce and tourism in the historic waterfront for the high season of 2013 and as a cost-effective continuation of planned street work. As such, it is critical that the State Planning Council approve the TIP amendment at its September 2012 meeting, and that RIDOT commit to the requested \$563,000 funding by November 2012. This will allow the necessary time for the Town to have its street enhancement plans and specifications finally reviewed and publically bid for construction to commence as early in the spring of 2013 as the weather permits.

The Town of Westerly and the Watch Hill Conservancy respectfully request the reallocation of \$563,000 from the Canal Street/ White Rock Pavement Management Program and Canal Street/ White Rock Enhancement Program to complete the Bay Street project

The overall amount for the project completion is \$593,000 with the remaining \$30,000 being spent on design and on the Watch Hill Conservancy's co-management which will have been committed prior to the grant award, and is not eligible for TIP funds. The cost breakout is for construction of new sidewalks and curbing (including demo) is \$280,000; crosswalks at \$35,000; street lighting (including wiring at \$92,000) is \$208,000; street furnishing and signage \$25,000; Architectural and Engineering (covered by the Town and Watch Hill conservancy and not included in the TIP request, but included in the above budget) \$30,000; and Architectural and Engineering for the Town's project management and lighting design consultant \$15,000.

If you have any questions regarding this request, you may contact me at 401-348-2530.

Sincerely,



Steven T. Hartford
Town Manager

**Town of Westerly Bay Street Infrastructure Project TIP Amendment Application
Additional Information**

1) Mobility benefits

As the main street of Watch Hill's harbor front and the principal commercial street in Watch Hill, Bay Street is not adequately described with 4400 trips as an average daily use guide. The street is heavily used in four months of the summer season and only lightly to moderately in use in the other eight months. The use during the summer may climb to over 13,000 trips per day. Bay Street functions not only as a commercial main street, but also as an urban collector as defined by RIDOT and Statewide Planning.

The Bay Street project will enhance Bay Street's level of service for vehicles only slightly from existing because the project is basically a street infrastructure rehabilitation project using the same alignment and width. However significant improvements will be made to curbing, sidewalks and additional crosswalks, pedestrian lighting, and landscaping, improving the level of service for pedestrians, including ADA access.

The Bay Street area provides multimodal and intermodal transportation opportunities for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and boaters. Ferry service has linked the area to Connecticut and Downtown Westerly; jitney bus service now links Watch Hill to Downtown Westerly, Misquamicut, and other Westerly shore areas. Key destinations on Bay Street include commercial retail, condominium residences, summer cottages, hotel accommodations, restaurants, yacht harbor piers and moorings, the historic Merry-Go-Round, public and private beaches, and the Napatree Point Conservation Area.

The regional impact of the project lies in Watch Hill's economic role as one of a cluster of tourist destinations in southern Rhode Island and nearby southeastern Connecticut. This cluster includes Misquamicut, Weekapaug, Downtown Westerly/Pawcatuck, Stonington Borough, Mystic, and the Mashantucket-Pequot, and Mohegan casinos. Upgrading Watch Hill's main street contributes to the appeal of the entire two state region as a tourist destination.

The mobility of the Bay Street waterfront area will be considerably enhanced by pedestrian-related improvements. Better sidewalks, crosswalks, curbing, and street-paving will add to easier and safer pedestrian and vehicular movements and parking arrangements including convenience and user comfort.

2) Cost effectiveness

The Town of Westerly and the project collaborators (the Watch Hill Fire District and the Watch Hill Conservancy) have chosen to improve as much of the street infrastructure as possible. Work is already underway for storm drainage improvements and new water service. Curbing, crosswalk and sidewalk upgrades are extremely cost effective if undertaken at this time. Advocates project a 40% cost savings over a piece-meal project. Although the entire infrastructure beneath the street will be replaced, new sidewalks and historic granite curbing will significantly upgrade the street. Current sidewalk condition is uneven and dangerous in some areas.

Private funding sources have already been leveraged to support engineering and design, and commitments for additional funding from private sources have been secured by the Watch Hill Conservancy, Watch Hill's environmental and historic preservation advocate. The project has been scaled back and broken into funding and construction phases to reduce costs and disruption during the busy summer season.

3) Economic development

It is anticipated that this *shovel-ready* project will spur reinvestment in Bay Street commercial properties, including a projected \$52 million in rehabilitation and new construction that could generate over 1492 short term direct effect jobs (based upon the RIMS II multipliers for construction). The long term result for the area would be 181 direct effect, local work force-appropriate jobs. Five new and significant private development projects have been contemplated for the street.

Long term Bay Street employment would benefit from sustaining 500-650 current jobs in retail, real estate management, accommodation, and hospitality, while adding approximately 130 jobs in the project area to the current market mix. The project area is within a designated Urban Services Area designated by *Land Use 2025* (adopted by the State Planning Council in 2006), and is a key component of a larger regional economic development initiative for the town of Westerly and the coastal region which builds upon existing assets and the local work force. It will be a catalyst for redevelopment in historic downtown Westerly and other nearby shore communities with alternative transportation linkages such as trolley, jitney, and water-based service.

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The rebuilding of out-of-date and collapsing public works infrastructure will provide an incentive and climate for local investment and growth in area small-medium main street-type businesses located on Bay Street. The average size of most businesses affected by the project is less than 4 employees. These are micro-small retail businesses which provide seasonal tourism-related employment at low-mid range wages. Extending the season to 9-10 months is one of the project goals and a trend in the region. Rhode Island's strategic plan for development of the tourism industry support heritage and cultural tourism through marketing campaigns, support of private and public investments in historic preservation, the arts and culture, as well as supporting world-class recreational venues in which Rhode Island has a distinctive association and market niche: golf, tennis, sport-fishing, and sailing. In addition, Bay Street offers access to world class coastal conservation areas attracting shoulder season activities and eco-tourism. Public infrastructure improvements are seen as critical to long term privately-financed investments in this industry as well as expansion to a 12-month season.

4) Environmental impact

While the project does not improve air quality, it does not increase air pollution in the area. It does promote future energy conservation by providing new infrastructure for water lines (reducing leakage and failure), and utilities (insulating electrical wires in a duct bank reducing energy leakage). A major improvement in water quality will result from the upgraded storm water drainage system with its subsurface detention basins. The current collapsed system, built in the early 20th century, has no storm water treatment and discharges directly to the harbor. Consequently, the project seeks to protect and enhance the environmental resources of the area while decreasing the potential of financial loss from storm events.

The project area is located within the Watch Hill Historic District listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The area is also listed in the RIDEM inventory of scenic areas. The visual appearance of Bay Street will be considerably improved with paving, curbing, sidewalk, crosswalk and street lighting upgrades. The project will improve the walkability of the area and contribute to the vitality of Watch Hill's village center. Bay Street and the harbor front are key historic components of this area. The project has already received a conditional approval from the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission (RIHPHC).

5) Degree of Support

Community support for this project has been expressed in a community survey undertaken for the update of Westerly's comprehensive plan (2009-10) in which a majority approved of promotion and enhancement of the town's environmental, recreational, historic preservation and scenic assets. Further support is indicated by passage of a municipal bond to fund the project in 2010. In initiating design for the project in 2010, and construction in 2011, the Town has given priority to the project.

Private partners in the project (the Watch Hill Conservancy, and the Watch Hill Fire District) undertook feasibility study and design efforts in 2008, demonstrating a significant past commitment. These local partners have collaborated with the Town on design issues, funding, bidding, and project management.

The project is located within a state-designated Urban Services Area and complements local and state comprehensive planning efforts to invest in existing neighborhoods and commercial districts to enhance and grow economic development opportunities. This smart growth policy is particularly appropriate for National Register-listed historic districts such as Watch Hill which serve as key cultural heritage and eco-tourism venues within the state's tourism management plan.

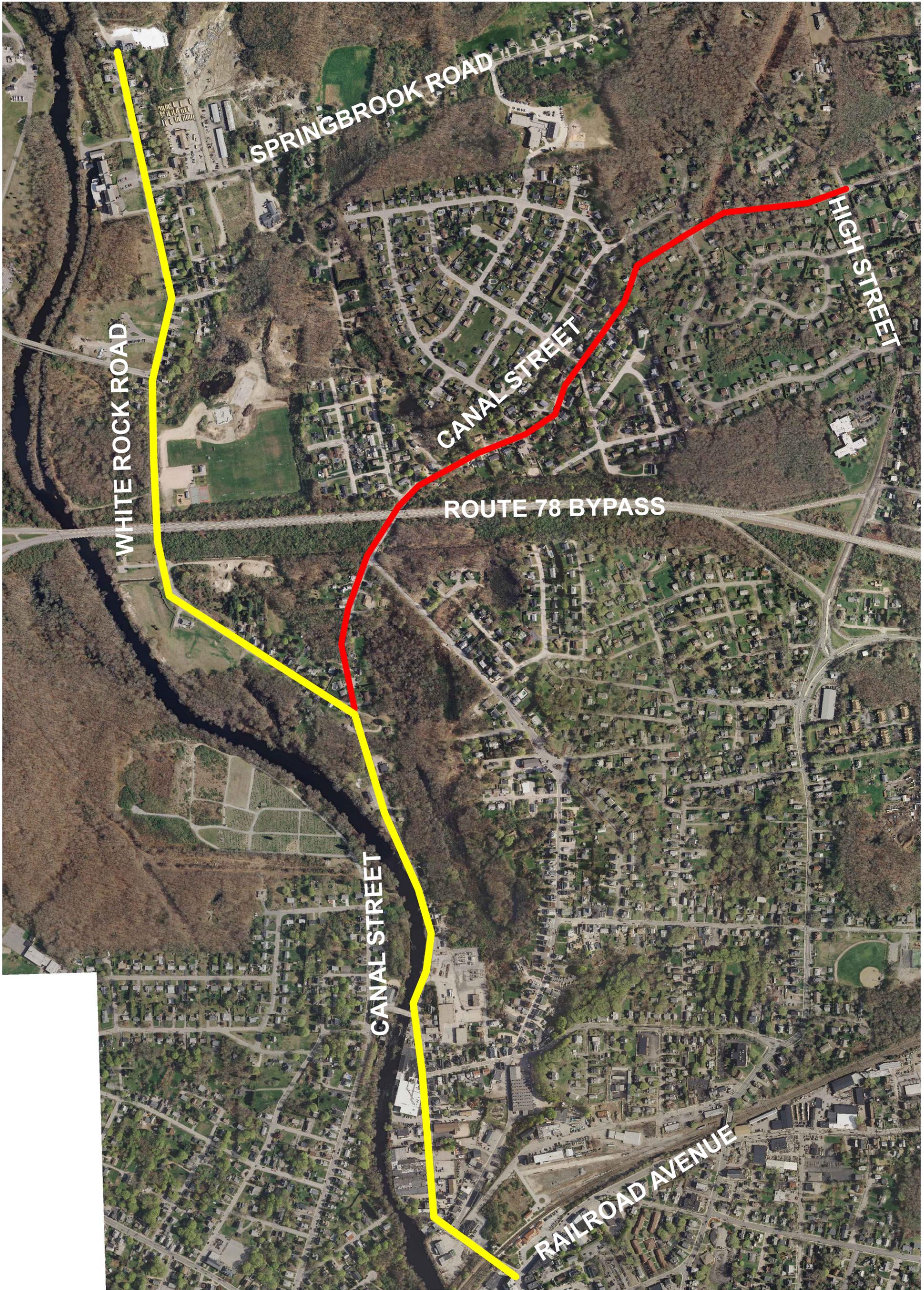
6) Safety and Security

Bay Street's sidewalks and crosswalks have not been addressed for a considerable time and evidence suggests piece-meal corrections of some deficiencies over time. The sidewalks are not ADA accessible due to curb barriers and uneven pavement. Crosswalks are not well defined and are limited in number. In some cases they do not correspond to key crossing points. The Bay Street project will create ADA access and additional crosswalks, improving pedestrian access and walkability in the area. The removal of Utility poles which constrict and block sidewalks will enhance ADA access on Bay Street's sidewalks and create a safer pedestrian zone. Non-point pollution in storm water runoff will be collected and treated appropriately and new drinking water lines will be installed – both improvements will add to public health and safety.



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