

**Transportation Implementation Actions (4/16/2026 Draft)**

ID	Action Type	Action	Timeframe	Responsible Parties
T-1	Planning / Study	Update the Scenic Corridor Management Study in coordination with RIDOT for Hope Street (Route 114), Ferry Road, and High Street to advance context-sensitive roadway design, safety, and streetscape improvements consistent with scenic and historic corridor goals.	Short–Mid-term	Department of Community Development
T-2	Planning / Study	In coordination with RIDOT, identify priority intersections on Metacom Avenue / Hope Street / Ferry Road for phased improvements (turn-lane needs, signal timing/coordination, crossing safety, and access management- coordinate Metacom Ave cross streets).	Short–Mid-term	Department of Community Development
T-3	Infrastructure / Capital Improvement	<b>Work with RIDOT to implement roundabouts at locations identified in existing plans and through safety and operational analysis along Route 136 including by Roger Williams University</b>	Long-term	Department of Community Development
T-4	Infrastructure / Capital Improvement	Advance roadway resurfacing, sidewalk rehabilitation, ADA curb ramp installation, and safety improvements along Hope Street and Ferry Road.	Mid-term	Public Works; Department of Community Development
T-5	Infrastructure / Capital Improvement	<b>Advance sidewalk installation and related pedestrian safety improvements along Metacom Avenue to improve walkability, accessibility, and connectivity along the corridor.</b>	Long-term	Public Works; Department of Community Development
T-6	Planning / Study	Identify and prioritize sidewalk extension projects and submit eligible projects for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to advance implementation of the Town’s sidewalk and pedestrian network.	Short–Mid-term	Department of Community Development
T-7	Coordination / Partnerships	Coordinate with RIDOT to advance and fund priority safety improvements identified in the Bristol Safety Action Plan on state-controlled corridors, including Metacom Avenue (Route 136) and Hope Street / Ferry Road (Route 114), through inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and other funding programs.	Short-Mid-term	Department of Community Development
T-8	Programs & Services	Implement targeted safety improvements on local Town streets identified in the Safety Action Plan, such as Bay View Avenue, Sherry Avenue, Naomi Street, and Poppasquash Road, incorporating visibility improvements, traffic calming, and pedestrian infrastructure where crash history and risk are elevated.	Short–Mid-term	Public Works; Department of Community Development; Police Department
T-9	Planning / Study	Prepare neighborhood circulation studies, particularly in neighborhoods along Metacom Avenue and Hope Street, to evaluate local street connections that improve emergency access, support local service vehicles, and provide access to signalized intersections.	Mid-term	Department of Community Development; Public Works; Fire & Police

T-10	Coordination / Partnerships	Coordinate with RIDOT, Statewide Planning, neighboring communities, and local partners to evaluate safety and connectivity along the East Bay Bike Path and related bicycle routes in Bristol. Actions may include identifying priority roadway crossings, improving signage and pavement markings (3D crosswalk markings), enhancing wayfinding to key destinations, supporting public education related to shared-use path etiquette and e-bike use, and strengthening connections between the Bike Path, neighborhoods, downtown, parks, schools, and transit stops.	Short–Mid-term	Department of Community Development; <b>Police Department; Public Works</b>
T-11	Infrastructure / Capital Improvement	Advance implementation of priority bicycle and pedestrian improvements identified in the Bristol Bicycle Network Project, with an initial focus on Thames Street enhancements, including raised crosswalks, shared-street design elements, and improved intersection treatments at State Street to support safer, slower vehicle speeds and better connectivity between the East Bay Bike Path, downtown destinations, and waterfront attractions.	Short–Mid-term	Department of Community Development; Public Works
T-12	Infrastructure / Capital Improvement	Evaluate opportunities for wider shoulders for bicycles, clearer bicycle lane markings, and consistent striping to improve bicycle safety and network continuity.	Short-term	Public Works; Department of Community Development
T-13	Infrastructure / Capital Improvement	Install additional bicycle racks at key destinations, including downtown, parks, the waterfront, and public facilities, and install bicycle repair stations.	Short-term	Department of Community Development; Parks & Recreation
T-14	Environmental & Resilience	Expand Safe Routes to School initiatives by supporting walking school bus programs, improving pedestrian and bicycle connections to schools, offering bicycle safety education for children including a bicycle safety training course.	Short–Mid-term	Department of Community Development; School Department; Police Department
T-15	Coordination / Partnerships	<b>Work with partners to establish a multi-use trail (ped/bike) on the electric easement of the Rhode Island Energy property to provide an alternative to Metacom Avenue in coordination with the Town of Warren.</b>	Long-term	Department of Community Development
T-16	Planning / Study	Identify existing paper streets and assess their potential as roads, pedestrian walkways, and/or bicycle paths.	Long-term	Department of Community Development
T-17	Planning / Study	Develop a phased implementation strategy for the Bristol Bicycle Network Project identifying priority segments, cost estimates, funding sources, and coordination requirements for both Town and state-controlled roadways.	Short-term	Department of Community Development
T-18	Planning / Study	Examine options to improve pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular access to Unity Park via Franklin Street, with a focus on safety, accessibility, and neighborhood compatibility.	Mid-term	Department of Community Development; Parks & Recreation
T-19	Planning / Study	Undertake a municipal parking survey and utilization study and develop a comprehensive parking and curb management strategy, including short-term parking, loading zones, time limits, event management, enforcement mechanisms, and pricing or permit considerations where appropriate.	Short-term	Department of Community Development; Town Administrator; Police

T-20	Planning / Study	Review and update the Town's parking ordinance to ensure consistency with adopted parking management strategies, clarify time limits and loading provisions, and install or replace signage to accurately reflect ordinance requirements and improve enforceability.	Short-Mid-term	Department of Community Development; Town Administrator; Police Department; Public Works
T-21	Programs & Services	Pursue a local or seasonal shuttle service that serves residents and visitors, connects to destinations, shopping, and public parking areas, and helps manage downtown parking demand and congestion, including evaluation of vehicle acquisition, driver staffing or contracted operations, and identification of potential partnerships and sustainable funding sources.	Mid-term	Town Administrator; Department of Community Development
T-22	Planning / Study	Develop a siting strategy for public EV charging (downtown/municipal lots/parks) aligned with parking management and visitor access.	Short–Mid-term	Department of Community Development; Town Administrator
T-23	Planning / Study	Evaluate the feasibility of small-scale parking structures to address areas with limited accessible parking; identify vacant or surface parking lots in the downtown area that may be suitable for future parking decks through a range of ownership or partnership approaches.	Long-term	Department of Community Development; Town Administrator
T-24	Planning / Study	Identify and evaluate potential satellite public parking locations outside the downtown core to reduce pressure on on-street parking, support seasonal demand, and provide dedicated parking opportunities for Prudence Island ferry users and residents	Mid-term	Department of Community Development; Town Administrator
T-25	Infrastructure / Capital Improvement	Design and implement approved satellite parking facilities, including wayfinding, lighting, ADA access, and integration with shuttle service or ferry access as appropriate.	Long-term	Public Works; Department of Community Development
T-26	Coordination / Partnerships	Coordinate with RIPTA on bus shelters, benches and route info/signage, prioritizing stops with safety issues and high ridership potential. <b>Implement necessary rider amenities at bus stops identified within this Plan.</b>	Short–Mid-term	Department of Community Development
T-27	Environmental & Resilience	Coordinate with RIDOT, RIDEM, and other relevant state agencies to address recurring flooding and long-term vulnerability along Poppasquash Road, including evaluation of long-term adaptation strategies that account for projected sea level rise, such as inland rerouting, elevation, or relocation.	Long-term	Department of Community Development; Public Works
T-28	Environmental & Resilience	Incorporate permeable paving and other stormwater management practices into applicable Town transportation projects and redevelopment projects.	Ongoing	Public Works; Department of Community Development

T-29	Environmental & Resilience	Implement end-of-road stormwater retrofit projects to reduce runoff, erosion, and pollutant loading to coastal waters, prioritizing locations where local streets discharge directly to water bodies or drainage systems.	Mid–Long-term	Public Works
T-30	Operations & Maintenance	Maintain and apply the Town’s adopted wayfinding program by ensuring that new or replacement signage is consistent with established wayfinding design standards and themes.	Ongoing	Department of Community Development; Public Works
T-31	Operations & Maintenance	Preserve and maintain the landscaped tree island at the intersection of Routes 114 and 136 as part of any roadway improvement projects, consistent with highway safety requirements.	Ongoing	Public Works
T-32	Operations & Maintenance	Continue to accommodate marine transport routes through ongoing roadway maintenance and design practices, including adjustable signage, utility clearance considerations, and intersection geometry that allow the safe movement of boats and oversized marine trailers to and from the waterfront.	Ongoing	Public Works; Harbor Commission
T-33	Operations & Maintenance	<b>Coordinate with the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority and regional partners to plan for potential Mount Hope Bridge closures or major disruptions, including evaluation of contingency transportation strategies such as temporary ferry service and alternative regional travel routes.</b>	<b>Medium-term</b>	<b>Police; Public Works; Harbor Commission; Town Administrator</b>
T-34	Coordination / Partnerships	<b>Evaluate opportunities to support private ferry or water transportation services connecting destinations within and nearby Bristol to enhance transportation choice.</b>	<b>Long-term</b>	<b>Harbor Commission</b>
T-35	Operations & Maintenance	<b>Coordinate with RIDOT to manage roadway operations, access and improvements along Routes 114 and 136 in a manner that reinforces Metacom Avenue as the Town’s primary higher-capacity arterial corridor and preserves the scenic, historic, and pedestrian-oriented character of Route 114 (Hope Street).</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Department of Community Development; Police Department; Public Works</b>
T-36	Study/Capital Improvement	<b>Implement safety improvements along Franklin Street to address constrained roadway widths. Potential improvements may include removal of on-street parking from one side of the roadway, traffic calming, and related streetscape enhancements.</b>	<b>Mid-term</b>	<b>Public Works, Department of Community Development, Police Department</b>

Note: Need to identify actions in CIP