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Date: December 11, 2025

Mr. Steve Pristawa, P.E.

Rhode Island State Traffic Control Commission

Two Capitol Hill

Providence, RI 02903

Re: Request for Review – Gooding Avenue & Metacom Avenue Pedestrian Signal Timing

Dear Mr. Raymond and Respected Members of the State Traffic Commission,

At its regularly scheduled meeting of December 10, 2025, the Bristol Town Council voted unanimously to support a request—brought forward by Town Administrator Steven Contente—that the Rhode Island State Traffic Commission conduct a review of pedestrian safety conditions at the intersection of Gooding Avenue and Metacom Avenue.

Prior to the Council's vote, Town Administrator Contente reported a pedestrian safety concern brought to his attention by a resident. After receiving the information, he personally observed a concerning incident at the intersection. Specifically, a pedestrian activated the crossing signal and exercised appropriate caution before proceeding. However, because the current signal timing stops only left- and right-turning traffic while allowing perpendicular traffic to continue with a green light, a vehicle traveling on Gooding Avenue accelerated toward the intersection. The pedestrian was forced to run to avoid being struck.

Based on this observation, the Town Administrator expressed concern that the present signal configuration may not provide adequate protection for pedestrians. He requested, and the Council agreed, that the State Traffic Commission evaluate the intersection and consider whether safety improvements—such as implementing an all-direction stop when the pedestrian signal is activated—are warranted.

On behalf of the Town Council, I respectfully request that the State Traffic Commission review the current signal operations and pedestrian safety conditions at this location .

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact my office if additional information is needed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Cordeiro', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Melissa Cordeiro

Town Clerk/Council Clerk

cc: Town Administrator
Director of Public Works