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Mr. Steve Pristawa, P.E.  
Rhode Island State Traffic Control Commission  
Two Capitol Hill  
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Referral for Review – Traffic Conditions at the Intersection  
of Jameson Drive and Metacom Avenue (Route 136)

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

On behalf of the Town Council of the Town of Bristol, this letter is to formally refer a traffic safety matter for your review concerning the intersection of Jameson Drive and Metacom Avenue (Route 136).

At the Town Council meeting held on January 7, the Council received a citizen petition requesting consideration of a traffic control signal at this location. Following discussion, the Town Council unanimously voted to refer the matter to the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal for review and evaluation.

During the Council's deliberations, several safety concerns were raised regarding existing traffic conditions at this intersection, including but not limited to:

- **Significant difficulty entering and exiting Jameson Drive**, particularly for vehicles attempting to safely merge into or cross traffic on Metacom Avenue.
- **Difficulty exiting Jameson Drive in a northbound direction**, especially given the complex traffic pattern where Route 136 southbound transitions from two travel lanes into one lane while also incorporating a center passing/turn lane.
- **Traffic congestion in both northbound and southbound directions** along Metacom Avenue, particularly during peak travel periods.
- **Improper use of the center turn lane**, with vehicles utilizing it as an alternate travel route in order to make left-hand turns onto Butterworth Avenue- with the potential of collisions.

- **Limited access for residents**, as Jameson Drive provides only one point of egress, increasing safety concerns during periods of heavy traffic or emergency situations.
- **Increased traffic volumes from Warren**, with northbound traffic merging into this area contributing to congestion and driver acceleration at the intersection.

The Town Council expressed significant concern regarding the overall safety of this intersection for residents, motorists, and pedestrians. While the petition specifically requested the installation of a traffic signal, the Council respectfully acknowledges that such a device may or may not meet established warrants.

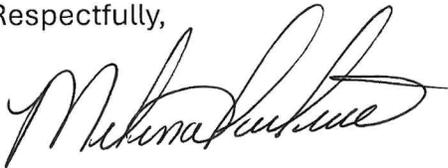
Accordingly, the Council requests that, if a traffic signal is determined not to be warranted, your review also include consideration of alternative traffic control measures or roadway modifications that may improve safety and traffic flow at this location. These may include, but are not limited to, lane configuration adjustments, signage, pavement markings, signalization alternatives, or other engineering solutions deemed appropriate.

The Town Council respectfully asks that resident safety, access limitations, and evolving traffic patterns be given full consideration as part of this review. Any recommendations or findings resulting from your evaluation would be greatly appreciated and will assist the Council in determining appropriate next steps.

Should you require additional information, documentation, or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,



Melissa Cordeiro

Town Clerk/Council Clerk

cc: Town Administrator

Director of Public Works

Town Council Docket 1-28-2026