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Melissa Cordeiro
Town Clerk
Town of Bristol
10 Court Street
Bristol, RI 02809

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

Dear Ms. Cordeiro,

Your request for the installation of an exclusive left-turn lane and the elimination of the chatter strip on the Route 114 southbound approach to its intersection with Gooding Avenue located at the entrance to the Bristol Shopping Center was considered at the State Traffic Commission's July 20, 2022 meeting.

The Bristol Shopping Center with its many retail stores has been servicing the Bristol community since 1959. A field review was conducted at the southern driveway entrance to the shopping center located approximately 250' south of the main entrance at Gooding Avenue.

The Route 114 northbound approach to the entrance driveway consists of two travel lanes, one in each direction. The southbound approach contains two travel lanes and a chatter strip median. The presence of the chatter strip could deter motorists from moving out of the through lane of travel while waiting to turn left, thus impeding the flow of traffic. The replacement of the chatter strip with a left-turn lane would allow left-turning motorists to move out of the through lane and into the left-turn lane. Consequently, the addition of the left-turn lane would allow through traffic to move freely through the intersection.

Measurements undertaken as part of the review indicated there is ample width on Route 114 to eliminate the chatter strip and replace it with a dedicated left-turn only lane for the southbound approach.

The STC approved the elimination of the chatter strip and the replacement of the chatter strip with a center left-turn lane to improve the general operations of the intersection. The work will be completed as part of a future RIDOT construction project as funding permits.

Very Truly Yours,
State Traffic Commission

Sean Raymond

Sean Raymond, P.E.
Secretary

cc: Steven Contente, Town Administrator (Town of Bristol)
Kevin Lynch, Police Chief (Bristol Police Department)
Chris Parella, Director of Public Works (Town of Bristol)
The Honorable June Speakman, Representative (District 68)
The Honorable Cynthia A. Coyne, Senator (District 32)
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