



Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

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TO: Honorable Town Council
FROM: Diane M. Williamson, Director
RE: **RIDOT Solicitation for Projects to be added to the State's Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)**

The RIDOT is currently requesting that Municipalities submit projects for the next update to the State's Transportation Improvement Plan.

It is noted that there are several projects within the current STIP (STIP #1299) that will be carried over in the next STIP as these projects are in the design and permitting phase. These projects include sidewalk, repaving, and seawall restoration at Hope Street from Constitution Street south to RWU; and safety improvements at 7 intersections along Route 114 (Vantage Point, Knowlton Court, Chestnut Street, Asylum Road, Fales Road, Gooding Avenue and Donna Court). As part of the permitting process, the RIDOT will be making a presentation to Bristol's Historic District Commission at their upcoming meeting for the portion of this project that is within the Historic District. As this project is currently under design, this will carry over into the next STIP.

The Department of Community Development has met with the DPW Director to identify potential new projects. We have also reviewed the recommendations from the Draft Safe Streets for All plan to help identify our list of projects. The following is presented to the Town Council for your information. As part of the STIP process, extra points are awarded to projects that are presented at a public meeting. The Town can request up to 5 projects. We have recommended 5 projects as well as an amendment to an existing project on the list.

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The proposed projects are as follows:

1. A roundabout at the intersection of Ferry Road and Metacom Avenue at the intersection with the driveway to the RWU Campus. This area can be a confusing intersection with the need for traffic calming. A roundabout had previously been on the STIP at this location but was then dropped from the list. We recommend that it be added back.
2. Sidewalks along both sides Metacom Avenue from Chestnut Street north to the Warren Town Line. There is currently a project on the STIP (#1301) for a re-pavement of this segment of Metacom Avenue and it is recommended that sidewalks be added to this project. Several areas along this stretch of road have sidewalks but other areas are in need, including the areas with larger residential developments such as Kanes Way.
3. New sidewalks along both sides of Metacom Avenue from Chestnut Street to Mt. Hope Avenue. Again, this area has segments of sidewalks but needs connections between these segments.
4. Installing BMP's to address water quality and flood mitigation for the RIDOT drainage pipe on Gooding Avenue from Ricotti's to the outfall on the south side of Gooding Plaza.
5. Design for Traffic Calming /Speed Management on the segment of Metacom from Mount Hope Avenue to Ferry Road. This is recommended for design only at this time since the project could include different elements such as a reduction in pavement width/curbing and sidewalks/bike lane which would have to be designed.
6. Design for pedestrian/bicycle safety along with elevating the roadway of Poppasquash Road from Hope Street to Coggeshall Farm Road.

cc: Steven Contente, Town Administrator
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