



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
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May 11, 2026

Roman Wozny
Patrol Captain
Bristol Police Department
395 Metacom Avenue
Bristol, RI 02809

Dear Patrol Captain Wozny,

The following request was considered at the State Traffic Commission's (STC) monthly meeting held on April 1, 2026:

- Request from the Town of Bristol for the installation of an exclusive pedestrian phase at the intersection of Metacom Avenue and Gooding Avenue.

A traffic review evaluated the implementation of a Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) in addition to the exclusive pedestrian phase evaluation for the above location. An exclusive pedestrian phase is a traffic signal setting that pauses all vehicular traffic in all directions, allowing pedestrians to cross all legs at the same time. An LPI is a traffic signal feature that gives pedestrians a 3-7 second head start to enter a crosswalk before parallel vehicular traffic receives a green light.

Both options were determined to be operationally feasible. Review recommendations included the LPI installation with protected only side street left turns, which would result in minimal operational impacts to the traffic signal. The study intersection is part of a coordinated system and would result in some incremental increases to the cycle lengths at all intersections within the system.

The STC approved the installation of an LPI for the intersection of Metacom Avenue and Gooding Avenue and the modification of the left-turn phasing for Gooding Avenue/Narrows Road to protected only. The Work will be completed by the RIDOT Maintenance Division this year.

Sincerely,

Sean Raymond

Sean Raymond, P.E.
Secretary

SR/MK

cc: Steven Contente, Town Administrator (Town of Bristol)
Kevin Lynch, Police Chief (Bristol Police Department)
Nathan Calouro, Town Council Chairman (Town of Bristol)
Chris Parella, Director of Public Works (Town of Bristol)
The Honorable Pamela J. Lauria, Senator (District 32)
The Honorable June Speakman, Representative (District 68)
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