



TOWN OF WARREN, RHODE ISLAND

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Office of Town Manager

January 7, 2016

Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program

ATTN: Kimberly Crabill

One Capitol Hill

Providence, RI 02908

Re: Transportation Improvement Plan 2017-2025 – Project Prioritization - Town of Warren

Dear Ms. Crabill:

Enclosed please find the Project Prioritization Cover Sheet submitted by the Town of Warren for the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) covering the years 2017 through 2025. The Town is not proposing new projects at this time and this submittal does not, therefore, include any new project application form or associated narrative.

Instead, this submittal adds projects that were previously proposed, and included in the current TIP, for the years 2013-2016, to the projects which the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) already placed on the Project Prioritization Cover Sheet that was provided to the Town. I would like to note, and ask reviewers to note, that RIDOT carried forward only two (2) projects from the current TIP, the resurfacing of Rte 114 (in Warren and Bristol), and Safety Improvements (formerly referred to as Hazard Elimination) on Rte 136, while adding seven (7) new projects. I need to also point out that many of the projects, including ones included in the 2013-16 TIP but not included in RIDOT's priorities, were proposed as long as 15 years ago and thus have been "a long time coming."

The Town of Warren is aware of the shift in policy and priorities at both the Federal and State levels towards more emphasis on asset management and, perhaps most importantly, repairing or upgrading the large number of roads and bridges that currently fail applicable standards. The Town appreciates the Administration's determination to pursue an aggressive strategy to deal with this very serious situation, as well as the priority given to this matter by leaders in the General Assembly. The Town is disappointed, however, that this would come at the expense of "local" projects that were previously recognized as needed

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and important, that have already been delayed for too long, and that in many instances are actually not just of local, but also of regional if not statewide significance. Examples include the long-planned extension of the East Bay Bike Path, which has been tremendously popular and serves many objectives, including public health and recreation, tourism and community revitalization; and improvements, especially in Warren's "Main (and Water) Street" area, that are needed both for safety reasons and to enhance economic development, not just in that part of town, but town-wide and even beyond our boundaries.

Another concern the Town has is that projects could be eliminated, or scheduled in the out years, that need to be coordinated with major economic development projects currently planned or already underway, such as the redevelopment of the Tourister Mill, as well as other infrastructure projects, such as water, sewer and perhaps other utility upgrades that have been planned for the same area. The Town has worked to ensure that these projects are coordinated, so as to achieve multiple objectives. These include (1) avoiding conflicts in planning, engineering and design, (2) minimizing disruption for residents and businesses from repeated or otherwise unnecessarily lengthy construction, (3) cost-efficiency for all involved and (4) maximizing improvements to the streetscape, quality of life and business climate that can be achieved when so many resources are being mobilized.

On behalf of the Town, I urge the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the participating agencies, the reviewers, and especially our executive and legislative leaders, to give due consideration to these concerns, to provide meaningful opportunity for this and other Towns to participate in further development of the TIP, and to work closely with us to achieve the most appropriate, feasible balancing of our respective priorities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our proposal (which was greatly facilitated by an effective use of your web site) and our comments.

Sincerely,



Jan H. Reitsma

Interim Town Manager

C: Warren Town Council

Project Prioritization Cover Sheet | Town of Warren

Transportation Improvement Program



CONTACT	Contact Information		
	Contact Person	<u>Jan H. Reitsma, for</u>	Title <u>Town Planner (to be appointed soon)</u>
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	Phone	<u>245-7554</u>	Email <u>jreitsma@townofwarren-ri.gov</u>

PROJECT PRIORITIZATION	Project Prioritization <i>(please use an additional sheet if necessary)</i>			
	Priority	Listed in TIP 2013-2016		Project Name
		Yes	No	
13		✓	Resurfacing Birch Swamp Rd and Schoolhouse Rd (Market St to Long Ln)	
6		✓	Intersection Safety Improvements to Main Street (RI 114) at Market Street/ Miller Street.	
7		✓	Intersection Safety Improvements to Metacom Avenue (RI 136) - Signal Upgrades and Left Turn Lanes	
11		✓	Resurfacing Rt 114, Main St (Warren Bridge to Child St)	
12		✓	Resurfacing Rt 136, Market St/Kickemoit St/Metacom Ave (Bristol T/L to Massachusetts S/L)	
8		✓	Resurfacing Vernon St (Rt 114 to Rt 136)	
10		✓	Kickamuit River Bridge at RI 103 Child St	
9		✓	South Warren Bridge at South Main St at brook	
4		✓	Belchers Cove Bridge at Market St	
1	x		Water Street Sidewalks and Streetscape	
2	x		Main Street Curbs and Sidewalks	
3	x		Market Street Curbs and Sidewalks	
5	x		East Bay Bike Path Extension	

Project Prioritization (continued)

PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

Priority	Listed in TIP 2013-2016		Project Name
	Yes	No	

Required Public Hearing

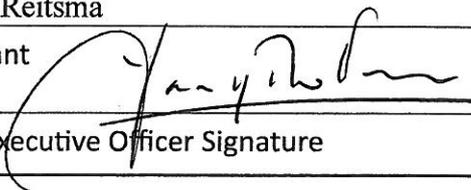
The required public hearing was held on January 6, 2016

CERTIFICATION

Applicant Certification

The information provided on this application is in accordance with local regulations and ordinances.

Jan H. Reitsma Interim Town Manager

Applicant  Title

Chief Executive Officer Signature 1/7/2016 Date

Submittal Checklist

CHECKLIST

- 3 collated copies of complete TIP submittal package
 - Project Prioritization Cover Sheet
 - New Project Application Form for each new project
 - 2-page narrative on evaluation criteria
 - 8.5" x 11" PDF map of project location

Email a copy of complete TIP submittal package to Kimberly.Crabill@doa.ri.gov or provide on a CD

Submit complete TIP submittal package to:

Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program
 ATTN: Kimberly Crabill
 One Capitol Hill
 Providence, RI 02908

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 3:00PM ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2016

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF WARREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The Town Council of the Town of Warren will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers, 514 Main Street, Warren, RI on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.

For the purpose of considering Project Proposals for the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2017-2025

The above will be in order for presentation and hearing at which time and place public comment will be heard.

Warren Town Council
Julie A. Coelho, CMC
Town-Clerk

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Town Clerk's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting, 401-245-7340(voice) or "via RI Relay 1-800-745-5555" (TTY).

December 30, 2015
