



TOWN OF GLOCESTER
Town Council

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July 21, 2017

Michael DiBiase, Chair
State Planning Council
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chair DiBiase:

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the proposed Federal Fiscal Year 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). It was with great concern that the Town Council reviewed the scheduled change to a very important repaving project within the Town of Glocester. Route 94, Reynolds Road (STIP ID 1329) from the Foster Town Line to US-44 was originally scheduled for repaving in 2019 and with this revised STIP, the repaving has been delayed until 2022.

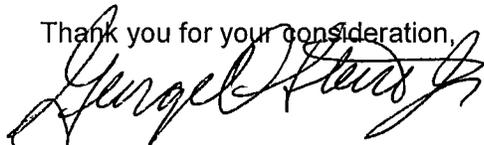
This segment of Route 94 has been a continuous issue for the Town. Over the past two years, the Glocester Police Department has investigated over 20 motor vehicle accidents, including one (1) fatality and several others resulting in serious bodily injury. The deteriorated surface condition of the roadway has been a contributing factor in several of these incidents. The recent patch work repairs implemented by RIDOT have presented a hazard to not only motor vehicles but motorcycles. The Glocester Police have received numerous complaints from motorcycle operators concerning the temporary repairs and surface condition, which has necessitated calls to RIDOT to repeatedly repair the temporary fixes.

The Town has recently participated in a Road Safety Assessment led by RIDOT on this segment of Reynolds Road as this location ranked in the top 50 locations ranked by crash history severity in the 2011-2015 analysis period. This assessment identified a series of immediate, near and long term potential improvements to implement along this corridor. RIDOT intends to move forward with the implementation of several of the recommended projects in the next year including guardrail improvements, curve signage and intersection improvements. These improvements will not be as effective if installed on a deteriorated roadway. A holistic approach, coordinating the safety improvements and the road surface improvements, is a much more efficient use of resources.

In addition, this road serves as the primary access point to the Town's largest employer, FM Global, which employs several hundred people at their Research Campus. This 1,600 acre campus is one of the most innovative research and testing centers in the world for property loss prevention scientific research and product testing. At this facility, FM Global helps many of the world's largest companies understand how to prevent potentially catastrophic physical threats from affecting their properties and business operations. To that end, the Campus hosts several thousand worldwide visitors each year.

This project will not only assist in solving the widely acknowledged safety issues that exist along the corridor but also better facilitate the movement of thousands of employees and visitors to one of the State's economic development success stories, FM Global. We urge the Transportation Advisory Committee and the State Planning Council to implement this project in 2019 as outlined in the current STIP and reject all efforts to delay its much needed improvements until 2022.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George O. Steere, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

George O. Steere, Jr.
Town Council President

CC: Peter Alviti, Jr., Director, RIDOT
The Honorable Paul Fogarty, Senator (District 23)
The Honorable Michael Chippendale, Representative (District 40)
The Honorable Cale Keable, Representative (District 47)
The Honorable Thomas Winfield, Representative (District 53)

FFY 18-27 STIP Application Cover Sheet



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Please complete this form and the project prioritization sheets on the following pages.

Contact Information

CONTACT

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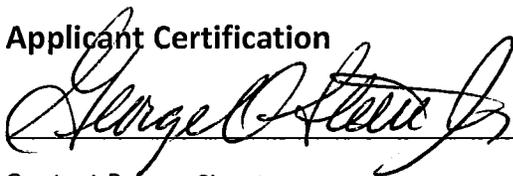
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Applicant Certification

CERTIFICATION



07/20/2017

Contact Person Signature

Date

Submittal Checklist

CHECKLIST

- 3 collated copies of complete STIP submittal package, including:
 - Project Prioritization cover sheet
 - New Project Application Form for each new or updated project
 - 2-page narrative on evaluation criteria
 - 8.5" x 11" PDF map of project location
- Email a copy of complete STIP submittal package to Michael.DAlessandro@doa.ri.gov or provide on a CD
- Submit complete STIP submittal package to:

Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program
ATTN: Michael D'Alessandro
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 3:00PM ON FRIDAY AUGUST 11, 2017

Project Prioritization

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| Priority | Earliest Funded Year RIDOT/RIPTA 18-27 Ten Year Plan | Project Name | STIP ID | Bridge Group |
|----------|--|--|---------|-----------------|
| 3 | 2023 | Reservoir Rd (South Main St to US-44) | 1304 | Non-Bridge |
| 2 | 2018 | US-44, Putnam Pike (RIDOT Maintenance to West Greenville Rd) | 1328 | Non-Bridge |
| 1 | 2022 | Rt 94, Reynolds Rd (Foster T/L to US-44) | 1329 | Non-Bridge |
| 6 | 2018 | Brandy Brook Bridge, US 44 Putnam Pike at Brandy Brook | 6195 | Bridge Group 16 |
| 7 | 2018 | Chepachet Flume Bridge, US 44 Putnam Pike at Mill Canal | 6196 | Bridge Group 16 |
| 8 | 2018 | Chepachet River Bridge, US 44 Putnam Pike at Chepachet River | 6197 | Bridge Group 16 |
| 9 | 2018 | US 44 Putnam Pike Pedestrian Underpass | 6198 | Bridge Group 16 |
| 10 | 2022 | Cherry Valley Pond Overflow Bridge, Chopmist Hill Rd at Cherry Valley Pond | 6199 | Bridge Group 26 |
| 11 | 2022 | Coleman Reservoir Bridge, US 44 Snake Hill Rd at Peptoat Brook | 6200 | Bridge Group 26 |
| 12 | 2022 | Cornell Stand Bridge, Old Harford Pk at Killy Brook | 6201 | Bridge Group 26 |
| 13 | 2022 | Jackson School House Rd Bridge at Echo Lake Pascoag Reservoir | 6202 | Bridge Group 26 |
| 14 | 2022 | Sandy Brook Road Bridge at Peptoat Brook | 6203 | Bridge Group 26 |
| 15 | 2022 | Saw Mill Hill Rd Bridge at Cutler Brook | 6204 | Bridge Group 26 |
| 16 | 2022 | Sucker Brook - Harris, RI 98 Harrisville Rd at Sucker Brook | 6205 | Bridge Group 26 |
| 17 | 2022 | Sucker Brook - Oakland, RI 102 Victory Hwy at Sucker Brook | 6206 | Bridge Group 26 |
| 4 | 2026 | Rt 44/Putnam Pike (Rt 102/Chomist Hill Rd to Reservoir Rd) | 9547 | Non-Bridge |
| 5 | 2026 | Rt 44/Putnam Pke (Sprague Hill Rd to Connecticut S/L) | 9549 | Non-Bridge |