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Dear Bill,

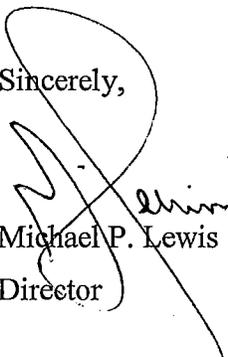
As required by statute (Rhode Island General Laws §24-18-7(c) "By the end of each calendar year, the department shall evaluate all submitted infrastructure plans and, in accordance with the project evaluation criteria, identify all eligible projects, and after a public hearing, the department shall finalize and provide the agency and statewide planning with a project priority list for the forthcoming calendar year."), RIDOT hereby submits the 2014 Project Priority List. We are also providing a detailed timeline and a copy of the criteria used to review the projects.

There were 23 projects submitted by 14 communities: these projects ranged from engineering studies to road resurfacing and bridge replacement. Only one project was not ranked and reviewed, based on the fact that it was scheduled for completion prior to the start of calendar year 2014, therefore making it ineligible.

We assembled a review panel of five staff: one from the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, one from Statewide Planning, and three from within RIDOT. This panel met three times, twice in November to assemble the draft ranking, and once in December, following the public hearing, to review any additional information made available.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Meredith Brady of the RIDOT Planning and Program Development staff (401-222-6940 x4530).

Sincerely,


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2014 Project Priority List						
Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Loan Fund						
Rank	Community	Project	2014 Request	2014 Project Cost	Maximum Borrow	Application Score
1	East Providence	North Broadway Roadway and Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000	52.5
2	Newport	Broadway Streetscape Improvements	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	50
3	East Providence	Forbes Street Roadway and Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	49.2
3	East Providence	Commercial Way Roadway and Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 270,000	\$ 270,000	\$ 270,000	49.2
5	East Providence	Crescent View Avenue Roadway and Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 315,000	\$ 315,000	\$ 315,000	46.7
6	Warwick	Mill Creek Bridge Replacement	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,600,000	43.3
7	Burrillville	North Road Bridge Replacement	\$ 680,000	\$ 680,000	\$ 680,000	40.8
8	New Shoreham	Weldon's Way Roadway Improvement	\$ 255,000	\$ 255,000	\$ 255,000	38.3
8	Westerly	Boombidge Road Bridge Reconstruction	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	38.3
10	Middletown	Forest Avenue Upgrade	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	37.5
10	Pawtucket	City-Wide Roadway Repaving	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	37.5
12	Cumberland	Forest Avenue Roadway and Sidewalk Reconstruction	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	36.7
13	Tiverton	Pond Bridge Road - Bridge #029201 Deck Replacement	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	35.8
13	Westerly	Stillman Avenue Bridge	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	35.8
13	Coventry	Sidewalk Construction - West Side of Reservoir Road	\$ 340,000	\$ 340,000	\$ 340,000	35.8
16	Westerly	135 Main Street Drainage	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	30
17	Cumberland	Highland Avenue Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	25.8
18	Middletown	Easton's Point Roadway Upgrades	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	25
19	Narragansett	Pavement Management Program - Phase II	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	22.5
20	Barrington	Barrington Road Resurfacing	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	20.8
21	East Greenwich	FY2014 Asphalt Program	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	18.3
22	Newport	Thames Street/Spring Street Improvements	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	10
NR	Newport	Local Road Improvements	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	NR
TOTAL			\$ 29,690,000	\$ 19,090,000	\$ 19,090,000	

The Role of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) in the Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Loan Fund Program

2013 Timeline

- **June 27, 2013** - General Assembly passes FY2014 Budget, including Article 20, the "Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2013". **RIDOT's role is to evaluate and prioritize projects based on six specific evaluation criteria. The Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Authority (RICWFA) is charged with administering and financing the loan program.**
- **August 30, 2013** - RIDOT files "Emergency Rules and Regulations Concerning Evaluation and Prioritization of Municipal Infrastructure Plans Under the Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Loan Fund Program".
- **September 6, 2013** - Letter sent to municipalities inviting applications.
- **September 15 through October 15, 2013** - Application period. 14 communities applied for loan funding for 23 projects.
- **October 28, 2013** - Request sent for Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation (RIEDC), Statewide Planning, staff assistance on evaluation panel for projects.
- **November 4, 2013** - First Evaluation Panel meeting
- **November 8, 2013** - Second Evaluation Panel meeting.
- **November 13, 2013** - Draft project priority list published to RIDOT website.
- **November 19, 2013** - Meeting notice published for public hearing.
- **December 13, 2013** - Public hearing - 9 a.m. - RIEDC offices, Iron Horse Way.
- **December 20, 2013** - Deadline for public comment at noon. Final Evaluation Panel meeting to determine if the Draft project priority list requires any changes, project priority list recommendation provided to RIDOT Director.
- **December 31, 2013** - Final project priority list sent to RICWFA and Statewide Planning.
- **Early 2014** - RIDOT will redraft the emergency regulations to address timing and application issues, and will follow required promulgation process for permanent regulations.

	Community - Project Name	Anytown - Any Project	Score
4.1	Generates economic benefits (10)		
	4.1.1	<i>Connects (or is within) a business district, economic opportunity zone or growth center</i>	
	4.1.2	<i>Increases ease of access to local businesses and employment</i>	
	4.1.3	<i>Requires the purchase of materials or professional services that would not otherwise have been purchased</i>	
	4.1.4	<i>Connects to property currently being redeveloped</i>	
4.2	Able to proceed at an earlier date (10)		
	4.2.1	<i>Project will not proceed in the next year without revolving loan funding</i>	
4.3	Provides mobility benefits (10)		
	4.3.1	<i>Improves access to businesses or critical services</i>	
	4.3.2	<i>Improves access to transit</i>	
	4.3.3	<i>Higher-order functional classification</i>	
4.4	Cost effectiveness (10)		
	4.4.1	<i>Leverages or is matched by funds from other sources</i>	
	4.4.2	<i>Estimate of cost is reasonable for work proposed</i>	
	4.4.3	<i>Will have a useful life of 10 years or more</i>	
	4.4.4	<i>Improves overall condition or rating of the road segment or bridge</i>	
4.5	Increases safety (10)		
	4.5.1	<i>Constructs or reconstructs sidewalks</i>	
	4.5.2	<i>Removes a known traffic safety hazard</i>	
4.6	Readiness to proceed (10)		
	4.6.1	<i>Application complete</i>	
	4.6.2	<i>Application on time</i>	
	4.6.3	<i>Ready to proceed (50%)</i>	
TOTAL			