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Dear Joseph,

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 2016 Project Priority List.

There were 12 projects submitted by 9 communities: these projects ranged from public safety to road resurfacing and bridge replacement. The single most requested type of project was road resurfacing, and many projects focused on areas in need of infrastructure to improve and promote business locations.

We assembled a review panel of six staff: one from the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, one from Statewide Planning, and four from within RIDOT (bridge, pavement, safety, and policy). This panel met two times, in November to assemble the draft ranking, and again in December, following the public meeting. After the initial ranking was completed, there were several communities that had not provided proof of borrowing authority, as required in the application packet. Subsequently, authority, or a charter-permitted process to receive authority, was produced for seven of the nine municipal applicants: only Providence and East Greenwich remain without authority or a council-based equivalent. Providence plans to seek a legislative exemption from the required borrowing authority for the public-safety related projects submitted for 2016, but indicated that the citywide paving project would not take precedence at this time. East Greenwich will likely go to the voters in November and come back with an application as part of the 2017 program.

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), our administrator for this program.

Sincerely,

Peter Alviti, Jr., PE
Director
Rhode Island Department of Transportation

CC: Jared Rhodes, Chief, Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program

2016 Municipal Road and Bridge Fund Project Priority List - $6 M Available

Code#		Community	Project	Date Submitted	Amount Requested		Cumulative Totals
9	A	Coventry	Sandy Bottom Road Streetscape Project	10/15/2015	$ 880,000	89	$ 880,000
8	A	Providence	Charles Street Sewer Repairs	10/15/2015	$ 500,000	82	$ 1,380,000
8	C	Providence	Hawkins Street Bridge Repair	10/15/2015	$ 650,000	81	$ 2,030,000
7	A	New Shoreham	Old Town Road - Road Improvements	10/15/2015	$ 296,000	80	$ 2,326,000
6	A	Bristol	2016 Pavement Rehabilitation Program	10/15/2015	$ 1,175,000	79	$ 3,501,000
8	B	Providence	Canal Street Signalization Project	10/15/2015	$ 200,000	78	$ 3,701,000
2	A	Woonsocket	Sayles Street Bridge Anti-Corrosion Abatement	10/13/2015	$ 2,417,000	76	$ 6,118,000
5	A	Pawtucket	Citywide Repaving - Pavement Management Program	10/15/2016	$ 3,000,000	75	$ 9,118,000
4	A	Cranston	Replacement of Main Street Bridge #99601	10/15/2015	$ 1,755,000	68	$ 10,873,000
3	A	Scituate	North Scituate Commons	10/14/2015	$ 272,500	61	$ 11,145,500
8	D	Providence	Road Repaving - Citywide	10/15/2015	$ 6,314,000	59	$ 17,459,500
1	A	East Greenwich	FY2016 Asphalt Program	10/9/2015	$ 2,000,000	32	$ 19,459,500
		TOTAL			**$ 19,459,500**		

Providence Priority Projects total $1,350,000

If these are not granted a legislative exemption, there will be some funding available for Pawtucket paving (approx $1.3M)