

We've Reached Our Wait Limit.



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Approve #3. Continue to fix our roads and bridges.

Like many states, Rhode Island's infrastructure is in dire shape. It's the result of decades of deterioration and heavier-than-expected use. The harsh realities of New England weather, including this year's record floods, have only made things worse.

An "Approve" vote on Question 3, on November 2, is the only viable way to finance our urgent need for infrastructure improvements. This will authorize the borrowing of \$84.7 million for highway, bridge and transit improvements – making Rhode Island eligible for another \$338.8 million in Federal matching funds over the next two years.

**\$423 million in needed improvements.
For 20 cents on the dollar.**

Rhode Island has no other immediate source of funding for transportation initiatives. So it's more crucial than ever to take advantage of all available Federal monies: which would simply go to other states.

If Question 3 isn't approved, highway and bridge work in the Ocean State will come to a standstill. So will the support of more than 5,000 jobs in construction and related fields. And so will state revenues from related goods and services.



Why fixing roads and bridges is Job One.

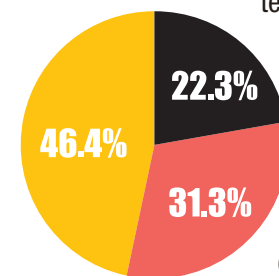
According to the 2008 National Bridge Survey by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Rhode Island's decaying bridges are in the worst shape in the nation. 22.3% are structurally deficient. 31.3% are functionally obsolete. Taking the steps to return these bridges to safe, operating conditions is something we simply can't postpone.

The Condition of RI Bridges

■ **Structurally Deficient** Requires significant maintenance or repair to continue to carry traffic and eventually will need rehabilitation or replacement to meet current standards.

■ **Functionally Obsolete** Built to standards that are not used today, i.e. lane and shoulder widths, vertical clearances, etc.

■ **All Other Bridges**



Employment needs a major boost.

With one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation, Rhode Island can't afford to lose any more jobs. Through a two-tiered effect, infrastructure improvements boost the economy and support more than 5,000 jobs.* First is the direct employment of workers in the construction trades – along with people who supply materials, equipment and specialized services. Second is the indirect generation of jobs when these workers and companies pump dollars into the local and state economies.

*Based on construction job-support formulas provided by the Federal Highway Administration.

Highways, Bridges & Maintenance Facilities

State Bond \$80,000,000
Federal Match **\$320,000,000**

Total Program \$400,000,000

RIPTA Improvements

State Bond \$4,700,000
Federal Match **\$18,800,000**

Total Program \$23,500,000



**The only
solution
is to get to
the polls.**

Rhode Island's state-owned infrastructure includes 637 bridges and nearly 3,000 lane-miles of roadway. These public assets are crucial to the Ocean State's economy, and also to our quality-of-life.

We need to find ways to fix as many of these assets as possible – with an eye toward lasting improvements and ongoing maintenance. Right now, Question 3 is the only viable way to meet this immediate challenge. Especially since the Federal government is willing to pick up 80% of the tab.

Vote "Approve" on November 2.

Visit rhodework.com today to learn more about the issues facing our state – and take a look at the progress we've made through previous bond issues. Then vote "Approve" on Question 3.

Upcoming projects and recent successes:

A partial listing.

The monies generated by Question 3 will be used to enhance communities throughout the state. Hundreds of proposals submitted by RIDOT and RIPTA – along with cities, towns and community organizations – were considered by the State Planning Council and its Transportation Advisory Committee. To view a more extensive list of projects, including the complete Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) adopted by the Council, visit www.rhodework.com.

Highway & Bridge Projects

Central Bridge	Barrington
Washington Secondary/Trestle Trail	Coventry
I-295 Bridge over Blackstone River	Cumberland/Lincoln
I-195 Improvements, Rehab & Bridges (Phase 2)	East Providence
I-195 Interchange: Taunton/Warren Avenues	East Providence
Routes 6 & 10 Interchange	Providence
I-95 Providence Viaduct Bridge (Downtown)	Providence
Woonasquatucket River Bikepath/Greenway	Providence
Route 138 Rehabilitation	South Kingstown
Apponaug Bypass/Circulator	Warwick
Natick Bridge replacement	Warwick/West Warwick

Recent Successes

West Main Road (Contract 1)	Middletown
Cliff Walk Restoration	Newport
Route 403 Relocation	North Kingstown
Iway • I-195 Relocation	Providence
Sakonnet River Bridge	Tiverton
Warwick Intermodal Station	Warwick

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