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North Kingstown Joins RI Ready Municipal Road Fund Program

North Kingstown, RI — At the Town Council meeting earlier this week, Town Council members unanimously approved a contract between the Town of North Kingstown and the Rhode Island Department of Transportation for participation in the RI Ready Municipal Road Program.

Matching funds of thirty three percent (33%), or \$576,227.00, will be provided from the RI Department of Transportation Program for paving, bridge and/or sidewalk projects within the Town of North Kingstown; North Kingstown's match of \$1,152,545.00 will come from the Department of Public Works paving budget. These funds represent a total investment of over \$1.7 million in North Kingstown's locally maintained roads, bridges and/or sidewalks over the next two years.

“With Council’s approval and confirmation of Governor McKee’s matching funds, this will be a welcome improvement upon our already ambitious paving program,” said A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager. “I look forward to our projects completions, especially considering the positive impact they are poised have on the day-to-day movements and lives of North Kingstown residents and visitors.”

The RI Ready Municipal Road Fund Program was passed by the General Assembly in Governor McKee’s FY24 Budget, making \$20 million in matching funds available for projects on locally maintained city and town roads which account for roughly 80% of the total miles of roads in the Ocean State. The Program’s 2:1 matching formula aims to leverage \$60 million for needed road and bridge repairs across the state. Since it launched in August 2023, all 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island have submitted project applications, with \$16.5 million in state funds committed to date.

Please contact Kate Glass, Executive Assistant, at kglass@northkingstownri.gov with any questions.

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