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Margherita Pryor  
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Dear Ms. Pryor:

Thank you for your November 1, 2007 letter. I understand that you are encouraging our Department to transform our mission from moving vehicles to enabling mobility.


The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) already has a vested interest in enabling mobility. This is evidenced by our commitment to promoting alternate forms of transportation, including bicycling. In fact, we have nearly 50 miles of bikeway completed across the state and another 40 miles under planning/design. We are also well beyond any other state making substantial progress in completing our section of the East Coast Greenway.

Our road projects accommodate bicycles where possible. Whenever we resurface a roadway, we always consider providing a wider, more bicycle tolerant shoulder. We have bike lanes on Allens Avenue and Promenade Street in Providence. We also have bike route designations on our more rural roadways.

Additionally, in the City of Providence, RIDOT authorized funds and gave a notice to proceed to the City in late 2006 for the "Bike Providence" CMAQ-funded project. The project will install bike route signs and mark bike lanes to connect the City and the major bike paths.

Thanks again for your interest in and advocacy for the advancement of cycling in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

  
Jerome F. Williams  
Director