

Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority

Mission Statement

HISTORY

The Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (the "Authority") was created by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1954 by passage of the Authority's enabling act, codified at Rhode Island General Laws § 24-12-1, *et seq.* The Authority was created for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, maintaining and operating bridge projects within the State. The Authority is comprised of a five-member board of directors, which includes the director of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation and four other members appointed by the governor.

MISSION – PURPOSE AND GOALS

The Authority currently oversees the operation and maintenance of four bridges within the State of Rhode Island: The Newport Pell Bridge, the Mount Hope Bridge, the Jamestown Verrazano Bridge, and the Sakonnet River Bridge (collectively, the "Bridges"). Moreover, since acquiring control from the State in 2013, the Authority also operates and maintains the Route 138 highway connector that runs through Jamestown.

The Authority is committed to providing safe and efficient access to, and travel over, all four bridges. Using funds generated from toll revenue, investments, and a percentage of the gasoline tax collected by the State, the Authority will strive to ensure that every bridge is operated in an exemplary manner and that all maintenance and repairs are performed in conformance with the most up-to-date industry standards.

In addition to providing safe and efficient access to, and travel over, the Bridges, the Authority strives to promote economic development in the State of Rhode Island and the region served by the Bridges; remain financially stable and able to fulfill its mission; provide excellent customer service; and maintain a professional and efficient workforce committed to achieving the Authority's goals.

STAKEHOLDERS, THEIR EXPECTATIONS, AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

The Authority's stakeholders include all travelers who use the Bridges, the State of Rhode Island, and the municipalities that are hosts to the Bridges, including Newport, Jamestown, Portsmouth, Bristol and Tiverton. All of the stakeholders expect that the Authority will safely and efficiently operate and maintain the Bridges. Performance measurements to be performed by the Authority at least once every (3) years shall include assessment of the physical condition of the Bridges, economic development related to

operation and maintenance of the Bridges, audit of the Authority's financial condition, evaluation of customer service, and review of workforce policies and procedures.

VISION

The Authority envisions itself as an efficient and effective quasi-public agency that will combine sound financial management with exceptional engineering and operations capability. The work done by the Authority will continue to provide the State of Rhode Island with safe and functional bridges that will promote tourism and commerce and facilitate business and other economic development within the State and in the region served by the Bridges.

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