

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority (“Authority”) was held at the Authority’s office in Jamestown on Wednesday, September 5, 2018.

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The meeting was called to order at 8:32 A.M. by Chairman Stephen C. Waluk

**Members Present:**

Stephen C. Waluk, Chairman  
Richard S. Humphrey, Esq., Vice Chairman  
Peter Alviti, Jr. P.E., Ex Officio  
Darrell Waldron  
Judith M. Morse

**Invited Guests:**

Buddy Croft, Executive Director  
Eric Offenber, Director of Engineering  
Maggie Baker, CFO  
Kathryn O’Connor, Director of Electronic Tolling  
Katie Coleman, Manager of Toll Plaza Operations  
Joseph Levesque, Chief Engineer  
Paul Sikorskyj, Manager of Safety and Security  
Jim Romano, Director of Maintenance  
Bill O’Gara, Legal Counsel

Item No. 2

Public Comments: There was one public comment from Judith A. Byrnes, a Bristol native and a Newport resident. Ms. Byrnes expressed concern about tractor trailers crossing the Mt Hope Bridge. (size, weight, safety, wear and tear) Please note that subsequent to the board meeting, RITBA Chief Engineer Joseph Levesque reached out to address her concerns via phone call. Email was preferred and a detailed response to each concern was provided on 9/14/18.

Item No. 3

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2018 board meeting.

Item No. 4

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to approve:

Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara LLC	
Professional Services for the months of June & July, 2018	<u>\$22,952.89</u>

Item No. 5

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to approve:

Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C	
Professional Services for the month of June, 2018	<u>\$2,379.99</u>

Item No. 6

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Richard S. Humphrey, passed unanimously to ratify Construction/Engineering invoices in the amount of:

\$2,982,069.84

Item No. 7

Motion by Judith M. Morse, seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to award the solicitation for Public Information and Marketing Services (Contract 18-9) to RDW for a period of two years with the potential of two optional one year extensions according to the proposed fee schedule outlined in their bid. Additionally, DK Communications was qualified to be retained on an as needed basis for special projects at a negotiable rate for the same two year period with potential extensions.

Item No. 8

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to qualify the following four firms to provide legal representation for a period of two years with the potential of two optional one year extensions:  
Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara LLC for general counsel  
Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C. for labor, employment and environmental counsel  
Taft & McSally LLP for real estate and financial/bond counsel  
Desautel Law for environmental and real estate counsel

Item No. 9

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve the FY 2018 Draft Audited Financial Statements presented by Erica Olobri, Director, Marcum LLP.

Item No. 10

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve CDM Smith’s proposal to evaluate and implement a new zipper merge traffic control plan and bridge safety program on the Newport Pell Bridge at a cost not to exceed \$63,699.89.

Item No. 11

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Peter Alviti, Jr., passed unanimously to approve WSP’s proposal to conduct non-destructive pin testing at the Newport Pell Bridge at a cost not to exceed \$13,023.00.

Item No. 12

Motion by Peter Alviti Jr., seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to approve a task order for WSP to perform a full deck evaluation of the Newport Pell Bridge and prepare design and bid documents for the next phase of roadway deck rehabilitation at a cost not to exceed 626,000.00.

Item No. 13

Motion by Peter Alviti, Jr., seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to approve a task order for WSP to prepare the design and bid documents for an On-Call Construction Contract for Miscellaneous Repairs to the Newport Pell and the Jamestown Verrazzano Bridges, as well as the Route 138 bridge connection in Jamestown and North Kingstown at a cost not to exceed \$393,000.00.

Item No. 14

Motion by Peter Alviti, Jr., seconded by Darrell Waldron, passed unanimously to approve a task order for Louis Berger to prepare the design and bid documents for an On-Call Construction Contract for Miscellaneous Repairs to the Mount Hope and Sakonnet River Bridges at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.00.

Item No. 15

Motion by Darrell Waldron, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to amend Aetna Bridge’s Contract, 16-7 – Mt Hope Bridge Deck & Miscellaneous Concrete Repairs, to approve an additional \$330,000.00 to cover necessary deck repairs beyond the original scope of work.

Item No. 16

Informational Item – RITBA has entered into a Toll Reciprocity Agreement with MA as of April 1, 2018. (MA registered drivers/vehicles on RI toll roads and RI registered drivers/vehicles on MA toll roads) The agreement allows holds and non-renewals on licenses and registrations for eligible drivers who have not paid tolls at each state’s toll road locations.

Executive Director's Report:

- A Customer Service Survey will be going out in the coming weeks, will reach our E-ZPass account holders and will be circulated to public through various channels.
- Mt Hope Bridge 5K held 8/11/18
- 4 Bridges Bike Run coming up 9/16/18, registration good
- Audrain Car Museum in Newport holding major event next October '19, high attendance, tourism expected, will be working with them to coordinate bridge projects/flow of traffic
- Next Board Meeting – October 10, 2018 – Will post agenda on Thursday, October 4, 2018

Executive Session – The Board suspended the regular board meeting to convene an Executive Session which was called to order at 8:56 A.M. in accordance with Rhode Island's Open Meeting Law, R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) upon motion made by Stephen C. Waluk, and seconded by Darrell Waldron. All Board members present voted aye.

At 9:17 a.m. a motion to exit Executive Session and seal the minutes was made by Stephen C. Waluk and seconded by Judith M. Morse. There were no discussions on the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Executive Committee exited Executive Session at 9:17 a.m.

At 9:18 a.m. the Board reconvened in open session. Chairman Waluk disclosed in open session that the Board voted 4-1 (with Mr. Humphrey dissenting) to confirm the Authority's engagement of Adler Pollock & Shehan, P.C. as outside counsel in American Trucking Associations, Inc. v. Alviti litigation. Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Judith M. Morse, passed unanimously to adjourn the public meeting at 9:19 a.m.

**Buddy Croft**  
**Secretary**