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NEWPORT PELL BRIDGE DECK REPAIR Project Update

JAMESTOWN, R.I. – [The Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority \(RITBA\)](#) would like to provide the following update on the Newport Pell Bridge deck repair project. The project is moving along smoothly and remains on schedule. This phase of the deck repair work in the westbound travel lanes is complete. The work included removing the old concrete by utilizing a scarifying machine and hydro-demolition, as well as completing necessary repairs to the steel rebar beneath. Fresh concrete has been poured and as the concrete hardens, core samples will be taken and tested. It takes up to 7 days for the concrete to properly harden. This section of the bridge will remain closed until the concrete achieves the proper strength and density and passes official testing. The work will then switch to the eastbound lanes.

This phase of the project with permanent 24/7 single travel lanes in each direction is scheduled through November 2017. For more information on the project and to access real-time traffic updates visit [RITBA.org](#)

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