



Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 3, 2018

RITBA'S E-Z PASS CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER TO BE CLOSED DUE TO EXPECTED BLIZZARD CONDITIONS

JAMESTOWN, R.I. -- Due to expected inclement weather from the impending Winter Storm, Grayson, the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority will close the E-Z Pass Customer Service Center on Thursday, January 4, 2018. Weather permitting; the center will reopen on Friday, January 5, 2018, with a delayed opening of 9:00 a.m. The E-Z Pass website will still be open for business transactions.

During the storm, RITBA will work in concert with the Rhode Island State Police to monitor the bridges and their conditions. If, at any time, it is believed that public safety or the bridges are at risk, RITBA will either restrict or close the bridge(s) to vehicular traffic and alert the public via the news media, its website, and social media.

A bridge restriction is issued if winds reach a sustained velocity of 58 mph, or 50 knots, on the bridge. Such a restriction will prohibit the travel of vehicles, including but not limited to: empty panel trucks or vans, tractor trailers, house trailers, motor homes, motorcycles and mopeds.

A bridge closure is issued if winds reach a sustained velocity of 69 mph, or 60 knots. A closure will prohibit all travel over the bridge except for emergency personnel.

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Members of the public can check bridge conditions and closures by visiting our website at ritba.org, by calling RITBA at 401-423-0803, or on Twitter at @RIEZPASS.

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