



## **Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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# **RITBA Foundation Hosts Citizen's Bank Pell Bridge Run on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## ***Brief Road Closures During Race for Athletes Safety***

**JAMESTOWN, R.I.** – On Sunday, October 23, 2016, the RITBA Foundation (Foundation) will host the Citizen's Bank Pell Bridge Run (the Run) over the Newport Pell Bridge. The Run is a 4 mile charity run/walk with 100% of the proceeds going to support nonprofits and local community organizations. The Run provides a rare opportunity for the public to cross over the beautiful Newport Pell Bridge on foot and enjoy the gorgeous natural scenery Narragansett Bay has to offer.

Early morning motorists in the Jamestown and Newport area should be prepared for slight delays and traffic detours due to the Run. The event will begin at 7:15 a.m. and police will begin blocking off some roads at 6:45 a.m. No pedestrians other than registered athletes will be allowed on any part of the Newport Pell Bridge during the Run. The road closures are as follows:

### **Jamestown**

- *East Shore Road* - From 6:45 a.m. - 7:45 a.m., East Shore Rd. will be closed between the intersection of Conanicus Avenue and the Rt. 138 on/off ramps.
- *Conanicus Avenue* - From 6:45 a.m. - 7:45 a.m., Conanicus Ave. will be closed from the Jamestown Golf Course north to the Rt. 138 on-ramp (Newport Pell Bridge).

### **Newport Pell Bridge**

- Traffic on the bridge will be reduced to a single lane eastbound from 5:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
- The downtown Newport exit will be closed to traffic until 8:45 a.m.



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### **Newport**

- *Farewell Avenue* - From 7:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m., Farewell Ave. will be closed through America's Cup Avenue
- *Van Zandt Street* – Van Zandt Street at the corner of Farewell will also be closed to traffic.
- Expect delays using America's Cup and Farewell Avenue until 9:00 a.m.

The RITBA Foundation currently hosts the Citizens Bank Pell Bridge Run and the 4 Bridges Ride events and donates the proceeds to nonprofits including local community and youth sports organizations. A few include the Samaritans of Rhode Island, Martin Luther King Community Center of Newport, Boys and Girls Club of Newport County, Meeting Street School, Jamestown Little League, Special Olympics Rhode Island, Save the Bay just to name a few.

The RITBA foundation was formed in 2016 to carry forward the mission of supporting local communities and nonprofit organizations that have a positive impact on the lives of Rhode Islanders.

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