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RITBA ANNOUNCES EARLY MORNING ROAD CLOSURES, DELAYS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 FOR 4 BRIDGES RIDE

100% of Charity Proceeds go to 'Save the Bay'

JAMESTOWN - The [Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Foundation](#) announced today that due to its charity event, the [4 Bridges Ride](#) on Sunday, September 15, 2019, early morning motorists in the Jamestown, North Kingstown and Newport area should be prepared for slight delays and traffic detours. The 4 Bridges Ride, a 26-mile charity bike ride hosted by the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Foundation, will begin at 7:00 a.m. Police will begin blocking off some roads in the aforementioned towns as early as 4:30 a.m.

During the course of the 4 Bridges Ride, cyclists will pedal across the four bridges owned by RITBA - the Jamestown, Newport, Sakonnet and Mount Hope Bridges - for a total of 26 miles. The ride begins at 7:00 a.m. at the 'park-and-ride' lot on the North Kingstown side of the Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge and ends outside Roger Williams University on the Bristol side of the Mount Hope Bridge.

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From the park-and-ride, cyclists will travel to Route 138, across the 1.4-mile-long Jamestown-Verrazzano Bridge and through the toll plaza via the connector road. After crossing the Newport Pell Bridge, riders use the JT Connell highway ramp and continue onto Connell Highway in Newport before connecting with Lexington Street and Chases Lane in Middletown. The cyclists will travel up Burma Road to Stringham Road onto West Main Road in Portsmouth, onto the Hummocks Avenue exit toward the Sakonnet River Bridge. Once over the bridge, the riders will turn around in Tiverton and cross back into Portsmouth and head toward the Mount Hope Bridge on Anthony Road and Boyd's Lane.

All cyclists must abide by the rules of the road throughout the course, and they will, at times, share the road with motorists. Although there will be brief and minimal impact on the motorists, motorists are asked to drive cautiously in these areas during the ride.

This year's 4 Bridges Ride is part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Newport Pell Bridge celebrated on June 28, 2019. A hundred percent of the 4 Bridges Ride proceeds will benefit Save the Bay. For more information on the 4 Bridge Ride, go on the ride go to 4bridgesride.com.

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