



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

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **RITBA IMPLEMENTS RESTRICTED ACCESS TO MOUNT HOPE BRIDGE FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES DUE TO HIGH-SPEED WINDS**

**JAMESTOWN, R.I.** – The [Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority \(RITBA\)](https://www.ritba.org) has restricted access to the Mount Hope Bridge for house trailers/RVs, empty enclosed trailers, or any vehicle that, in the opinion of law-enforcement personnel, may not safely cross the bridge will be prohibited from traveling the bridge. Motorists who are denied passage will be assisted with safely turning around.

Under RITBA protocols, limited wind restrictions may be implemented when sustained wind speeds exceed 50 mph for a continuous period of 15 minutes or more; or wind gusts persistently exceed 50 mph over a period of 15 minutes.

Members of the public can check bridge conditions and closures by visiting our website at [ritba.org](https://www.ritba.org), by calling RITBA at 401-423-0803, or on Twitter at @RIEZPASS.

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