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Temporary Problem with Lights on Newport Pell Bridge

JAMESTOWN, R.I. – [The Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority \(RITBA\)](#) is informing the public that a problem with the lighting on the Newport Pell Bridge took place last night (2/21/19). Some of the road deck lights and the so-called “necklace” lights experienced a problem. The necklace lights follow the cables strung from the bridge towers. Shortly before midnight, some of the road deck and all of the necklace lights began flickering and continued to do so throughout the remainder of the evening.

RITBA wants to stress all of the flashing red safety lights for aviation on top of the towers and for navigation on the bridge stanchions remained working and are in good order.

The cause of the electrical problem has been identified and work to correct the problem is underway. The lights on the bridge road deck will be fully operational this evening and there will be ample lighting for motorists crossing the bridge this evening.

It is anticipated the necklace lights will not be operational until Saturday evening (2/23/19). Both RITBA personnel as well as electricians from an outside contractor are working on correcting the problem.

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