



# Town of South Kingstown Historic District Commission

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 5:30 PM  
South Kingstown Town Hall, Planning Dept.  
180 High St., Wakefield, RI 02879  
[www.southkingstownri.gov](http://www.southkingstownri.gov)

Murray Gates, Chair  
Sharon Henderson, Vice Chair  
Richard Youngken  
Bettina Monaco  
John Desmond  
Elle Moore  
- Vacant -

### A. Call to Order:

### B. Roll Call:

### C. Approval of Minutes:

1. 10/23/2025 Draft Minutes

Mr. Desmond moved to approve the 10/23/2025 minutes and the motion was seconded by Mr. Youngken. During discussion Mr. Gates noted that the minutes for the elections incorrectly stated that Ms. Henderson was re-elected. Mr. Wagner indicated that he would make the correction to the final minutes. The members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected.

### D. Correspondence & Public Comment:

1. 11/12/2025 Email from Ann Terry - Re: Matunuck Beach Historic Resources Survey. *(See Attachment.)*

Members discussed the email and agreed to reach out after the holidays about a meeting in Matunuck.

2. 12/2/2025 Letter from J.Begin at RIDOT re: Rte. 138 reconstruction. *(See New Business item E.2.)*

### E. Elections:

Discussion and possible action to elect an HDC Secretary for 2026.

Mr. Youngken moved to nominate and elect Mr. Desmond as HDC Secretary. The motion was seconded by Ms. Henderson. Mr. Desmond accepted the nomination and the board voted unanimously to elect Mr. Desmond as Secretary.

### F. New Business:

1. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness / 1859 Kingstown Road - Discussion and possible decision on application to construct/install an outdoor storage shed. *(See Attachments.)*

By request of the applicant, consideration of this application was continued to January 2026.

2. RIDOT Rte. 138 NHPA Section 106 Notice - Discussion and possible action in response to 12/2/2025 RIDOT notice regarding proposed improvements to Kingstown Road in the Kingston Historic District. *(See Multiple Attachments.)*

Mr. Youngken discussed the NHPA Section 106 Notice and the role of comment and the town's comments on the revised RIDOT project from earlier in the year. Members discussed recent changes and additions to RIDOT's road ROW between Upper College Road and Rte. 108 and local historical features in the district and construction area. After reviewing various items for comment, Mr. Youngken volunteered to prepare a letter to RIDOT and Mr. Desmond agreed to work on the letter as well.

Mr. Youngken moved that a letter be prepared in response to RIDOT's 106 Notice and expressing the HDC's interest in participating in the process going forward especially with respect to: changes at the intersection of Upper College Rd. and Rte. 138 and Old North Rd. and Rte. 138, signage (RRFB), the pedestrian crossings at Old North, South and Upper

College Roads. Mr. Desmond seconded the motion. Ms. Moore recommended adding lighting to the motion, which was agreed to by Mr. Youngken. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Draft 2026 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Henderson moved to approve the 2026 HDC meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Ms. Moore and approved unanimously by the board.

**G. Old Business:**

1. Discussion of Potential Protections for Stone Walls

Mr. Gates discussed the draft ordinance that he had prepared and said that he would work on a communication to the Planning Board to send them the draft ordinance.

2. Matunuck Beach Historic Resource Survey - Discussion re: next steps.

Mr. Youngken discussed the issue flood hazard preparation and regulatory relief for historic structures, including working with town permitting staff in the Building Official's Office to ensure that they are aware of the special status of historic buildings. Mr. Wagner said that he would talk to the Building Official about possibly attending an HDC meeting, and Mr. Youngken suggested meeting with the Building Official during the workday.

Mr. Desmond asked about Ann Terry's inquiry about a meeting in Matunuck. Mr. Wagner noted that Ms. Terry's email (attached to the agenda) indicated that she was interested in discussing a follow-up meeting after the holidays.

3. HDC Post Cards - Discussion re: proposed messaging.

Members agreed to update the old message and re-send the cards.

**H. Staff Update & Planning Department Activities:**

1. Surplus Property Re-Development - Wakefield Elementary, South Road School, Oliver Watson Homestead

Mr. Wagner updated the board about the Council's decision to set aside money to demolish the two schools (South Road & Wakefield) and that the town was interested in subdividing the Watson property in order to try and find someone to take on the house as a historic preservation project. Members discussed the possibility of a preservation easement on the Watson house, or of creating a one-lot historic district. Members expressed interest in seeing the interior of the house, if possible.

Mr. Gates discussed the possibility of drafting a letter to Deputy Town Manager, Luke Murray, about finding an appropriate mechanism to preserve the Watson home. Mr. Youngken made a motion for Mr. Gates to draft a letter to Mr. Murray to address the issues raised by Mr. Gates as a preemptive effort describing the steps that the town could take to help preserve the Watson home and offering the HDC's assistance to achieve that goal. Ms. Henderson seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion

2. Main Street R.I. - Discussion re: GrowSmart's program to create Main Street America program in R.I.

Mr. Wagner noted that a private application had been submitted to enter GrowSmart's training cohort on behalf of historic Main Street in Wakefield.

Mr. Gates inquired about the status of the conversion of the Sheldon's building into a hotel. Mr. Wagner shared the final approved architectural elevations with the board. A discussion followed. Ms. Moore commented about working with the same property management group in North Kingstown.

**I. Recurring Discussion Topics:**

1. Coordination with Affordable Housing Committee

Mr. Youngken noted that he had not had an opportunity to meet further with the AHC. Mr. Youngken said that he

expected the discussions to focus around adaptive reuse of existing structures.

2. U.S. 250th Celebration - Local Update

Ms. Henderson and Mr. Desmond discussed the work of the 250th committee, including plans for a speaker series beginning in January, a recreation of a revolutionary skirmish, and enhancements to the 4th of July Parade

3. New Veterans Memorial

Ms. Henderson discussed the work she has been doing to design and install a new granite monument honoring black and indigenous veterans who had been left off of the existing monument at the Hazard School. Ms. Henderson acknowledged that the paired monuments will appear to be segregated, but that having paired monuments is typical to other locations and that the existing cement monument is crumbling and is likely not capable of supporting another metal plaque with over 100 additional names. Mr. Youngken indicated that the HDC should look into any Dept. of Interior standards on installing new monuments adjacent to historic monuments.

**J. New Discussion Issues & Future Agenda Items:**

No new agenda items were suggested.

1. Board Elections for 2026

**K. Adjournment:**

Ms. Moore moved to adjourn at 7:13 PM. Mr. Desmond seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.



# Town of South Kingstown Historic District Commission

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 5:30 PM  
South Kingstown Town Hall, Planning Dept. Office  
180 High St., Wakefield, RI 02879  
[www.southkingstownri.gov](http://www.southkingstownri.gov)

Murray Gates, Chair  
Richard Youngken  
Sharon Henderson  
Bettina Monaco  
John Desmond  
- Vacant -  
- Vacant -

### A. Call to Order:

### B. Roll Call:

### C. Approval of Minutes:

1. 6/26/2025 Draft Minutes ⇔ *(Attachment in Packet)*

Mr. Youngken moved to approve the 6/26/2025 meeting minutes. Ms. Monaco seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. 8/28/2025 Draft Minutes ⇔ *(Attachment in Packet)*

Mr. Desmond moved to approve the minutes from 8/28/2025. The motion was seconded by Ms. Monaco. Mr. Gates noted several administrative corrections to his name and staff indicated that they would be corrected. The motion with the corrections noted passed unani

3. There was no September meeting and are no minutes to approve.

### D. Correspondence & Public Comment:

Mr. Youngken discussed both letters and noted that the Rte. 138 project was a work in process and that the state RIHPHC was treating the current iteration as a new project subject to further state review by the RIHPHC.

1. 2025/8/25 Letter to RIHPHC re: Rte. 138 ⇔ *(Attachment in Packet)*
2. 2025/9/4 RIHPHC Reply re: Rte. 138 ⇔ *(Attachment in Packet)*

### E. Elections

Discussion and possible action to elect board officers.

A discussion followed. Mr. Youngken nominated Mr. Gates to continue in his position as chair. Ms. Monaco seconded and Mr. Gates was reelected as Chair by unanimous vote.

Mr. Youngken nominated Sharon Henderson to serve as Vice Chair. Ms. Monaco seconded and Ms. Henderson was reelected as Vice Chair by unanimous vote.

### F. Old Business:

1. Matunuck Beach Historic Resource Survey - Discussion re: next steps.

A discussion followed about a public request following the presentation of the survey about having a meeting in the neighborhood meeting with one or two HDC members about the process of listing properties or a district on the National Register. Mr. Youngken suggested reaching by letter to Ann Terry who attended the September meeting. Mr. Gates volunteered to write a letter.

2. Discussion of Rte. 138 Improvements by RIDOT ⇔ *(Attachments in Packet)*

Mr. Youngken discussed the reduced scope of the project from the original proposals 10 years ago. A discussion

followed about impacts to various aspects of the ROW including sidewalks and signage.

3. Discussion of Potential Protections for Stone Walls ⇔ *(Attachment in Packet)*

Mr. Gates discussed his draft documentation on a proposed ordinance. Mr. Youngken suggested moving it forward to the Planning Board for comment. Mr. Gates agreed to make some final alterations and to bring the proposal back to the HDC for a vote at the next meeting. Further discussion ensued about details of regulating work on stone walls.

**G. New Business:**

1. GrowSmart Main Street R.I. Presentation- Discussion of the 9/29/2025 meeting sponsored by the S.K. EDC where GrowSmart R.I. introduced its effort to roll out a Main Street America program in R.I.

- [Link - Main Street America](#)
- [Link - GrowSmart RI "Main Street RI"](#)
- [Link - RI Gen. Assembly Press Release re: Main Street RI Program](#)

A discussion ensued about GrowSmart's presentation and the value of a Main Street program to historic Main Street in Wakefield.

2. HDC Post Cards

Members discussed issuing new post cards to the Historic District. Members agreed to ink on new messaging and discuss further at the next meeting.

**H. Staff Update & Planning Department Activities:**

1. Kingston Station Signal Tower

Mr. Desmond presented some research and thoughts on the Kingston Signal Tower at the Kingston Station.

2. Facade Improvement Program

Mr. Wagner noted that the feedback on the work done has been positive and that money had been turned back in from projects that weren't done or weren't fully done as planned. Mr. Wagner noted the town was trying to decide how and if it had enough time to reallocate the money.

3. Surplus Property Re-Development - Wakefield Elementary, South Road School, Oliver Watson Homestead

Mr. Wagner reviewed the status of the 3 surplus sites at Wakefield Elementary, South Road School and Watson Homestead. Mr. Youngken discussed the Preserve RI curatorship program with respect to the Watson property.

**I. Recurring Discussion Topics:**

1. Discussion Regarding Potential Coordination with Affordable Housing Committee

No discussion.

2. U.S. 250th Celebration - Local Update

Mr. Desmond reported on the status of the 250th celebration and some of the presentations relating to South Kingstown's involvement in the American Revolution.

3. New Veterans Memorial

No discussion with Ms. Henderson absent.

**J. New Discussion Issues & Future Agenda Items:**

**K. Adjournment:**

Mr. Youngken moved to adjourn at 6:55 pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Monaco and approved by unanimous consent.



# Town of South Kingstown Historic District Commission

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 5:30 PM  
South Kingstown Town Hall, Council Chambers  
180 High St., Wakefield, RI 02879  
[www.southkingstownri.gov](http://www.southkingstownri.gov)

Murray Gates, Chair  
David Hill, Vice Chair  
Richard Youngken  
Sharon Henderson  
- Vacant -  
- Vacant -  
- Vacant -

### A. Call to Order:

### B. Roll Call:

### C. Approval of Minutes:

1. 5/22/2025 Draft Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Youngken, seconded by Ms. Henderson, unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

### D. Correspondence & Public Comment:

1. Routine Maintenance Approval - Approval of roof replacement at South County Art Assoc., 2579 Kingstown Rd.

Staff informed the board members of the request and approval of routine roof replacement work using the standard roof replacement COA.

### E. Old Business:

1. Discussion of Potential Stone Wall Protections

Mr. Gates noted previous discussions about reviewing ordinance examples from other towns as a basis for a new ordinance in S.K. and said that he was still working on preparing a draft for discussion. The matter was continued to the next agenda for further discussion.

2. Discussion Regarding Potential Coordination with Affordable Housing Committee

Mr. Youngken said that he had met with Peter Swain from the Affordable Housing Collaborative Committee (AHCC) about information sharing about historic buildings that have been rehabilitated for housing, and how historic preservation works. Mr. Youngken said that a future joint meeting with the AHCC might be beneficial, but that for now he would simply continue to share information with Mr. Swain through various online links and connections to state and regional officials. Mr. Gates asked where the areas of potential for affordable housing were in S.K. Mr. Youngken noted that there were examples in other communities and states that would be of interest to the AHCC. Discussion followed about historic housing patterns in town in historic properties; historic preservation tax credits; employer housing for employees; URI student and staff housing and other topics relating to affordable housing in historic properties.

### F. New Business:

1. Discussion re: Route 138 Improvements Potential Impact to Kingston Historic District

Item requested for discussion by former HDC member David Hill. Members discussed the attached letter from Deputy Town Manager Murray to RIDOT. Staff discussed a recent virtual (online) meeting between town staff and RIDOT and identified items in Mr. Murray's memo directly impacting the Kingston Historic District. Staff noted that the original Rte. 138 project has been dramatically scaled-back to simply repaving, re-striping, re-signaling and sidewalk repair. Mr. Youngken inquired whether RIHPHC had commented on the project and moved that the HDC send a letter to RIHPHC (as a CLG) inquiring whether RIHPHC has reviewed this project. The motion was seconded by Ms. Henderson. Mr. Youngken

volunteered to draft the letter.

**G. Staff Update & Planning Department Activities:**

Staff noted that work was proceeding on the conversion of the Sheldon Furniture building on Main Street to a hotel was proceeding along with the associated work on Phil's Restaurant, but otherwise had no updates. Mr. Gates inquired about the RFPs for the 3 town properties slated for conversion to housing. Mr. Wagner noted that no RFPs had been issued. The intent is to move forward with South Road School first with some Council requested changes to the RFP. Staff noted that the plans for the Wakefield School property do protect the historic park that is part of the Wakefield National Register District and that the designs for the property in West Kingston with the historic Watson homestead presently seek to subdivide the historic house from the remainder of the land in the hope that the town can find someone willing to tackle a preservation project. Further discussion followed about uses and designs for the Wakefield School property. Staff noted that plans for the Peace Dale Library interior renovations continue to move forward.

**H. Recurring Discussion Topics:**

1. Discussion re: Planning for 250th U.S. Anniversary

Ms. Henderson discussed a proposal for a new memorial monument near the Hazard School building adjacent to the High School.

**I. New Discussion Issues & Future Agenda Items:**

Mr. Gates suggested an agenda item for officer elections. Mr. Youngken requested that an agenda item be added for new member training.

**J. Adjournment:**

Mr. Youngken moved to adjourn; Ms. Monaco seconded the motion; the meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:51 PM.



**TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN**  
**SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**TO** Anthony Mako, Project Manager, RIDOT  
**FROM** Lucas Murray, Deputy Town Manager  
**SUBJECT** Request for Design Considerations – Rt. 138 Roadway Reconstruction Project  
**DATE** June 16, 2025



Pursuant to our coordination meetings held on March 19 and May 1, 2025, the Town respectfully submits the following design considerations for inclusion in the proposed reconstruction of Route 138 between Route 2 and Route 108, including the associated Kingston Station Railroad Bridge (Bridge ID 037201).

The South Kingstown community has anticipated improvements to this corridor for nearly two decades. A 2011 planning document prepared by the Beta Group outlined several proposed enhancements, including roundabouts at the intersections of Plains Road and Keaney Road, upgraded sidewalks, and improved pedestrian crossings. While we understand that the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) has chosen to simplify certain aspects of the design, we trust that RIDOT will honor its prior commitments to enhance multimodal access and strengthen connections between Kingston Station, the University of Rhode Island, the villages of West Kingston and Kingston, and the broader region.

As a significant transportation hub serving the state's largest post-secondary institution and contributing to the local economy, Kingston Station warrants safe, well-integrated bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Its connection to the William C. O'Neil Bike Path and the planned RIPTA transit hub underscores the importance of providing accessible, multimodal linkages while preserving the historic character of Rhode Island's oldest active train station.

In this context, we respectfully request that the following elements be incorporated into the roadway design to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety, uphold the character of our historic villages, and promote active transportation in alignment with community values.

**1. Bike Lane/Share the Road Signage/ Sharrows:**

- a. Add separate bike lanes on the north and south sides of Rt. 138 from Rt. 2 to the Kingston RR Bridge.
- b. Add sharrows/ bike symbols and associated "Share the Road" signage.
- c. Add bicycle sharrows in the travel lanes on both lanes Kingstown RR Bridge.
- d. Add separate bike lanes or add sharrows/ bike symbols and associated "Share the Road" signage along the entire Rt. 138 roadway where deemed feasible.

**2. Sidewalks:** Reconstruct, upgrade, and/or add sidewalks in the following areas:

- a. Reconstruct/upgrade and widen the existing sidewalk located on the north side of Rt. 138 from the Kingston RR Bridge west to Black Bird Lane.
- b. Consider adding new sidewalk or bike lane on the south side of Rt. 138 from West Kingston Park to the existing sidewalk at Fairgrounds Road to reinforce the strong connection from the SK Rail Road Station and West Kingston Village to the park.
- c. Reconstruct/upgrade the existing sidewalks located on both sides of Rt. 138 crossing the

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Kingston RR Bridge. Widen both sidewalks to 5 feet to accommodate 2 pedestrians passing without having to enter the roadway area.

- d. Reconstruct/upgrade the existing sidewalks located on both sides of Rt. 138 from east side of the Kingston RR Bridge. Widen where feasible.
- e. Add sidewalks on both sides of Rt. 138 through West Kingston Village from the existing sidewalk terminations in West Kingston Village to the Chipuxet River Bridge. The existing sidewalks located to the east of the Kingston RR Bridge terminate randomly in the village. The north side walk ends in the vicinity of 3509 Kingstown Road, while the southern walkway terminates at the U.S. Post Office building located at 3484 Post Road. Extending sidewalks on both sides of the road will connect visitors and residents to key area amenities such as the Courthouse Center for the Arts, Post Office, Convenience Store, and a coffee shop and help create a safe passage to the Plains Road entrance of URI.
- f. Add a sidewalk on the north side of Rt. 138 from Liberty Lane to Plains Road. We realize that the Chipuxet River bridge may pose challenges to continue sidewalks on both sides of the roadway to Plain Road/ Ministerial Road. We therefore recommend adding, as a minimum, one sidewalk on the north side of the roadway crossing the bridge to Plains Road for a safe crossing area.
- g. Replace and supplement walkways to create a contiguous sidewalk on the north side of Rt. 138 from Plains Road to Upper College Road. This is a critical linkage to both the URI extension of the William C. O'Neil Bike Path, URI athletic and academic facilities, and residences along the corridor.
- h. Add a sidewalk extension on the south side of Rt. 138 from Keaney Road to Peckham Farm Road. This will allow the elimination of the existing mid-block crossing at Peckham Farm Road with a crossing added at the new traffic light at Keaney Road.
- i. Reconstruct and widen the existing sidewalk on the south side of Rt. 138 from Biscuit City Road to the Upper College Road Intersection. Evaluate the feasibility of adding a sidewalk adjacent to the roadway from the South County History Center and Kingston Congregational Church properties to avoid the stairs and grade shifts that currently exist.
- j. Repair the existing brick sidewalks on both sides of Rt. 138 from Upper College Road to Rt. 108.
- k. Replace the existing asphalt sidewalk in front of 2545 Kingstown Road with brick to match the existing brick sidewalk until the Old North Road intersection.
- l. Consider adding and realigning sidewalks on the south side of Rt. 138 from South Road to Rt. 108.

3. **Major Intersection Enhancements:** Reconstruct and upgrade critical intersections to improve pedestrian crossings and reinforce the historic character of the Kingston and West Kingston Villages. Suggested enhancements include:

- a. The addition of crosswalks and associated pedestrian signals at the following Rt. 138 intersections:
  - i. Plains Road/ Ministerial Road – 4 way intersection
  - ii. Fairground Road - 4-way intersection.
- b. Replacement of span wires at the Fairgrounds Road intersection, Plains/ Ministerial Road intersection, and Upper College Road intersection with decorative traffic signal structures such as a black fluted mast arm poles that better integrate with the character of the historic villages.
- c. Use of decorative poles that match mast arms for pedestrian signal lights at the Fairgrounds Road intersection, Plains/Ministerial Road, and Upper College Road intersection.

4. **Cross Walks/ Pedestrian Crossings:** Reconstruct, upgrade, and add crosswalks and pedestrian crossings as follows:
  - a. Upgrade the existing crosswalk between the U.S Post Office and the Courthouse Center for the Arts. Utilize stamped asphalt in a brick style to better fit with the historic nature of the village. Add a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon's (RRFB's) on both sides of crosswalk mounted on black historic style fluted poles.
  - b. Consider adding a crosswalk in the vicinity of the existing convenience store located at 3411 Kingstown Road to accommodate pedestrian movements to this area business. Utilize stamped asphalt in a brick style to better fit with the historic nature of the village. Add a RRFB's on both sides of crosswalk mounted on black historic style fluted poles.
  - c. Consider replacing the existing Hawk style lights at the William C. O'Neil Bike Path extension with a more traditional style traffic light or RRFB's which are more familiar to motorists and require diligence by both pedestrians and motorists. We have found that Hawk lights cause confusion and are often ineffective in stopping or slowing traffic as a result.
  - d. Add a signalized pedestrian crossing at the new Keaney Road traffic light to a new sidewalk on the south side of 138 that leads to Peckham Farm Road. This will eliminate the need for the existing mid-block crossing at Peckham Farm Road.
  - e. Consider replacing the existing Hawk style lights at Graduate Circle with a more traditional style traffic light or RRFB's which are more familiar to motorists. We have found that Hawk lights cause confusion and are often ineffective in stopping or slowing traffic as a result.
  - f. Add an RRFB's and highly visible crosswalk markings at the existing crossing at South Road as outlined in South Kingstown's Safe Streets for All Action Plan. Alternatively, evaluate establishing a large crossing node at Old North Road/ South Road by extending the curb lines to the edge of areas currently cross hatched and adding a high visibility stamped brick intersection with RRFB's or standard pedestrian signal stop lights. The entire area from the west of South Road to the west side of Old North Road could be stamped to encourage motorists to slow speeds.
5. **Lighting:** Consider the addition or upgrade of lighting in the following areas:
  - a. West Kingston Village – Add pedestrian scale historic post top LED lighting from the Kingston Station RR Bridge to Liberty Lane. Alternatively:
    - i. Retrofit existing Cobra Head light fixtures with a more historic arm and fixture and/or;
    - ii. Install conduit to hand holes in the sidewalk areas to allow for the future addition of post top lights by the Town as funding becomes available.
  - b. Intersections and cross walks – Ensure all major intersections and sidewalks remain well lit to provide safer passage for pedestrians and bicyclists.
  - c. Kingston Village - Add pedestrian scale historic post top LED lighting from the Kingston Station RR Bridge to Liberty Lane. Alternatively:
    - i. Retrofit existing Cobra Head light fixtures with a more historic arm and fixture and/or;
    - ii. Install conduit to hand holes in the sidewalk areas to allow for the future addition of post top lights by the Town as funding becomes available.
6. **Street Trees:** Consider planting additional street trees in the West Kingston Village area where appropriate, to promote traffic calming, shade, and visual cohesion with the existing landscape. Consider addition trees within right-of-way areas along Rt. 138 where open areas and utility wires allow.

**Request for Design Considerations – Rt. 138 Roadway Reconstruction Project**

**June 16, 2025**

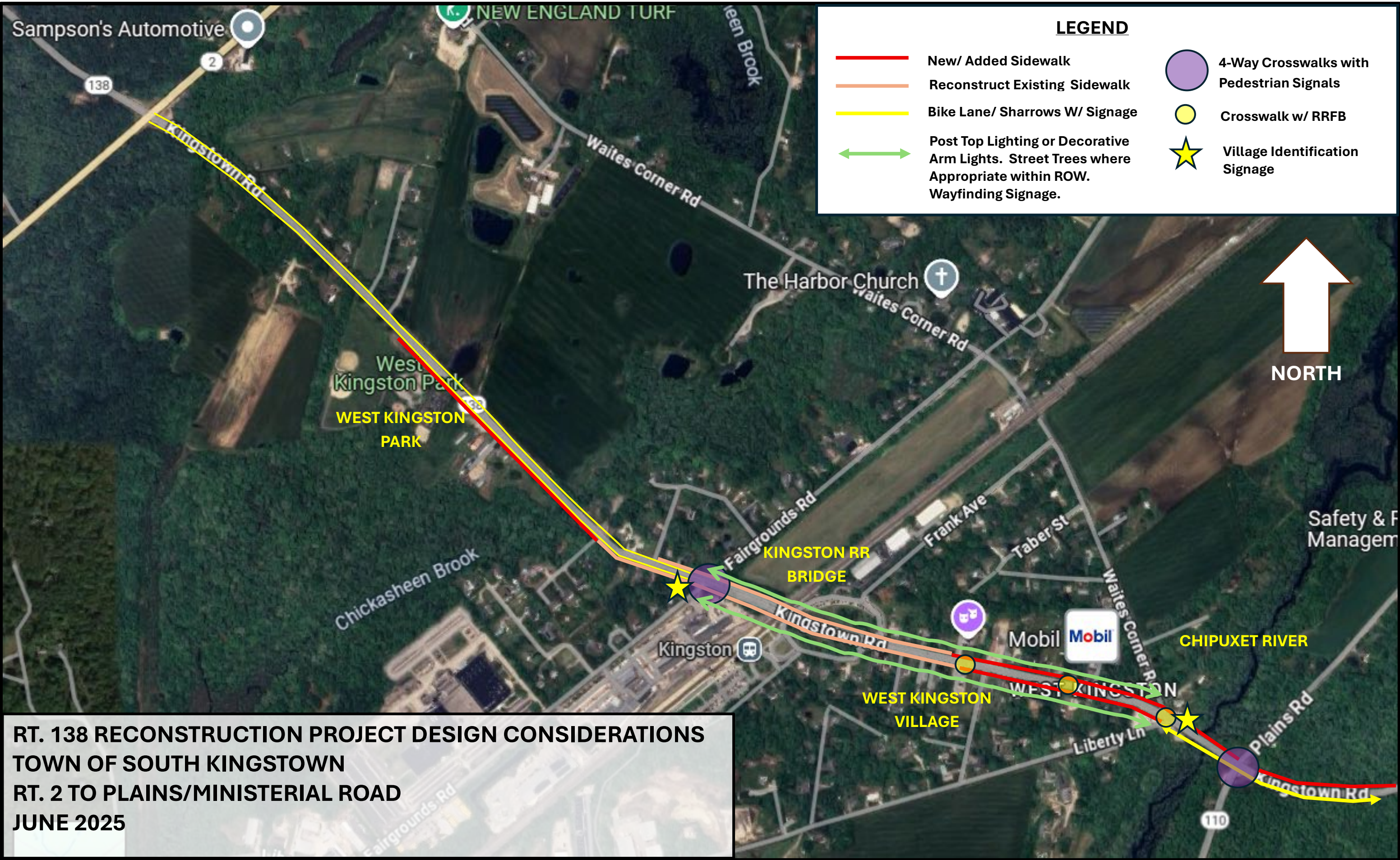
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We appreciate RIDOT's continued collaboration with the Town and your consideration of these enhancements. These elements reflect the community's vision for a safe, attractive, and pedestrian-friendly transportation corridor. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 401-524-9560 if further detail or clarification is needed regarding these requests.

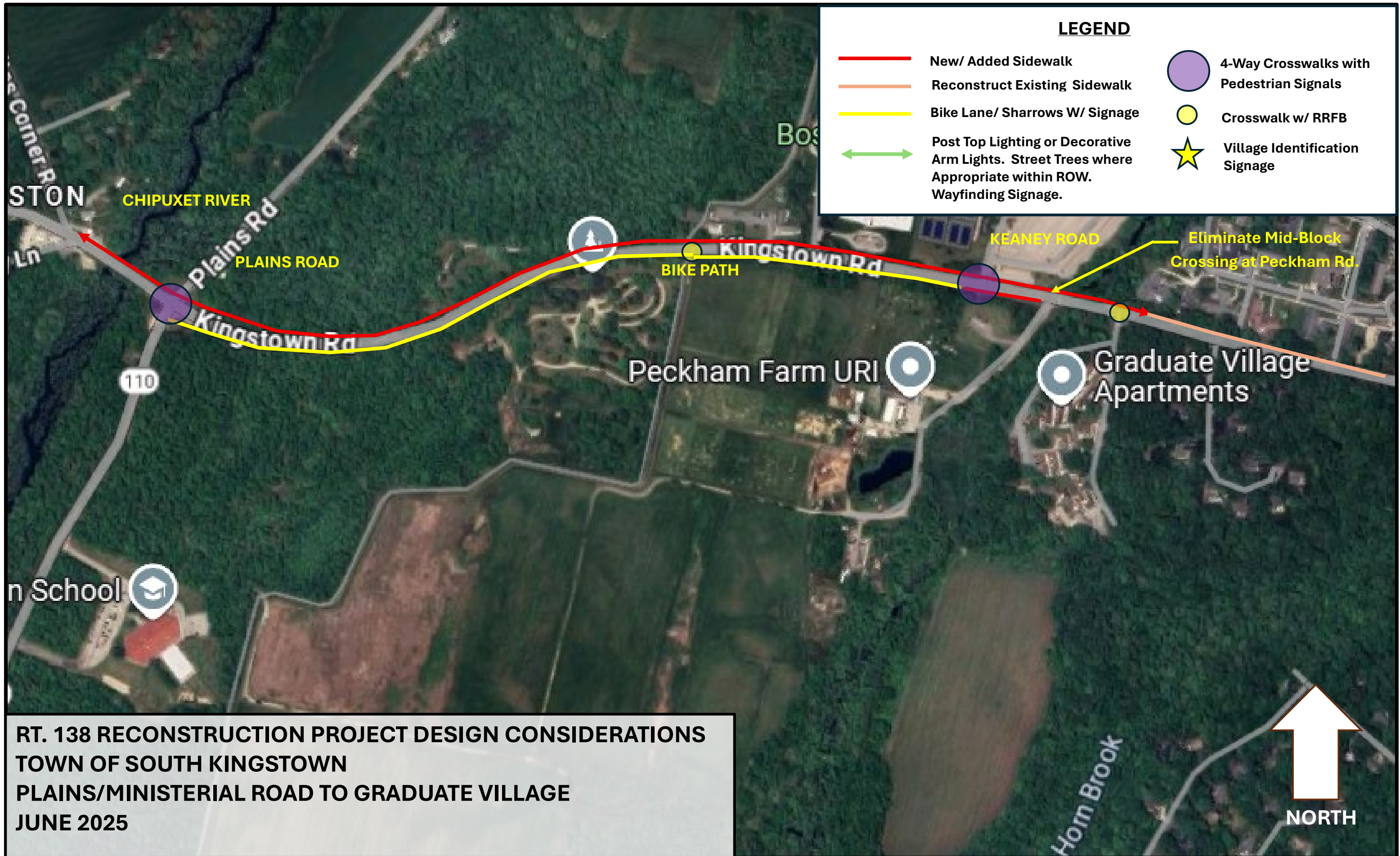
**Attachments:** Route 138 Enhancements Maps

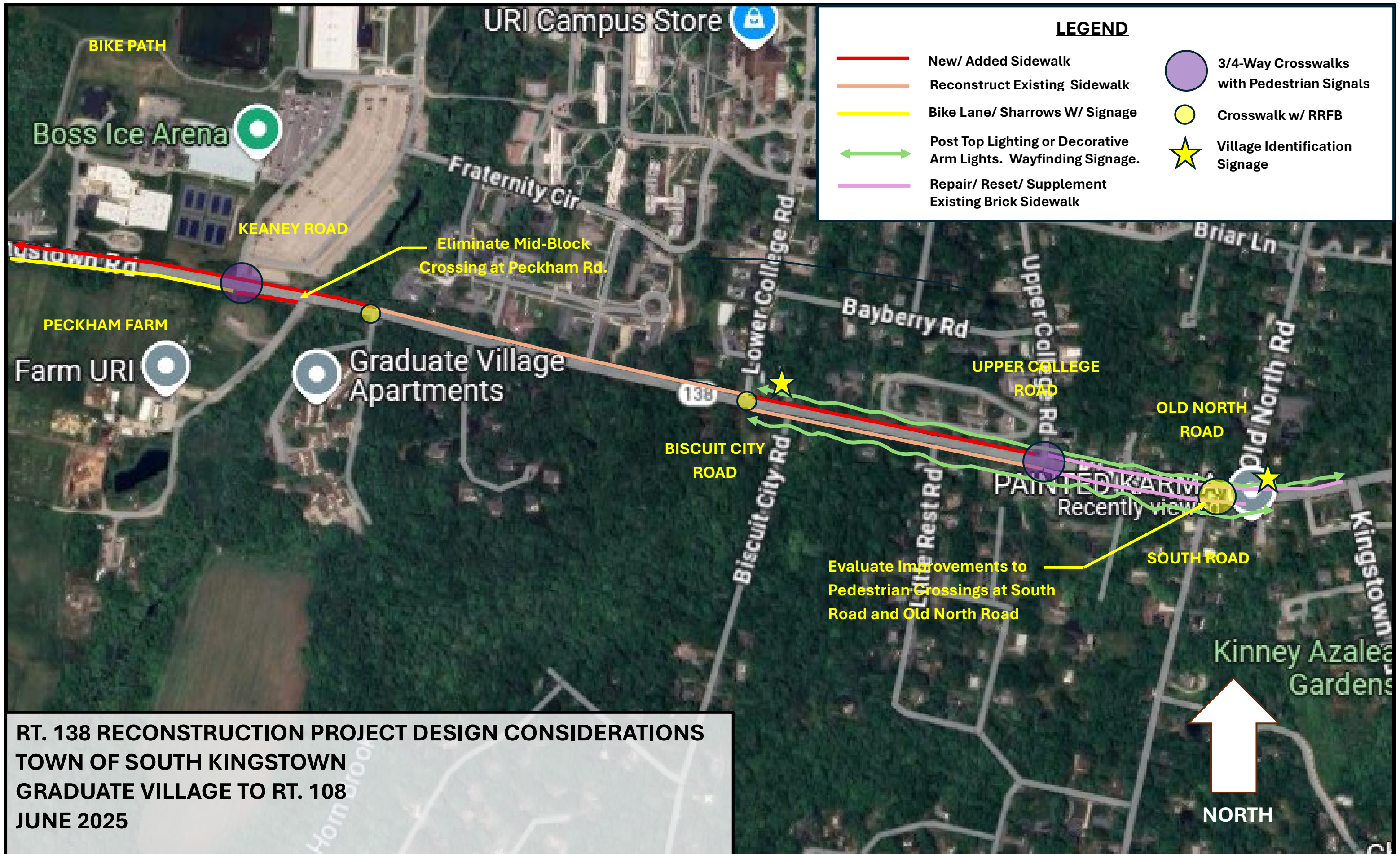
Cc: James Manni, Town Manager  
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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
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December 22, 1994

Mr. Vincent Palumbo  
Chief Civil Engineer/Transportation  
Design Section  
Division of Public Works  
RIDOT/2 Capitol Hill  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: Consensus Determination of Eligibility Documentation  
Reconstruction of Route 138  
Beaver River Road to Waites Corner Road  
Richmond and South Kingstown

Dear Mr. Palumbo:

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission staff has reviewed the materials you have provided for consensus determinations of eligibility for the following cultural resources: Beaver River Road Historic District, Richmond; Usquepaug Road National Register Historic District Extension, South Kingstown; and the Usquepaug Village Historic and Archaeological District, Richmond and South Kingstown. We have the following comments.

Beaver River Road Historic District - We concur that this cohesive group of historic farmsteads possesses sufficient integrity and significance under Criteria A and C to qualify for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. We also find that this nomination form provides sufficient documentation of the district, its contributing elements and its boundaries. The one exception is the absence of clear photographs in this and the other documents. We have noted the following textual comments as well.

P.5, para 1, line 7, "wetlands"

P.14, para 1, line 3, "principal"

P.14, para 1, line 5, - True subsistence farming was relatively rare by the 19th century in Rhode Island. Semi-subsistence farming is probably the more accurate term for small farms with limited surpluses.

P.15, para 3, line 2 'principal'



December 22, 1994

Usquepaug Road Extension - We concur that the extension of the Usequepaug Road National Register Historic District, as described in these materials is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C.

Usquepaug Village Historic District - We concur that this historic district as described in this nomination form is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. The documentation for this district and the adjoining Usquepaug Road Historic District extension provides strong evidence that the rural agrarian mill village and the adjoining agricultural district constitute a complementary complex of historic landscape patterns.

In order to substantiate eligibility under Criterion D, the nomination should reference RI-705, a National Register archaeological site associated with Silas Mumford and #10 Old Usquepaug Road. We have also made the following textual comments,.

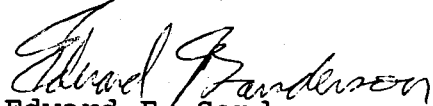
P.10, para 1, line 2 "east" and "west" need to be reversed.

P.11, para 2, lines 12 "Peckham Barber" and "Timothy Barber"?

P. 19, para 1, line 4, "founders".

These comments are provided in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Richard E. Greenwood, Project Review Coordinator for this office.

Very truly yours,



Edward F. Sanderson  
Executive Director  
Deputy State Historic  
Preservation Officer

cc: Michael Hebert, RIDOT

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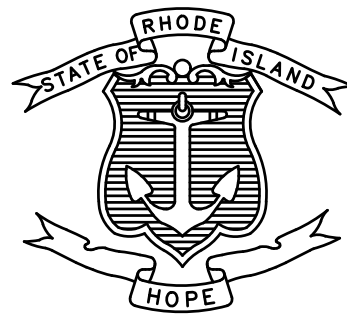
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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PLAN, PROFILE AND SECTIONS OF PROPOSED

STATE HIGHWAY

ROUTE 138 KINGSTOWN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

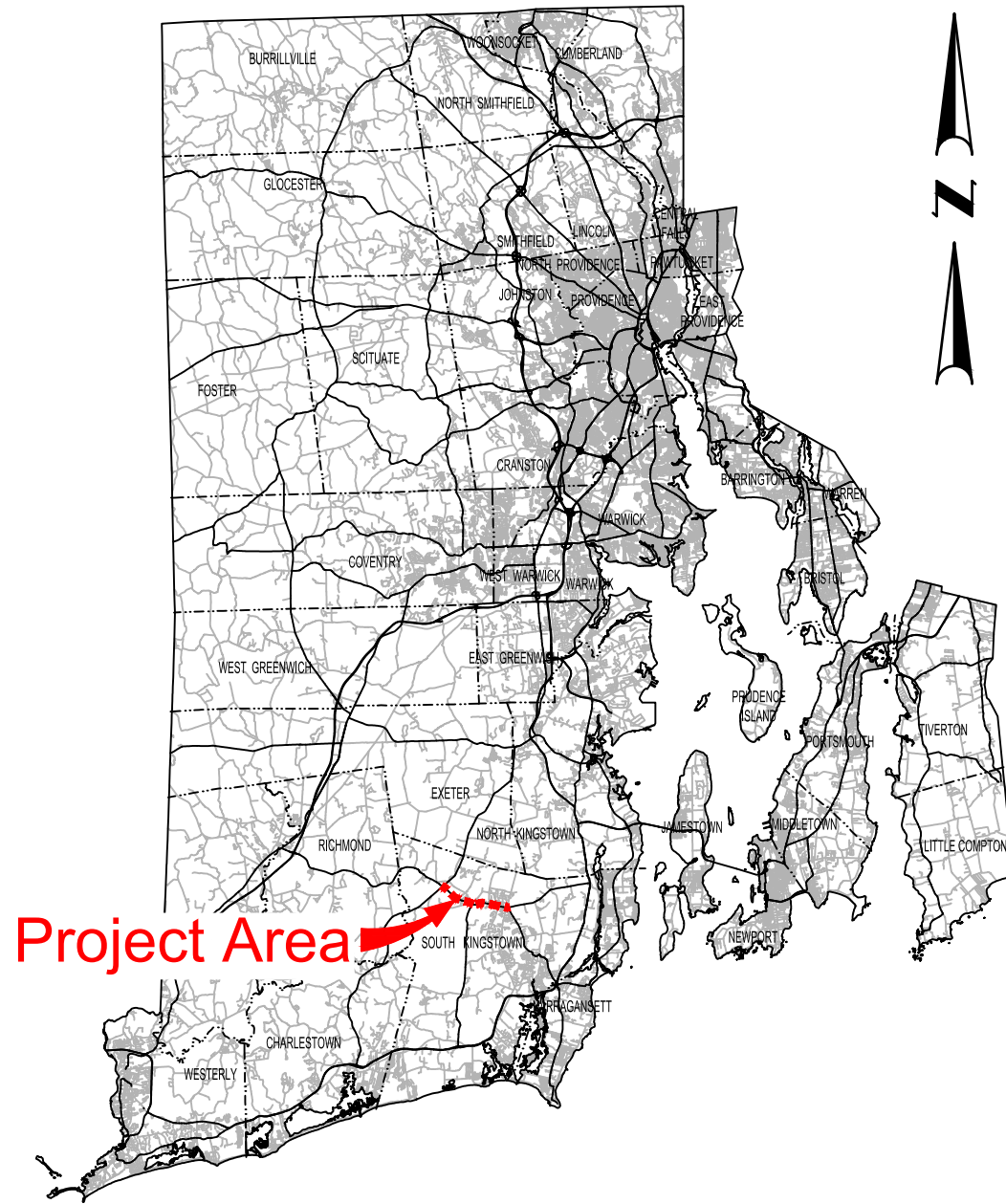
KINGSTOWN ROAD (ROUTE 138)  
FROM SOUTH COUNTY TRAIL (ROUTE 2) TO KINGSTOWN ROAD (ROUTE 108)

TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN - COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

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LOCATION MAP  
SCALE: N.T.S.

HURRICANE EVACUATION ROUTE

THIS PROJECT INCLUDES WORK ON A DESIGNATED HURRICANE EVACUATION AND DIVERSIONARY ROUTE AS FOLLOWS:  
-INTERSECTION OF KINGSTOWN ROAD (ROUTE 138) AT KINGSTOWN ROAD (ROUTE 108)  
-INTERSECTION OF KINGSTOWN ROAD (ROUTE 138) AT MINISTERIAL ROAD (ROUTE 110)  
-KINGSTOWN ROAD (ROUTE 138)

REFER TO GENERAL NOTE 18 ON SHEET 3

R.I. STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARD DETAILS

SPECIFICATIONS TO GOVERN THIS PROJECT ARE THE R.I. STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION, FEBRUARY 2025, WITH ALL REVISIONS AND THE STATE AND FEDERAL SPECIAL PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

STANDARD DETAILS FOR THIS PROJECT ARE R.I. STANDARD DETAILS, 1998 EDITION, WITH ALL REVISIONS.



LAYOUT PLAN  
SCALE: 1"=2,000'

SCALES OF DRAWINGS

Plans 1 inch = 20 feet

BASE OF LEVELS

VERTICAL DATUM USED: NAVD-88

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BASE TECHNICAL  
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JOB SPECIFIC LEGEND:

- AH

ADJUST HYDRANT TO GRADE
- BCD

HMA DRIVEWAY  
3" MODIFIED CLASS 12.5 HMA  
8" GRAVEL BORROW SUBBASE COURSE
- BTC

HMA BERM TRANSITION TO CURB (SEE "DETAILS")
- BSP

BUS STOP LANDING PAD
- CFS

COMPOST FILTER SOCK (SEE "DETAILS")
- CM

CUT AND MATCH
- ETR

EXISTING TO REMAIN
- FDS

FULL DEPTH SAWCUT OF BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT
- IP

INLET SEDIMENT CONTROL DEVICE (SEE "DETAILS")
- LSA

LANDSCAPE AREA
- MEPM

MATCH EXISTING PAVEMENT MARKING
- MMO

MICROMILL AND OVERLAY  
MICROMILL 2.0" OF EXISTING PAVEMENT  
OVERLAY WITH 2.0" OF MODIFIED CLASS 12.5 HMA  
ASPHALT EMULSION TACK COAT BETWEEN HMA LAYERS
- NIA

TEMPORARY NARROW IMPACT ATTENUATOR SYSTEM TEST LEVEL 3
- P

FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION  
2.0" MODIFIED CLASS 12.5 HMA  
7.0" CLASS 19.0 HMA  
12" RECLAIMED GRAVEL BORROW SUBBASE  
ASPHALT EMULSION TACK COAT BETWEEN HMA LAYERS  
  
NOTE:  
IN AREAS WHERE CONCRETE BASE IS PRESENT THE CONTRACTOR SHALL REMOVE AND DISPOSE PAVEMENT DOWN TO THE CONCRETE BASE. THE CONCRETE BASE IS TO REMAIN.
- PCR X.X

PEDESTRIAN CURB RAMP - TYPE #
- R&D

REMOVE AND DISPOSE
- RCC

RECONSTRUCT CORBEL CONE
- RVW

RECONSTRUCT VERTICAL WALL
- TBTL3

TEMPORARY BARRIER TEST LEVEL 3
- CBW

CATCH BASIN WATERWAY APRON
- RRP

RIP RAP PAD
- SWI

SIDEWALK INLET

R.I. STD. DETAILS:

- 19.4.0

ALUMINUM PEDESTAL
- 20.1.0

PAVEMENT MARKINGS - ARROW AND ONLY
- 20.3.0

PAVEMENT MARKINGS - CROSSWALKS AND STOP LINES
- 20.4.0

PAVEMENT MARKINGS - YIELD LINE
- 24.2.0

SIGN POST SELECTION AND INSTALLATION DETAILS  
U-CHANNEL POST (SIGNS UP TO 8'-0"Wx4'-0"H)
- 26.1.0

FLUORESCENT TRAFFIC CONES
- 29.1.0

CONSTRUCTION SIGNS
- 51.1.0

TREE PROTECTION DEVICE
- 51.2.0

SHRUB PROTECTION DEVICE
- 4TY

4" TEMPORARY PAVEMENT MARKINGS- YELLOW
- 4TDY

4" TEMPORARY PAVEMENT MARKINGS- DOUBLE YELLOW
- 6TW

6" TEMPORARY PAVEMENT MARKINGS- WHITE
- 6TY

6" TEMPORARY PAVEMENT MARKINGS- YELLOW
- 8TY

8" TEMPORARY PAVEMENT MARKINGS- YELLOW
- 12TW

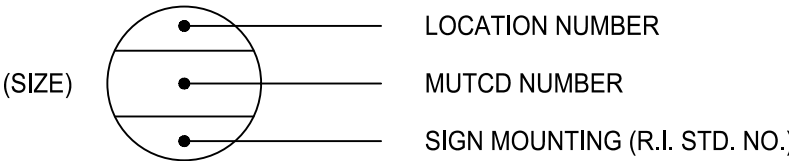
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- 24TW

24" TEMPORARY PAVEMENT MARKINGS- WHITE

JOB SPECIFIC PLAN SYMBOLS

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|          | DIRECTION OF TRAVEL   |     |
|          | CHAIN LINK FENCE      |     |
|          | STONE WALL            |     |
|          | TREE                  |     |
|          | BOLLARD               |     |
|          | SIGN                  |     |
|          | UTILITY POLE          |     |
|          | GAS GATE              |     |
|          | C.P. TEST (GAS)       |     |
|          | WATER GATE            |     |
|          | SEWER MANHOLE         |     |
|          | DRAIN MANHOLE         | DMH |
|          | CATCH BASIN           | CB  |
|          | DROP INLET            | DI  |
|          | CURB INLET            |     |
|          | VERTICAL CURB         |     |
|          | BITUMINOUS            |     |
|          | CONCRETE              |     |
|          | CONCRETE WALK         |     |
|          | WETLAND EDGE          |     |
|          | JURISDICTIONAL AREA   |     |
|          | RIDEM BUFFER ZONE     |     |
|          | OVERHEAD WIRES        |     |
|          | RETAINING WALL        |     |
|          | COMPOST FILTER SOCK   |     |
|          | TEST PIT              |     |
|          | TREE/SHRUB PROTECTION |     |
|          | GUTTER LINE           |     |

TYPICAL SIGN DESIGNATION SYMBOL



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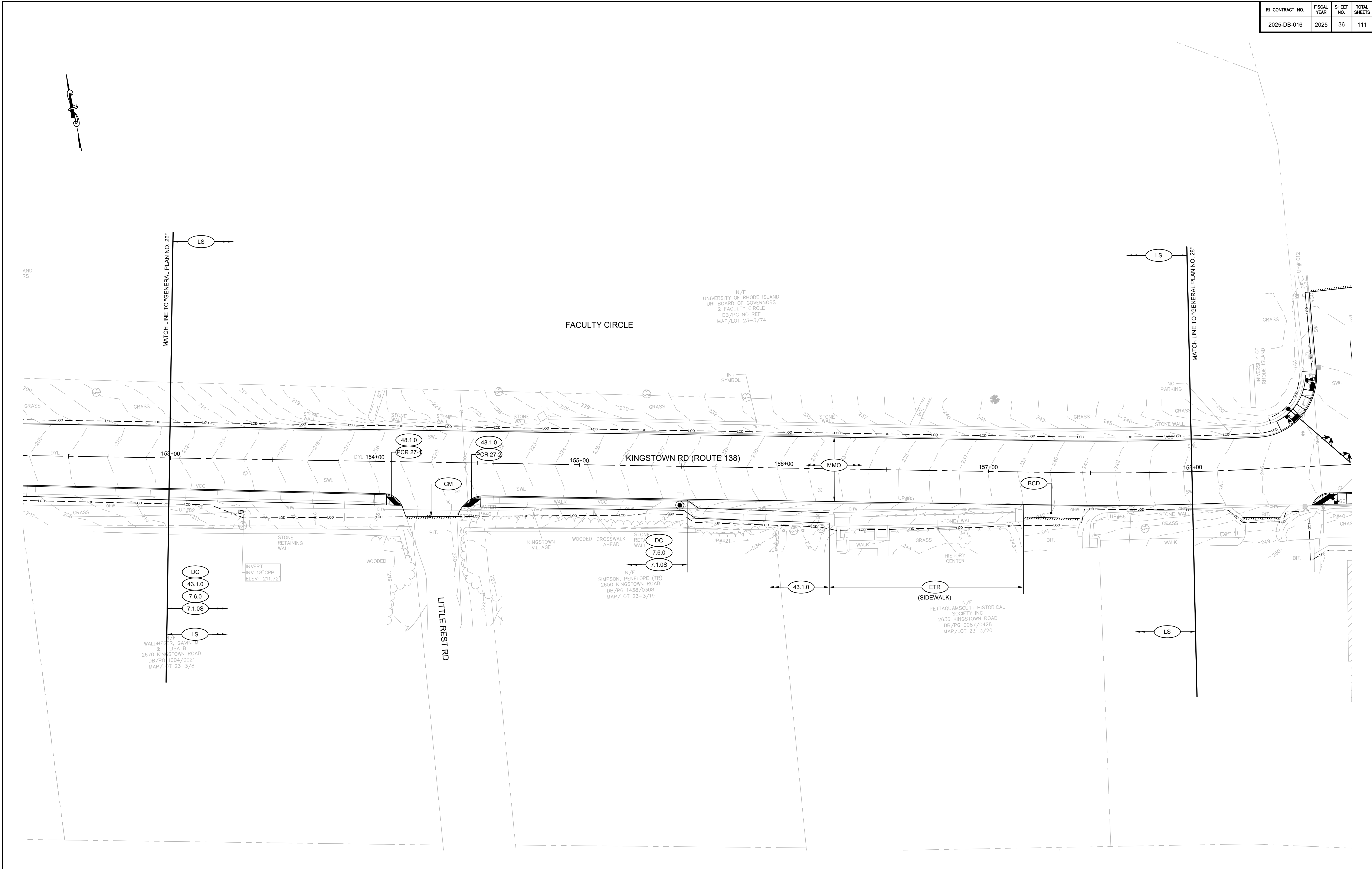
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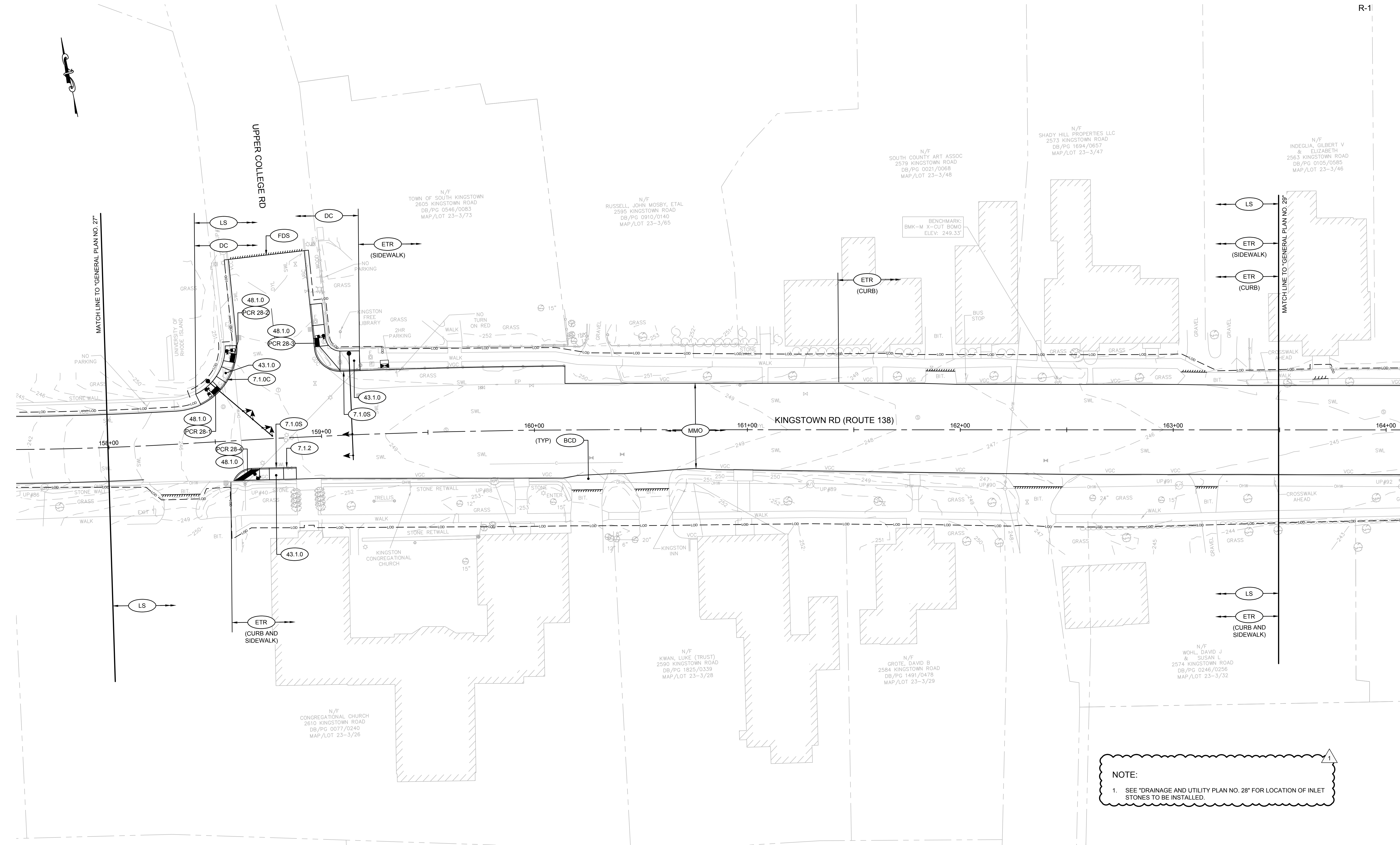
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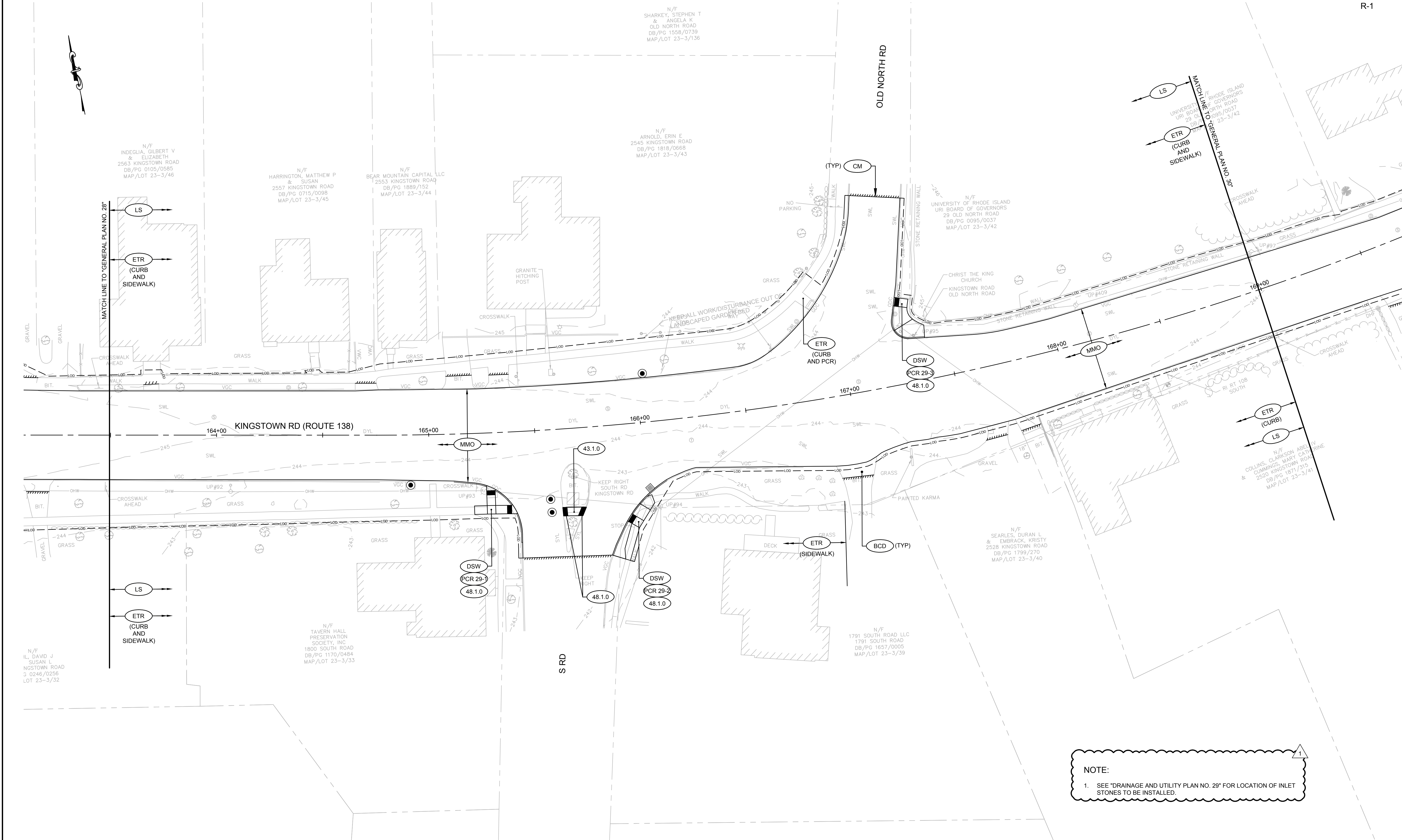
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NOTE:  
1. SEE "DRAINAGE AND UTILITY PLAN NO. 29" FOR LOCATION OF INLET STONES TO BE INSTALLED.

ADDENDUM NO. 2



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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Rhode Island Department of Transportation  
ENVIRONMENTAL & INTERMODAL PLANNING  
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March 29, 2006

Mr. Edward F. Sanderson, Executive Director  
Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission  
150 Benefit Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Attn: Richard Greenwood

Re: Reconstruction of Route 138  
From Route 2 to Route 108  
South Kingstown, RI  
RIC No. 2001-EH-001; RIFAP No. NHS-0138(033)  
**Project Notification**

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is developing design plans for the reconstruction of Route 138 in the Town of South Kingstown. In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, a federally-funded undertaking requires consideration of effects on historic properties. Whereas all federally-funded construction projects are defined as an undertaking, we request your input as a consulting party.

Enclosed is the *Section 106 Documentation Form-1* that includes a general project description, the results of our preliminary background search for identifying historic properties and a list of identified consulting/additional consulting parties. Also enclosed is a location map. You will note that we have identified eight National Register listed historic properties including Kingston Village Historic District within the area of potential effect. Four bridges and culverts (bridges under 20 feet in length) have also been identified as potentially-significant historic resources; these structures will be evaluated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The project area is also sensitive for the presence of archaeological resources; a Phase I archaeological survey will be conducted when project design plans indicating limits of construction have been developed. After the archaeological survey has been completed and the four above-referenced structures evaluated, a finding of effect on all National Register listed or eligible historic properties will be made by the FHWA.

We request your comments concerning this project. Please provide us with any comments on our preliminary search results within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. We also request that you notify our office of additional potential consulting parties within five (5) days of receipt of this letter either by phone, fax, e-mail, or letter. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Michael Hébert, Supervising Historic Preservation Specialist/Archaeologist, RIDOT at 222-2023, x 4040.

Sincerely,

Edward S. Szymanski, P.E.  
Associate Chief Engineer  
Office of Environmental Programs

Enclosures

cc: Messrs. Bennett, Smith, Szymanski, Fish, Hébert, Craveiro; all w/o enclosures



**Section 106 Documentation Form-1**  
***Reconstruction of Route 138***  
***From Route 2 to Route 108***  
***South Kingstown, Rhode Island***  
***RIC No. 2001-EH-001***  
***RIFAP No. NHS-0138 (033)***

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Rhode Island Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration is developing design plans for the reconstruction of Route 138. The project involves minor widening, drainage improvements, resetting of utilities, pavement rehabilitation, construction of roundabouts at three intersections (Route 2 and Route 138; Ministerial Road/Route 110 and Route 138; Keaney Road, Peckham Farm Road and Route 138), sidewalk and curb replacement, bridge and culvert rehabilitation or replacement and landscape amenities. The project extends from Route 2 east to Route 108 for a distance of 3.2 miles (see the attached location plan). For the purposes of *Section 106* review, the "area of potential effect" consists of the construction impact areas and those properties abutting the construction areas.

**NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC RESOURCES**

| <u>Property</u>                       | <u>National Register Status</u>   | <u>Opinion of Effect</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cottrell Homestead                    | Listed                            | To be determined         |
| Kingston Sta. Railroad Bridge No. 372 | Potent. eligible; to be evaluated | To be determined         |
| Kingston Railroad Station             | Listed                            | To be determined         |
| Washington Co. Court House            | Listed                            | To be determined         |
| Kingston Village Historic District    | Listed                            | To be determined         |
| Kingstown Bridge No. 172              | Potent. eligible; to be evaluated | To be determined         |
| Chipuxet Bridge No. 173               | Potent. eligible; to be evaluated | To be determined         |
| Chickasheen Bridge No. 183            | Potent. eligible; to be evaluated | To be determined         |

**KNOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

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| Fayerweather Blacksmith Shop Site | Listed | To be determined |
| Fernwood Cemetery Site            | Listed | To be determined |
| Lamda Chi Site                    | Listed | To be determined |
| Ministerial Road Site             | Listed | To be determined |

## **OTHER (NON-NATIONAL REGISTER) HISTORIC RESOURCES**

Peckham Cemetery (South Kingstown Historic Cemetery No. 5)

Old Fernwood Cemetery (South Kingstown Historic Cemetery No. 6)

New Fernwood Cemetery (South Kingstown Historic Cemetery No. 6)

## **CONSULTING PARTIES/ADDITIONAL CONSULTING PARTIES**

Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission (SHPO)

Rhode Island Department of Transportation (Applicant for Federal Assistance)

Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO)

Town of South Kingstown, Planning Department (Representative of Local Government)

Kingston Village Improvement Association

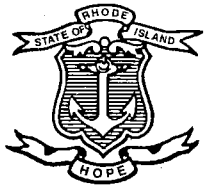
Pettaquamscutt Historical Society

## **CONDITIONS**

None identified to date.

## **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

To be determined.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
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May 2, 2006

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Associate Chief Engineer  
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Attention: Michael Hebert

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From Route 2 to Route 108  
South Kingstown

Dear Mr. Szymanski:

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission has reviewed the information you have provided on the proposed reconstruction of Route 138 between Routes 2 and 108. We have the following comments.

We are in general agreement with the Section 106 Documentation Form regarding known National Register resources, archaeological sites and cemeteries, as well as the need for an archaeological survey. One property that is not identified is the Alfred Schimdt Estate, 1428 Kingstown Road, which was cited in the RIHP&HC South Kingstown report. Depending on the area of potential effect, this property may require further evaluation.

These comments are provided in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Richard E. Greenwood, Project Review Coordinator of this office.

Very truly yours,

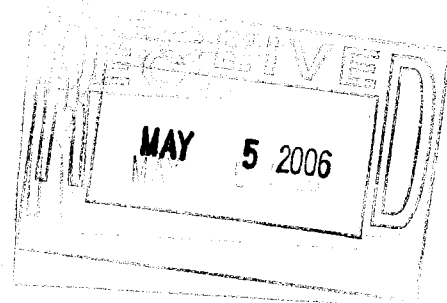
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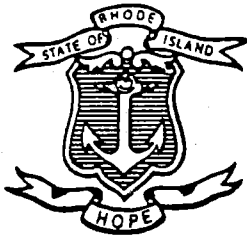
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Cc: Michael Hebert, RIDOT

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DIV. OF PUBLIC WORKS  
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May 15, 2000

Mr. Frank J. Romeo  
President  
BETA Engineering  
6 Blackstone Valley Place  
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Re: Preliminary Draft Report  
Kingston/URI Comprehensive Transportation Study  
South Kingstown

Dear Mr. Romeo:

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission staff has reviewed the preliminary draft report from the Kingston/URI Comprehensive Transportation Study. As a member of the Route 138 Committee, I have appreciated the opportunity to learn about the area's traffic issues in greater detail and to hear from residents about their concerns. There does not appear to be a single source of traffic congestion; but rather the current traffic situation is the result of many factors. At the heart of it all, Kingston Village is a beautifully preserved colonial crossroads settlement and former state capital which is threatened by traffic resulting from recent growth in South Kingstown generally and at the University of Rhode Island.

Of the measures proposed in the Route 138 study, almost all have the potential to impact historic resources, and therefore the exact design of improvements will be critical to determining whether proposals help or harm Kingston Village. The proposal to extend Route 108 is less ambiguous. Extending Route 108 through an open field and closing the Old North Road intersection will damage historic and archaeological resources, and it would become a significant intrusion into this historic district.

We have the following comments on each of the study recommendations with regard to the potential effects on cultural resources.

**Plains Road/Route 110 Intersection Improvements** - This area is sensitive for archaeological resources. Archaeological investigations would be needed if improvements call for ground disturbance.

**Upper College Road/Route 138 Intersection Improvements** - This area is sensitive for archaeological resources. Archaeological investigations would be needed if improvements call for ground disturbance. This intersection is also partially within the Kingston Village National Register Historic District. We would need to review the proposed widenings in greater detail to evaluate impacts to the historic setting.

**Route 108 Extension** - The proposed extension route includes fields that are moderately sensitive for Native American archaeological resources. Archaeological investigations would be required to evaluate impacts. The cul-de-sac on Old North Road appears to encroach on RI-704, the Helme House archaeological site, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This impact would need to be avoided.

The extension also passes through the Kingston Village National Register Historic District. The encroachment on open space, the introduction of an intrusive new roadway, and an expansion of the Route 138/Route 108 intersection would detract from the historic setting of Kingston Village. The termination of Old North Road in a cul-de-sac would also disrupt the historic street pattern of the village with an inappropriate modern road feature. For these reasons the Route 108 extension would have an adverse effect on the Kingston Village National Register Historic District.

**Traffic Calming** - We would need to review traffic calming measures proposed within the Kingston Village Historic District in greater detail to insure they were compatible with the historic setting.

**URI Loop Road** - This plan calls for a realignment of Plains Road in an area of archaeological sensitivity. Archaeological investigations would be needed to evaluate potential impacts.

**Bike Paths** - The bike path corridors lie within areas of archaeological sensitivity. Archaeological investigations would be needed where undisturbed soils were being impacted.

May 15, 2000

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Very truly yours,



Edward F. Sanderson, Executive Director  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Anthony Lachowicz, South Kingstown Town Planner  
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Dennis Haggerty, Greater Kingston Neighborhood Assn.  
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Edward F. Sanderson, Executive Director  
RI Historical Preservation Commission  
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Subject: Reconstruction of Route 138 (Kingstown Road)  
Beaver River Road to Waites Corner Road  
Richmond and South Kingstown, Rhode Island  
Conceptual Design Coordination

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

The Rhode Island Department of Transportation has retained an engineering consultant, BETA Engineering, Inc., to develop roadway improvement plans for Route 138 between the limits of Beaver River Road in Richmond and Waites Corner Road in South Kingstown. The total length of the reconstruction project is approximately 3.0 miles and is depicted on the project area map on the following page.

We are currently in the early data gathering stages of the project. In the near future, we will begin to develop preliminary design concepts which will optimize traffic service and safety while giving full consideration to the existing physical and environmental constraints within the project area.

Specifically, we will be investigating horizontal and vertical alignment improvements, drainage system improvements, intersection geometry improvements and the installation of new pavement markings and signage.

Please consider the information presented and advise us of any existing roadway problems, community development plans or upcoming facility expansion which should be considered during the preparation of the project design concept. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Mr. Raymond Castiglione, RIDOT Project Engineer at 277-2023 or Mr. Frank Romeo, BETA Engineering, Inc. at 333-2382. Your cooperation and early response to this request will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mr. J. Michael Bennett, P.E.  
Chief Civil Engineer/Road Design

cc: Messers. Carcieri, Parker, Hebert, File





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Re: Reconstruction of Route 138 (Kingstown Road)  
Beaver River Road to Water Corner Road  
Richmond and South Kingstown

Dear Mr. Bennett:

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission staff has reviewed the information you have provided on the above-referenced project. We have reviewed the information in our National Register and town survey files and identified the following historical resources in the project corridor.

South Kingstown:

Usquepaug Road National Register Historic District (map attached)

Usquepaug Village - The village contains one archaeological site, RI-705, that is listed on the National Register (see attached map) as well as other sensitive areas that make it potentially eligible for the National Register as an archaeological district. The Dr. Nathan Knight Farmhouse at the east end of Old Usquepaug Road and Kenyon's Grist Mill are considered eligible for listing on the National Register.

✓ Usquepaug Road - The townwide survey identified three houses, #s 133, 134, and 135, along the road. These properties will need to be reevaluated to assess their National Register potential.

Richmond:

Usquepaug Village - See South Kingstown.

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Beaver River Agricultural District - This district was recommended for the National Register in our 1977 town-wide survey (see attached map).

Archaeology - This section of Route 138 was previously tested archaeologically as part of the I-895 project. We will need to review the earlier testing methodology with Michael Hebert of your staff to determine if more testing is necessary.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward F. Sanderson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edward F. Sanderson  
Executive Director  
Deputy State Historic  
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Enclosures

cc: Michael Hebert, RIDOT

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