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Representative Marvin L. Abney
State House Room 306
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Representative Abney,

At the DOT Budget hearing that took place on March 10, 2026, committee members requested additional information on a variety of topics. The outstanding questions along with answers are listed below.

- **Representative Cortvriend requested the total cost of the blizzard.**

While final costs are still coming in, most of the costs have been received and the total cost is approximately \$9.0 million. This cost includes snow vendors, RIDOT staff, materials (salt and sand), heavy tow services, fleet and equipment.

- **Representative Tanzi requested information on the tow trucks on Washington Bridge.**

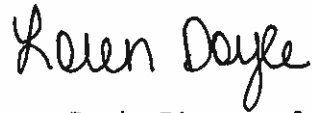
The Department put out a competitive bid for tow truck services for the Washington Bridge Replacement project. The service window is Sunday through Saturday from 6:00am to 9:00pm. Two companies were awarded the bid, both providing two (2) flatbed tow trucks each for a total of four (4) flatbed tow trucks on during the service hours. The annual cost is \$2,820,090 annually. The breakdown of the annual cost is as follows:

Company 1 (Coletta's) = 2 tow trucks X 15 hours per day X 7 days per week X 52 weeks per year X \$123.25 per hour = \$1,345,890

Company 2 (Grasso's) = 2 tow trucks X 15 hours per day X 7 days per week X 52 weeks per year X \$135.00 per hour = \$1,474,200

If you should have any additional questions or need more information, please contact me at loren.doyle@dot.ri.gov or (401) 563-4524.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loren Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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