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TO: Chair Shanley and members of the House State Government and Elections Committee

RE: Support for H7499 and H7984

Date: March 2, 2026

Dear Chair Shanley and Honorable Members of the State Government and Elections Committee,

I am writing to urge you to support these bills, which require that an independent efficiency and performance audit of the RI Department of Transportation be commissioned by the Department of Administration.

Such an audit will provide for improved efficiency and performance by RIDOT going forward. RIPTA was required to complete an efficiency study last year in order to access additional funding; RIDOT and the state will benefit from the same requirement.

As these two bills address the same purpose, we request that you construct a bill that tasks an impartial review body and bring the bill to the House floor with a recommendation for passage.

On behalf of the board, staff, and participants of Bike Newport, thank you for your consideration, and always for your service,

Bari Freeman, Executive Director