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"RhodeWorks"

The Rhode Island Trucking Association(RITA), a supportive member in good standing with the Greater Providence Chamber of

Commerce, encourages its members and all carriers to participate in the Chamber's recent call for carriers to communicate the impact of RhodeWorks upon their operations to the Governor's Office. Please be informed that RITA is not party to this initiative nor have we, as the lead opposition to Rhodeworks, been directly engaged or contacted by the Chamber. Accordingly, we

offer the following guidance:

-The recently-released REMI Economic Impact Study was vague if not absent specific toll location and rates making an operational assessment for carriers and businesses near impossible

- Total tax credits available are capped at \$13.5 million annually. Once all credits are claimed, there is no offset for the tolls that have been paid. Furthermore, credits are administratively burdensome and are funded through a re-

appropriation of existing dedicated funds currently found in the highway maintenance account. Two quasi-public agencies, the RI Airport Corporation and Quonset Point Development Corporation, have been assigned sole authority to set regulations for \$3 million of the tax credits.

- Diversion of through-carriers is not quantifiable and, once realized, will create eventual burden to RI carriers and businesses. This matter is not directly addressed in the RhodeWorks plan. Industry

experts anticipate that with such high toll rates for such a short distance(46 miles = \$30 1-way trip on 95 RI corridor)and cheaper viable travel options, it will lead to the industry use of alternative routes avoiding RI all together.

Link Here for :

[Providence Chamber-RhodeWorks Impact Discussion](#)

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About RITA....

The Rhode Island Trucking Association, Inc. (RITA) is a chartered, non profit organization whose membership is made up of one truck owners; fleet owners; private and for hire motor carriers; and allied industries including manufacturers, dealers, service stations and suppliers. Since 1931, RITA has represented and promoted all motor carrier interests on the state level. RITA, the only statewide trucking association, has been a member of the American Trucking Association since 1944.