



## **Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority**

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# **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ON OVERWEIGHT AND OVERSIZED VEHICLE CROSSINGS FOR NEWPORT PELL BRIDGE**

The [Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority \(RITBA\)](http://www.ritba.org) would like to inform all commercial and private entities that utilize oversized and overweight vehicles about the bridge deck replacement project on the Newport Pell Bridge which will prohibit oversized and overweight vehicles from travelling on the bridge.

Between Mid-May and the end of June 2017 the following will be banned from crossing:

- **Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) OVER 80,000 pounds\***
- **Width EXCEEDING 8 feet 6 inches\***

State Police will be on premise 24 hours a day, strictly enforcing this ban. This is the first phase of a multi-phased bridge deck replacement project on the Newport Pell Bridge to maintain and extend the life of the bridge as part of the RITBA Ten-Year Capital Plan. Essential precautionary measures are being implemented during the bridge deck replacement as safety is RITBA's number one priority. Due to initial construction requirements, specific dates are yet to be determined. However, RITBA will provide an update as soon as construction dates are confirmed.

*\* If absolutely necessary, there may be an opportunity for some vehicles with maximum GVW of approximately 100,000 pounds and/or maximum width of 10 feet to cross the bridge with specific permits. To obtain a permit call RITBA at 401.423.0800*