

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 495

Approved September 24, 1976

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Department of Public Works is requested to submit to the City Council, a Construction Progress Report on the Glenbridge Avenue Bridge, so-called.

A true copy,  
Attest:

*Vincent Vespi*

Vincent Vespi,  
City Clerk



CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND  
MAYOR VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS . 700 ALLENS AVENUE . 02905

Daniel E. Healy, Director

Joseph J. Campo, Deputy Director

September 29, 1976

Councilman Lawrence Flynn  
Chairman of the Public Works Committee  
Providence City Council  
City Hall - Providence, Rhode Island 02903

IN CITY COUNCIL  
OCT 7 1976

READ:

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

*Vincent Cianci*  
CLERK

Gentlemen:

Replacement of the Merino Bridge on Glenbridge Avenue, has been delayed 14 months because of the steel strike of 1974/1975, the winter season of 1975, and a miscalculation of the water table by Waterman Engineering Company, the consulting firm for this project.

The completion date for the bridge replacement project was established in the agreement as December 1, 1975. The addition of the unavoidable 14-month delay would advance the date of completion to February 1, 1977, in conformance with the intent of the specifications and agreement.

It is noted that Aetna Bridge Company, contractor for the project, seriously began the terms of the contract with the closing of the bridge on March 1, 1976. The contractor anticipates a completion date of November 15, 1976, or approximately 2 months ahead of their proposed time frame.

Attached herewith find correspondence relative to the anticipated delay by the aforesaid consultant firm, difficulties in steel delivery by the steel company and finally the anguished appeal by the contractor to document his plight towards contract compliance.

Hopefully, the above described chronology will satisfy your most deserved concern relative to expediting the bridge replacement project and will enable you to explain to the many local residents who are upset by the closing of the Merino Bridge, all of the difficulties encountered on this project.

Sincerely,

*Joseph J. Campo*

Joseph J. Campo, P.E.  
Deputy Director/City Engineer

DEPT. OF CITY CLERK  
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

OCT 14 1976

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October 7, 1975

Mr. Joseph Campo  
Deputy Director of Public Works  
City of Providence  
700 Allens Avenue  
Providence, Rhode Island

Re: Replacement of Merino Bridge  
Glenbridge Avenue

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to our letter of September 10, 1975 regarding the delivery of the 16" water pipe and fittings for this project

This is to advise you that we have finally received the pipe and fittings, which have been stored in our yard

We plan to start installing this pipe immediately and anticipate the complete installation of the 16" line and valve within four weeks, or approximately November 1, 1975. Because of weather and temperature conditions it will be impossible to complete this project during the winter months.

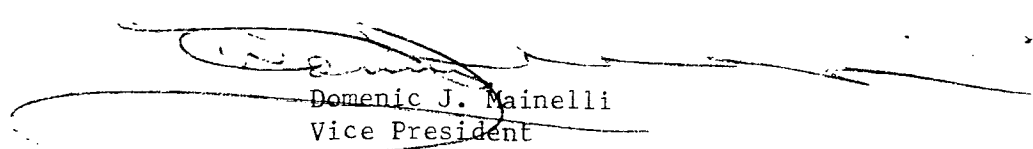
We therefore believe that in order to minimize the closing time of Glenbridge Avenue and the inconvenience to the traveling public that we delay the removal and replacement of the Merino Bridge to early spring. At that time the work can be performed continuously and the closing of Glenbridge Avenue kept to a minimum of time.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours

AETNA BRIDGE COMPANY

DJM:GP

  
Domenic J. Mainelli  
Vice President

File:  
Merino Bridge



September 10, 1975

Mr. Joseph Campo  
Deputy Director of Public Works,  
City of Providence  
700 Allens Avenue  
Providence, Rhode Island

Re: Merino Bridge Replacement

Dear Sir:

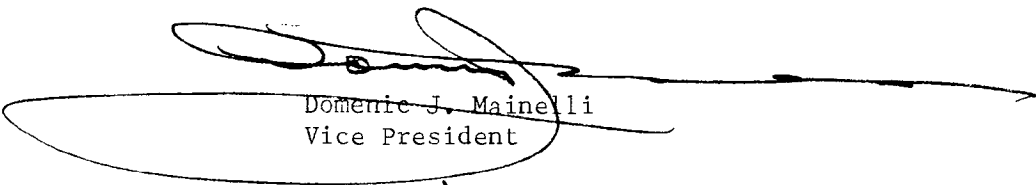
Enclosed is the most recent copy of a letter from the U. S. Pipe & Foundry Co. regarding delivery of pipe for the above project. As of this date, we have not received this material. This delay in delivery will affect the completion of the job.

As soon as we are in receipt of this pipe we will so advise.

Very truly yours

AETNA BRIDGE COMPANY

DJM:GP  
Enc.



Domenic J. Mainelli  
Vice President



May 19, 1975

Mr. Joseph Campo  
Deputy Director of Public Works  
City of Providence  
700 Allens Avenue  
Providence, Rhode Island

Re: Merino Bridge Replacement


Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the  
U. S. Pipe and Foundry Co. regarding delivery  
of pipe for the above project.

At this time we can not ascertain the  
effect on the completion of the job.

Very truly yours

AETNA BRIDGE COMPANY



Domenic J. Mainelli  
Vice President

DJM:ejj

Enc.



# UNITED STATES PIPE AND FOUNDRY COMPANY

EAST PEARL STREET  
BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY 08016

May 14, 1975

Mr. Dominic Mainelli  
Aetna Bridge Company  
275 West Natick Road  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02887

Reference: Providence, R. I. Bridge Project  
Order No. 44-BOS-04157

Dear Mr. Mainelli:

In reference to our recent telephone conversation, it is with regret that I advise you that the very best shipment we can make on the Restrained Joint Pipe for the above project is during the week of June 16, 1975.

As I mentioned to you the other day, we have been having some labor difficulties at our Chattanooga Plant where some of the components are manufactured, and from what I understand, they are resuming partial operations this week and we should be able to meet the above commitment.

We are deeply sorry for the delay, as we realize you cannot start your project until you have the material.

Very truly yours,

U. S. PIPE AND FOUNDRY COMPANY

*Whitney R. Stearns*  
Whitney R. Stearns  
Eastern Regional Sales Manager

WKS:er  
cc: Boston Sales

*Jim Wall*  
a Jim Wall company

Completion date: ..... Completion Notice Filed? Date: .....  
Final payment made? Date: ..... Final Contract Price: \$ .....  
Any maintenance provision? ..... If so, when will period expire: .....

2. IF CONTRACT UNCOMPLETED:

Percent completed: 10 ..... Probable completion date: July 30, 1976  
Paid to date: \$ 23,500.00 ..... Retainage \$ 2,610.00  
Is work progressing satisfactorily? YES

3. ARE THERE ANY CLAIMS, ASSIGNMENTS OR LIENS ON FILE?

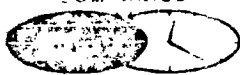
Date: April 22, 1976

Signature: *Joseph J. Camp*

Address: 700 Avenue AVE

Please set forth any additional remarks on the reverse side hereof.

THE ST. PAUL  
COMPANIES



ST. PAUL FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY

Transit  
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BUL

TO:

Vincent Vespia  
City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, R.I.

BOND NO. 400DY5217

YOUR NO.

Contractor: Aetna Bridge Company

Description of Contract: for Merino Bridge Replacement

Owner: City of Providence

Contract Price: \$ 393,700.00 Contract Date: 12/23/74

Dear Sirs:

This Company is surety on the bond described above. Without affecting our liability under our bond(s) described above we would appreciate the following information and return of this form at your early convenience.

Yours very truly,

Marlys Seaborg

Date:

1. IF CONTRACT COMPLETED:

Completion date: Completion Notice Filed? Date:

Final payment made? Date: Final Contract Price: \$

Any maintenance provision? If so, when will period expire:

2. IF CONTRACT UNCOMPLETED:

Percent completed: 0 % Probable completion date: Unknown

Paid to date: \$ 0.00 Retainage \$ 0.00

Is work progressing satisfactorily?

3. ARE THERE ANY CLAIMS, ASSIGNMENTS OR LIENS ON FILE? - None

Date: July 7, 19 75

Signature: Joseph J. Campo, P.E.-Deputy Director  
Address: 700 Allens Avenue, Prov., R.I. 02905

WATERMAN ENGINEERING COMPANY

*Civil Engineers*

450 NORTH BROADWAY, EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02914

December 2, 1974

Mayor Joseph Doorley, Jr.  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mayor Doorley,

Once again I am calling your attention to the dangerous condition of the Merino Bridge on Glenbridge Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

At your request we made an inspection and a report to you on November 8, 1973.

At that time, a little more than a year ago, we recommended start of design so that subsequent construction work for replacement would be under-way by the summer of 1974.

Soon after this on November 13, 1973, we were given the contract to design the bridge and as we ran into some design complications, not anticipated, therefore, our plans and specifications were not turned over to you for bids until June 12, 1974.

On August 27, 1974 the City of Providence received these bids and because of inflation the bids were somewhat higher than estimated. However, at this time on that same date you were informed by me that because of the further deterioration of the bridge that the job must go on no matter what and you indicated to me that you would find the money.

The facts are now that for various reasons no contract for construction has been signed and unfortunately you will be leaving office before you can do anything to straighten out this problem.

However, as Mayor and Safety Commissioner, I strongly recommend at this time that you post the existing Merino Bridge for a limit of Five (5) Tons.

If you want further confirmation of the necessity of this act a request from you to the State Bridge Department for an inspection and report would be honored.

Very truly yours,

*Frederick V. Waterman*  
Frederick V. Waterman, Jr.  
President

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File:

Morris  
Budge

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October 7, 1971

Acton Building Company  
273 State Street  
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02747

TO: ACTON BUILDING COMPANY  
FROM: VIRGINIA C. VERGINIA  
CITY CLERK OF PROVIDENCE

Gentlemen:

On June 17, 1971, your contract and supply was this day  
received at the City of Providence, 100 State Street, the contract  
for the replacement of the Morris Budge, Providence.

On June 22, 1971, in accordance with the order of  
the City of Providence, August 27, 1971, in the total amount  
of \$100,000.00, the City of Providence has issued a check for  
Nine Dollars and Ninety-Eight Cents (\$9,980.00).

You are, accordingly, hereby notified of said  
action of the Board. The contract will be executed by  
the City of Providence and in due course the City will  
issue a check in full, will contact you regarding to the  
execution. After the contract has been signed, necessary  
purchase order will be issued by the Purchasing Agent.

Very truly yours,

Virginia C. Vergin  
City Clerk of Providence

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Fin. Dir.  
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**WATERMAN ENGINEERING COMPANY**

*Civil Engineers*

430 NORTH BROADWAY, EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02914

*F. T. BACD /*

*FILE: MERINO BRIDGE*

RECEIVED

JUL 25 1974

July 25, 1974

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Mayor Joseph Doorley, Jr.  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: Merino Bridge Replacement  
Glenbridge Avenue  
Providence, R. I.

Dear Mayor Doorley,

Anticipating delays in reconstruction of the Merino Bridge due to time elapse necessary to advertise for bids and award a construction contract and further delay thereafter due to material shortages, we recently re-inspected the existing bridge to evaluate deterioration. As a result of that inspection we strongly recommend that the City take immediate action to limit heavy traffic loading on the structure during the interim period prior to replacement. The bridge should be posted for a weight limit not exceeding 15 tons per vehicle and a policy of strict enforcement should be employed to insure conformance. A lower limit would be preferable, but may not be practical on Glenbridge Avenue due to the high volume of traffic.

If you so desire we would be pleased to meet with you or with members of your Department of Public Works regarding this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Frederick V. Waterman Jr.*  
Frederick V. Waterman, Jr.

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Rhode Island

## Department of City Clerk

### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 4, 1976

TO: Councilman Cirelli and Councilman Stravato

SUBJECT: GLENBRIDGE AVENUE BRIDGE, SO-CALLED

CONSIDERED BY: City Clerk, Vincent Vespia

DISPOSITION:

Accompanying is copy of report of Deputy Director and City Engineer Campo, relative to the Merino Bridge on Glenbridge Avenue, as requested by Resolution of the City Council, No. 495, Approved September 24, 1976, of which you were a co-sponsor, a copy of which is also hereto attached.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Vincent Vespia".

City Clerk