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Starting at 8:30 a.m., three trays of cinnamon buns come out of the oven at The Market on Broadway, baked by Co-Dough Bread. They sell out soon thereafter. PHOTOS BY GAIL CIAMPA/THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL

## RI nearly replaced bridge span

### Idea rejected in favor of more structural repairs

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PROVIDENCE – Two engineering firms studied replacing the deteriorated westbound Washington Bridge for the state during a critical period before the discovery of severe structural damage in the span that triggered its demolition, according to newly uncovered documents.

The bridge replacement idea was ultimately jettisoned in favor of a new round of structural repairs, which uncovered more serious problems and led to the bridge's emergency closure on Dec. 11, 2023.

If the state had opted to replace the westbound span instead of trying unsuccessfully to shore it up, much of the traffic nightmares and cost caused by the sudden shutdown might have been avoided. Department of Transportation officials have not publicly mentioned that they asked their consultants to investigate building a new span.

The two firms involved, AECOM and Steere Engineering, are among the companies the state is suing for poor

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## Magaziner confronts Noem for deporting vet

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Rhode Island U.S. Rep. Seth Magaziner scored a viral moment during a confrontation with Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem, in which he disputed her claims that the Trump administration had not deported any veterans. The exchange took place during a Dec. 11 hearing of the House Committee on Homeland Security. Magaziner, who is a ranking member of the committee, asked Noem how

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# CIN-FUL OBSESSION

## Co-Dough's cinnamon buns are viral sensation

Gail Ciampa Providence Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK

The Market on Broadway opened in 2024 in Newport, occupying a former 7-Eleven location at 95 Broadway. The neighborhood market stocks its refrigerated cases with prepared soups, chilis, pasta and meatballs, and more. They offer breakfast sandwiches and hot and cold lunch sandwiches. The shelves have grocery staples, too, from crackers to kale chips. All are very nice offerings.

But it is the sourdough cinnamon buns from Co-Dough that are putting The Market on the map. Food creators on TikTok found the buns in recent weeks. Their videos of the giant buns topped with icing are leading to lines waiting for the buns to bake in the Market ovens.

Forget the Gilded Age – these are the buns making Newport famous right now.

The Co-Dough pop-up is just one featured at The Market on Broadway, but what a pop-up it is.

I went in at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3, to ask about the buns. The staff patiently explained that they make three trays that come out of the oven about 8:30 a.m. They are big trays, but they sell out within 30 minutes, they said. Best to be in line at 8:30. Then they cut to the chase and said a tray

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The reporter's personal cinnamon bun from Co-Dough. It was huge and cost \$7.

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