



Rhode Island MPO-TMA Coordination Overview

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Rhode Island MPO



- **Role of MPOs Reconfirmed and Expanded in Prior Federal Transportation Acts:**
 - ISTEA - 1991
 - TEA21 - 1998
 - SAFETEA-LU - 2005
 - MAP-21 – 2012
 - FAST Act – 2015
 - ISTEA put MPOs on a more equal footing with state DOTs
 - **State DOTs/ staff cannot function as MPOs**



Rhode Island MPO



- RIGL 42-11-10 – State Planning Council in the Department of Administration to serve as Rhode Island’s MPO - 1974
- Rhode Island receives \$275 million/ year federal transportation dollars
- Division of Planning receives \$2.5 million/ year federal transportation dollars to manage federal transportation planning in Rhode Island
- The Division of Planning staffs the following:
 - State Planning Council / MPO – 27 members
 - Transportation Advisory Committee – 22 member citizens committee
 - Technical Committee – 16 members
 - Freight Advisory Committee – 16 members
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee – 16 members



Federal Requirements for Regional Coordination

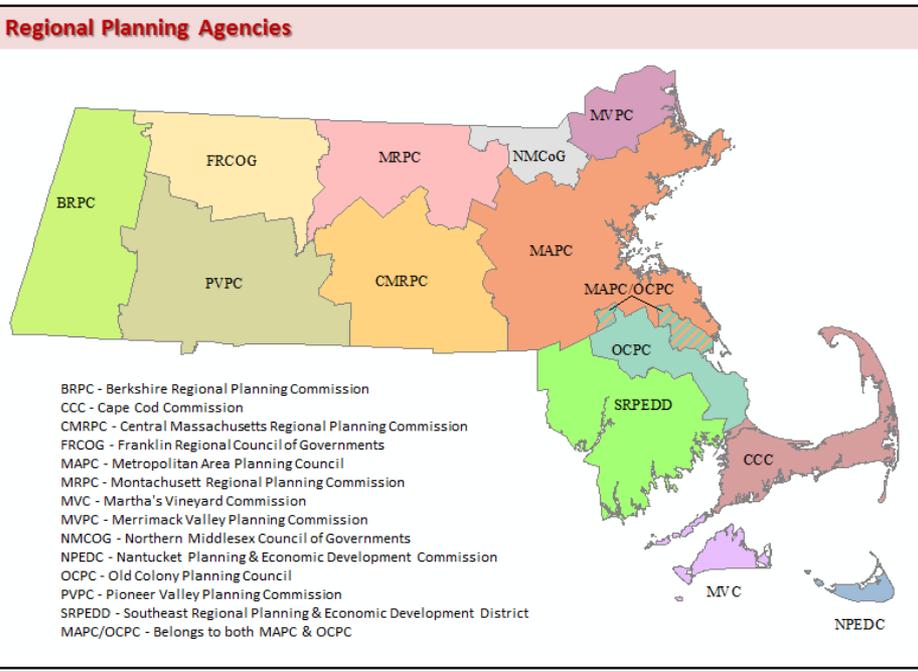


Teamwork!

- MPO's are required to coordinate with other organizations under the Code of Federal Regulations; Title 49, Subtitle III, Chapter 53, section 5303
- This requirement states that, "Before approving a long-range plan, each metropolitan planning organization shall provide citizens, **affected public agencies**, representatives of mass transportation authority employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, ...a reasonable opportunity to comment on the long range transportation plan.

Inter-Agency Agreements and Consultations

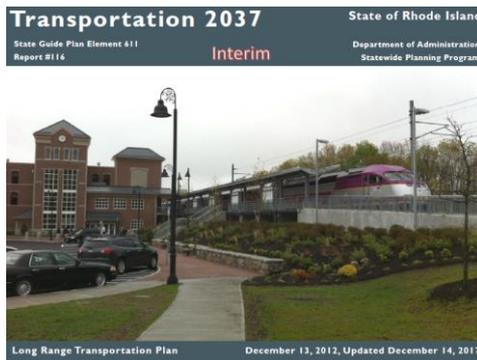
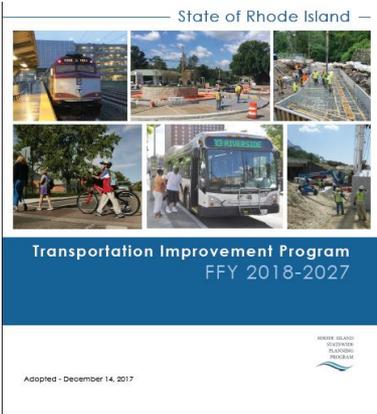
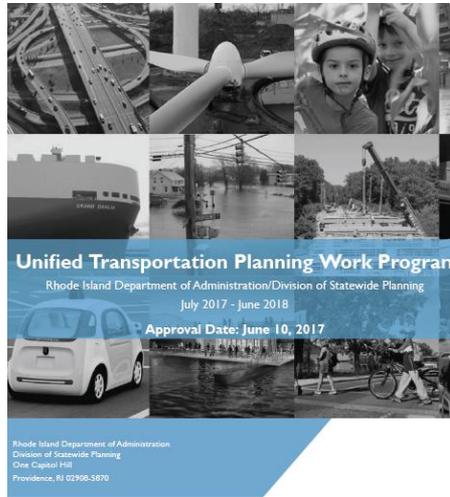
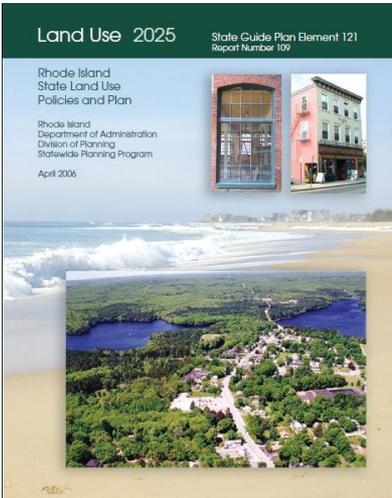
- The Rhode Island Division of Planning has written agreements in place with the following regional planning agencies:
 - The Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District and Southeastern Massachusetts MPO – 4/22/16
 - The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments – July 18, 2016
 - The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization – July 11, 2016





Inter-Agency Agreements and Consultations

- Existing agreements state that:
 - Each agency will ensure the mutual exchange of information and expertise and the transmittal for review of all pertinent documents including the Unified Planning Work Program, The Transportation Improvement Program, and the Long Range Transportation Plan.
 - Each agency agrees to cooperate in matters pertaining to Congestion Management Process and evacuation planning.
 - Each agency agrees to share GIS and TransCAD data along common boundaries for the purpose of travel demand model development, calibration, and applications.
 - Each agency will ensure the notification of, and participation in, meetings concerned with matters of mutual interest.
 - Each agency will ensure cooperation and consultation on plans, programs, and projects affecting both parties. If inconsistencies or conflicts arise, the agencies shall meet and employ their best efforts to develop a satisfactory resolution.





Mutual Exchange of Information

- Discussions on common UPWP projects tasks for planning purposes
- Notice and discussion of STIP projects that may impact adjacent MPOs in MA and CT
- Attendance and discussion at regional forums (freight, bus network, passenger rail)
- Informal communication on topics of concern





Congestion Management Process

- Congestion Management Task Force
 - Is the primary entity for implementing congestion management process
 - RIDOT, RIPTA, DOA, DEM, FHWA, FTA
 - Bottleneck Program
- Task Force Meets Quarterly. Most Recent Meeting Was November 2017
- New Congestion Management Process Being Planned with LRTP





Sharing Data

- GIS Data
- Travel Demand Model – MA and CT Consultation
- Demographic Data
- Freight Data
- Incident Management (MA, CT, RI DOTs)
- Draft Planning Documents



Meetings of Mutual Interest

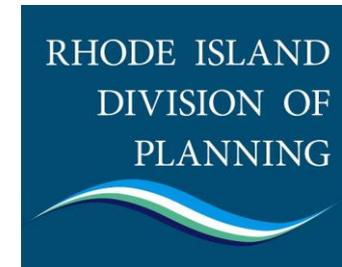
- Rail Planning
- STIP
- Evacuation Planning
- Bus Network





Consultation on Plans and Programs

- STIP Notification
- Rail and Freight Planning
- Long Range Transportation Plan (Interim and 2040)
- Congestion Management and Incident Management (RIDOT)



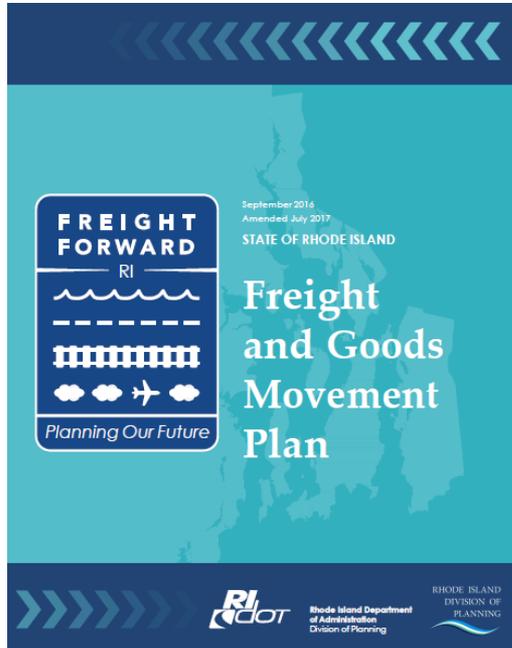


New England Regional Freight

- 2014- 2016
- Monthly conference calls
- Meetings on occasion
- Participation in Peer Exchange (CT)
- New England Freight Planning



Major Coordination Items



- 2014 Rail Plan coordination with Massachusetts RPC's
- 2017 Freight Plan coordination with Massachusetts RPC's
- 2017 Integrating Transportation Planning into Stormwater Management. Sharing "Best Practices" between MA & RI
- Coordination on Travel Demand Models for Calibration
- Ongoing Discussions on projects of regional concern such as rail/transit expansions projects like the Pawtucket/Central Falls Commuter Rail station



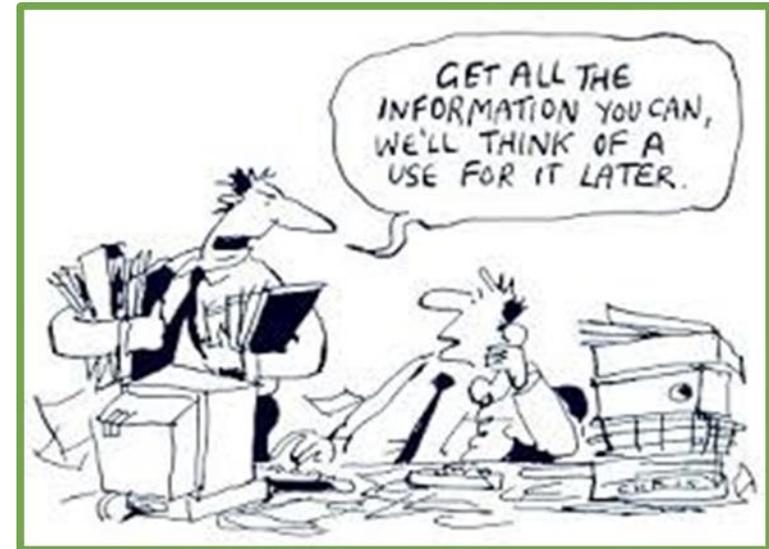
Plan, Plan, Everywhere A Plan

Operating Budget	1-2 years, completed annually
Capital Budget	5-6 years, completed annually
Ten Year Plan (TIP)	10 years, renewed annually
Transportation Asset Management Plan	Timeframe established by State, renewed every 4 years
Long Range Transportation Plan	20-30 year window, updated every 5 years



RIDOT Works Closely With Our MPO – On a Wide Range of Projects

- Interact Weekly on the TIP – CY2016, 2017 Frequent Involvement.
- Staff from RIDOT and MPO Work Together To Develop Presentations for League of Cities and Towns (January 2018), GrowSmart RI (March 2018) Conferences
- Database/Mapping Information Shared.
- Part of the LRTP Steering Committee and Staff Has Attended Public Meetings throughout state.
- Staff involved in Bike Master Plan.
- Staff working together to inform State Resilience Plan.
- Both DOP and RIDOT part of the Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4), development of GHG Plan.
- Share Resources and Coordinate Projects Through UPWP/SPR Programs.





RIDOT Works Closely With Our MPO and Others



- RIDOT and MPO planning Peer Exchange on TIP.
- RIDOT working with Massachusetts to adopt and implement Project Intake Tool to assist with more robust project information in the TIP.
- Working with colleges, DOTs in MA and CT on innovative technologies.
- RIDOT part of Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) at Georgetown, focus on carbon emissions reduction + funding transportation with mode shift and shrinking revenues.
- Other partnerships.
- All inform ways to improve processes here and regional coordination with our neighbors.



RIPTA Works Closely With Our MPO and Other Partners

- RIPTA coordinates with GATRA (Attleboro) and SRTA (New Bedford/Fall River) frequently.
- RIPTA is currently having conversations with both agencies regarding coordinating service and blurring boundaries between service areas to increase regional accessibility.
- RIPTA is also discussing with these partners the possibility of joint fare products and joint fare collection systems.





Regional Partnership Priorities

- Regular Quarterly Meetings between transportation planners of the MPOs
- Further develop ongoing planning partnerships on long range planning projects such as freight and rail planning
- Continued discussion of the Rail Investment Plan for the Northeast Corridor by the Federal Rail Administration
- Rhode Island Division of Planning will involve transportation planners of the adjacent MPOs to a greater extent in the drafting of the current Long Range Transportation Plan Update – “Transportation 2040”
- Greater collaboration needed on multi-state bicycle-pedestrian planning and investments (Blackstone River Bikeway)



Regional Partnership Priorities

- DOTs should sponsor occasional forums for state agencies and MPOs
- Professional planning conferences and forums should continue to advance collaboration across state boundaries
- Rhode Island Division of Planning will update standing committees on regional partnership planning on a more regular basis



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