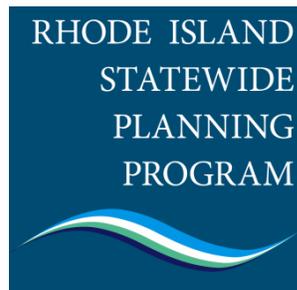




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Interim Long-Range Transportation Plan 2037

Public Comment and Hearing Report

November 16, 2017

Rhode Island Department of Administration
Conference Room A Providence, RI.

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I. Introduction

Public Comment Period

The public comment period ran from Thursday, October 12, 2017 through Saturday, November 11, 2017 (30 days). Additionally, a public hearing was held on Thursday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m., at the Department of Administration William E Powers Building, Conference Room A, One Capitol Hill, Providence, R.I. 02908.

Notice of the public hearing and opportunity to comment on the proposed changes were provided in English and Spanish through a posting on the Rhode Island Secretary of State website, a posting on the Rhode Island Statewide Planning website, through the direct mailing of more than 600 notices that were sent to individual stakeholders, and email notice to over 950 stakeholders. Transportation Advisory Council (TAC) Chair, Michael Cassidy, conducted the hearing. The hearing location was accessible to individuals with disabilities. Any individual with physical or sensory impairments requiring assistance for a reasonable accommodation to participate in the hearing could make requests for accommodation prior to the hearing. Translation services were also available to those in need.

Written statements could be e-mailed to Paul DiGiuseppe, Assistant Chief, at Paul.DiGiuseppe@doa.ri.gov or mailed to One Capitol Hill, Providence, R.I., 02908. Written and verbal statements were also accepted at the hearing. In total, 0 people attended the hearing and 0 people or organizations submitted either verbal or written comments over the course of the public hearing period.

How the Comments are Organized

There were no public comments received via email, mail, or at the public hearing.

II. Public Hearing Proceedings

The following is a detailed record of the spoken comments received during the public hearing on November 2, 2017.

Committee Members Present:

1. Michael Cassidy, Chair
2. Everett Stuart, Vice-Chair
3. Lloyd Albert
4. Daniel Baudouin
5. Meredith Brady
6. Judith Drew
7. John Flaherty
8. Bari Freeman
9. Ron Gagnon
10. David Giardino
11. Martina Haggerty
12. Jonathan Harris
13. Chris Maxwell
14. Lillian Picchione
15. Daniel Porter
16. Timothy Scanlon
17. Jan Shedd
18. Pamela Sherrill
19. Michael Walker

Staff Present:

Paul DiGiuseppe, Assistant Chief of the Rhode Island Division of Planning
Benjamin Jacobs, Principal Research Technician, Rhode Island Division of Planning

Members of the Public in Attendance:

None

The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Cassidy at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Cassidy began with an explanation of the public comment period, the public hearing process, and then asked those interested in speaking to begin presenting their comments. No member of the public was in attendance and no discussion from the Committee ensued.

III. Notices Provided



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PUBLIC NOTICE Interim Long Range Transportation Plan Draft Transportation 2037

The Rhode Island State Planning Council will conduct a **public hearing** to accept comments on the draft interim statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan, *Transportation 2037* for the State of Rhode Island.

Opportunity for Public Comment-Draft Interim Long-Range Transportation Plan, *Transportation 2037*

The interim statewide long range surface transportation plan *Transportation 2037* draft is under consideration by the Rhode Island State Planning Council. *Transportation 2037* is an interim update of *Transportation 2035* and includes all surface transportation modes. The draft update incorporates updated data for transportation conformity. The update does not amend the goals, policies, strategies, and performance measures from *Transportation 2035*. This interim LRTP update is an administrative exercise and is totally separate from the 2040 LRTP. *Transportation 2037* sets state policy to guide decisions involving transportation; provides a basis for measuring consistency of local comprehensive plans and other plans, programs, and projects with state policies; and provides a long-range framework for advancing transportation projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Long-Range Transportation Plan is updated every five (5) years in accordance with federal requirements to maintain eligibility for federal funds. The public comment period for this document begins on October 12, 2017, includes the public hearing outlined below, and closes on November 11, 2017. All comments on the draft *Transportation 2037* must be received by November 11, 2017.

Transportation 2037 is available for review at the R.I. Division of Planning website at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/about/TAC-committee.php> or at the Division's office, One Capitol Hill, 3rd floor, Providence, RI between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. An informal presentation and formal public hearing for *Transportation 2037* will be held:

Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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All persons may present their views on the draft document in person, through a representative, or by filing a written statement with the Secretary of the State Planning Council. Written statements may be mailed to Paul DiGiuseppe, Assistant Chief, RI Division of Planning, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908; emailed to paul.digiuseppe@doa.ri.gov or submitted at a hearing.



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Borrador de Plan de Transporte a Largo Plazo
Transportation 2037

El Consejo de Planificación Estatal de Rhode Island celebrará una **audiencia pública** para conocer comentarios sobre el borrador del plan de transporte estatal a largo plazo, *Transportation 2037*, para Rhode Island.

Oportunidad de comentar públicamente el borrador del plan de transporte de largo alcance, *Transportation 2037*
El Consejo de Planificación Estatal de Rhode Island está estudiando el borrador del plan de transporte terrestre estatal de largo alcance, *Transportation 2037*, que es una actualización provisional de *Transportation 2035* e incluye todos los modos de transporte terrestre. La puesta al día del borrador incorpora datos actualizados para efectos de cumplir con las regulaciones de transporte. Esta actualización no modifica los objetivos, políticas, estrategias ni medidas de rendimiento de *Transportation 2035*. La actualización provisional del plan de transporte de largo alcance es un ejercicio administrativo y es totalmente aparte del plan de transporte de largo alcance 2040. *Transportation 2037* establece las políticas estatales para orientar las decisiones concernientes a transporte; provee una base para medir la coherencia entre las políticas estatales y los planes integrales locales u otros planes, programas o proyectos; y proporciona un marco de referencia a largo plazo para promover proyectos de transporte en el Programa de Mejora de Transporte TIP. El plan de transporte a largo plazo se actualiza cada cinco (5) años según los requisitos federales para mantener la elegibilidad para fondos federales. El periodo para comentarios públicos sobre este documento inicia el 12 de octubre de 2017, con la audiencia pública descrita más abajo, y concluye el 11 de noviembre de 2017. Todos los comentarios sobre el borrador de *Transportation 2037* deben recibirse a más tardar el 11 de noviembre de 2017.

Puede verse el documento *Transportation 2037* en la página web de la División de Planificación de R.I. <http://www.planning.ri.gov/about/TAC-committee.php> o en la oficina de la División, ubicada en One Capitol Hill, 3rd floor, Providence, RI, entre las 8:30 a.m. y 4:00 p.m. de lunes a viernes. Habrá una presentación informal y una audiencia pública formal sobre *Transportation 2037* el jueves 2 de noviembre de 2017 a las 7:00 p.m. en:

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Todas las personas pueden manifestar sus puntos de vista acerca del documento ya sea personalmente, a través de un representante o presentando una declaración escrita al secretario del Consejo de Planificación Estatal. Las declaraciones escritas pueden enviarse por correo postal a Paul DiGiuseppe, Assistant Chief, RI Division of Planning, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908; o enviarse por correo electrónico a paul.digiuseppe@doa.ri.gov; o entregarse en la audiencia.



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