STATE PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEWIDE PLANNING PROGRAM
RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908-5870

PUBLIC NOTICE

CERTIFICATION OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) BY THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) AND FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA)

Federal regulations (23 CFR Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613) require that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration jointly certify that the transportation planning process in areas with a population over 200,000 complies with those regulations at least once every four years. The deadline for completion the current certification is October 1, 2014.

The review consists of a documentary review called a desk audit and a meeting with transportation planning staff. The Federal review team is also required to solicit input from the general public and local elected officials during the course of the review. The Federal team would especially like to hear the public's input on how well they are involved in the process, if they are given the information that they need to become involved, whether the way in which they can get involved is clearly explained, and whether they feel their input is considered and addressed by the State Planning Council, MPO for the State of Rhode Island.

The public is invited to submit comments, in person or in writing, related to the transportation planning process and public outreach activities associated with the Long Range Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, the Unified Planning Work Program, and other activities of the MPO. All comments must be received prior to the close of the public hearing.

The State Planning Council's Transportation Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing to accept comments at a meeting scheduled for:

Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
Rhode Island Department of Administration
Conference Room A
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908

This meeting place is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Any individual requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should contact James A. Pitassi, Jr. at 222-6395 (voice) or #711 (R.I. Relay) at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. Any individual requiring the services of an interpreter to participate in this meeting should contact Michael Moan at 222-1236 (voice) at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

Written comments may also be submitted to Carlos Machado, FHWA, RI Division Administrator, 380 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903 or to Mary Beth Mello, FTA Regional Administrator, 55 Broadway, Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02142.

After all parts of the review are complete, the Federal team will issue a report that contains the certification decision as well as observations and suggestions for strengthening the process. The report will be shared with those submitting comments should they so desire.

Kevin M. Flynn
Secretary
State Planning Council