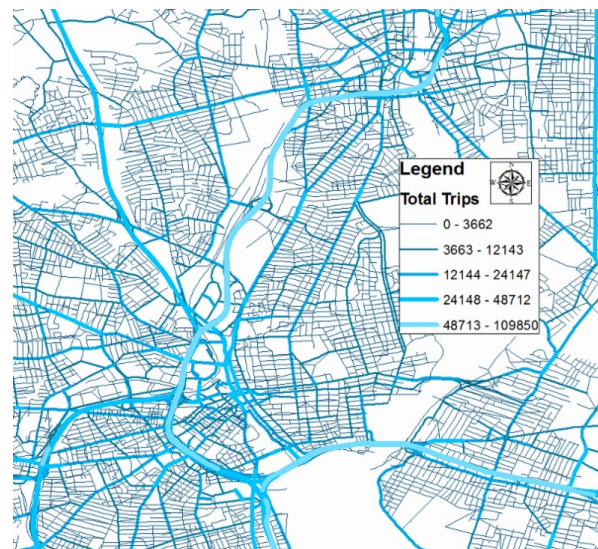


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## Travel Demand Model Project Underway

Statewide Planning recently launched a project to enhance and operate Rhode Island's Travel Demand Model. The Travel Demand Model is a powerful tool which will allow the state to forecast how Rhode Island's transportation network will perform over the next 20 years. Travel demand forecasts can be used to study highway and transit project alternatives, perform air quality conformity analysis, develop long-range transportation plans and help make more informed decisions.



Example image of a trip map by road segment that can be generated through the Travel Demand Model

## Bristol Comprehensive Plan Approved

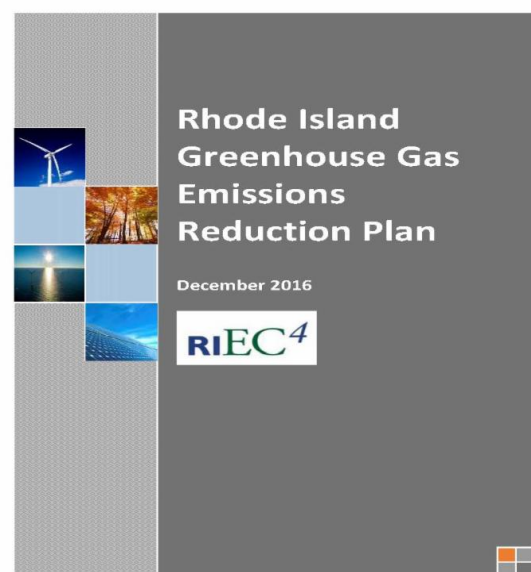
The State Planning Council (SPC) recognized the Town of Bristol at its March meeting and awarded a Certificate of Recognition for the State approval of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Bristol worked closely with Statewide Planning staff during the drafting and review of the plan. Bristol's Comprehensive Plan serves to guide development and conservation locally, while addressing statewide goals and policies. To see the work Bristol has done, click [here](#) for their Comprehensive Plan.



(Left to Right:)  
**Kevin Nelson**, Supervising Planner, RI Division of Planning  
**Diane Williamson**, Director of Community Development, Town of Bristol  
**Michael DiBiase**, Director of Administration, State of RI  
**Parag Agrawal**, Associate Director of Planning, RI Division of Planning

## RI EC4 Adopts and Submits Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan

In January, the Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4) officially adopted and submitted the Rhode Island Greenhouse Gas Emissions Plan to Governor Raimondo and House and Senate leaders. The plan proposes policy implementation through mitigating emissions, welcoming clean energy growth as well as promoting regional collaboration to seek cost-effective energy solutions. The plan comprises a year's worth of technical analysis and stakeholder participation. To learn more, click [here](#) to view the full Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan.



# Statewide Planning Completes Updated Public Participation Plan

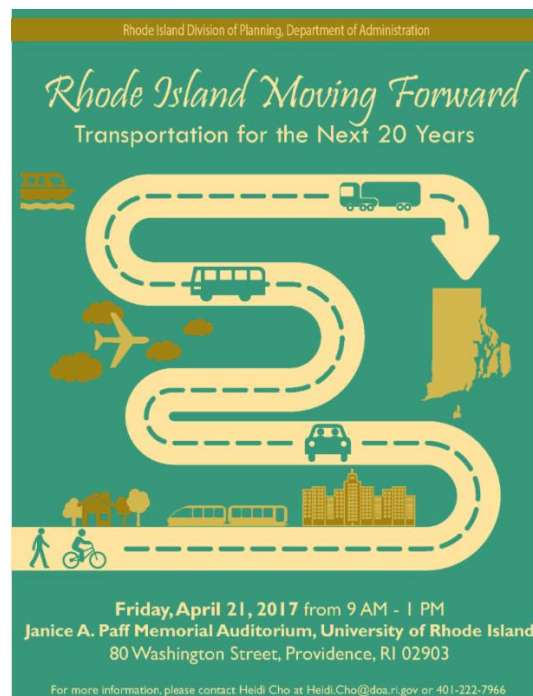
Statewide Planning recently completed the update and revision of its [Public Participation Plan](#) (PPP). The PPP reinforces the State Planning Council and Statewide Planning Program's commitment to transparent communications and engagement with the public and with public agencies to support the statewide transportation planning process. The plan will be used in the preparation of the FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program, the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) update, the new Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), as well as future updates of the PPP.



## UPCOMING DIVISION EVENTS

Join Statewide Planning as it hosts the following events this April:

- "Rhode Island Moving Forward: Transportation for the Next 20 Years" Event on Friday, April 21, 2017 from 9AM - 1PM. [Click here to register now!](#)
- "Workshop: Incorporating In-Road Bicycle Networks into Resurfacing Projects" Event on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 from 8AM - 4:30 PM. [Click here to view the flyer!](#)



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

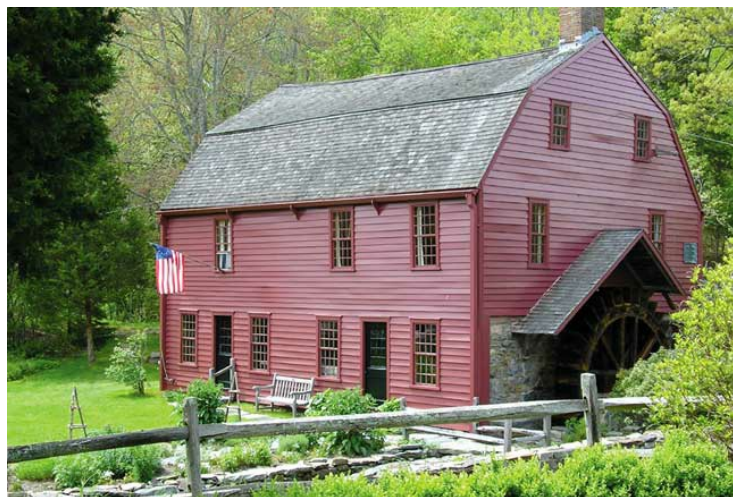
Technical Committee  
**Cancelled: Friday, April 7, 2017**

State Planning Council  
**Thursday, April 13, 2017**

Transportation Advisory Committee  
**Thursday, April 27, 2017**

### Feature Photo Trivia: Name that Rhode Island landmark!

Each newsletter issue will feature a photo of a building, landmark or destination in Rhode Island.



*Can you name the museum in the above photo? See the answer in the blue text at the bottom of the newsletter!*

## Additional RI News and Opportunities

- **Grant Opportunity:** Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (RICC) announced the opening of the application period for the [Main Street Rhode Island Streetscape Improvement Fund](#). Grants are due **April 12, 2017**.
- **Conference:** The Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission will host the [32nd Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference](#) on Saturday, April 29. Deadline for registration is **April 17, 2017**.

**PHOTO TRIVIA ANSWER:** The Gilbert Stuart Museum, Saunterstown, RI - Photo Courtesy: The Gilbert Stuart Museum ([website](#))