

Rhode Island Department of Administration Division of Statewide Planning January 2018

Municipalities Attend Statewide TOD Meeting



On January 12th, the Division of Planning hosted an introductory meeting for the State of Rhode Island Transit Oriented Development (TOD) working group. This group, comprised of representatives from State Agencies, Transit Providers, Federal Agencies, and Municipalities, will be exploring opportunities for organizing development around transit hubs in order to capitalize on the State's investment in quality transit facilities. This effort may include options such as density bonuses,

development incentives, infrastructure financing, or simple technical assistance to increase local planning capacity to ensure solutions are sensitive to the varied local contexts of transit facilities. "Having invested heavily in increased commuter rail capacity, the State would like to ensure continuing demand for that service," says Transportation Principal Planner Drew Pflaumer. Contact [Drew](#) for more information.

Transportation Plan Workshops: Round Two

Wednesday, JAN 24	Wednesday, JAN 31
West End Community Center 109 Bucklin Street Providence, RI 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Edward King House 35 King Street Newport, RI 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The Rhode Island Division of Planning – in conjunction with the RI Department of Transportation and the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) – has scheduled a second round of public workshops to craft a vision, goals, and investment priorities for the its Long Range Transportation Plan, which will set guidelines for the state’s transportation network over the next twenty years. The plan, titled “[Rhode Island Moving Forward](#),” also includes a Statewide Bicycle Mobility Plan, which will focus on ensuring the State can create a multimodal, sustainable transportation network. "Transportation directly impacts the State’s economic development, tourism, environment, and health and safety," sy The second round of workshops will look at specific transportation goals and how we can achieve the transportation network Rhode Islanders want.

New Census Information Highlight

With the statewide population estimates released this past December by the US Census, the Division of Planning examined some population trends taking place in Rhode Island and New England between April 2010 and July 2017.

At the local level, population estimates are available from the Population Estimates Program of the Census Bureau and show an interesting trend. The highest percent change in population in Rhode Island between 2010-2016 took place in the northern and western parts of the state, with Cumberland (3.4%), North Smithfield (3.1%), Glocester (2.9%), Lincoln (2.8%) and Burrillville (2.4%) as the top five population-gaining municipalities. Those experiencing population loss between 2010-2017 were Bristol (-2.9%), Narragansett (-1.9%), North Kingstown (-1.9%), and West Warwick (-1.4%). Without considering international immigration and natural increases, could close proximity to jobs in Providence and Boston help explain the consistently growing populations in the northern and western portions of Rhode Island?

From 2010-2017, the state’s population grew slightly: 0.6%, or 6, 694 people. In the United States, the population change between 2010-2017 was 5.5%, while in New England the change was 2.5%. Rhode Island’s growth was 3rd highest in New England, behind Massachusetts (4.6%) and New Hampshire (2.0%). Vermont was the only New England state to see population loss at -0.3%.

For more Census information, please contact Vin Flood at vincent.flood@doa.ri.gov or 401/222-1243.

Statewide Planning Speaker Series

Please join Statewide Planning for four presentations that will focus on forward-thinking **transportation options** in other New England cities and the lessons Rhode Island can learn from them.

Our speakers include:

- Jerry Friedman, Supervising Engineer for the City of Cambridge DPW, discussing Cambridge's "**complete streets**" program; 1/26/18, 12:30P-1:30P. DOA Conference Room 2B.
- Sara Bronin, Chairperson, Hartford Planning & Zoning Commission, talking about the **elimination of parking spaces** from new development projects in Hartford; 2/20/18, 12P-1P. DOA Conference Room 2B.
- Kelley Gossett, the Public Affairs Manager for **Uber** in the Northeast region, on the benefits and **impacts of ridesharing** on the transportation system; 2/28/18, 11A-12P. DOA Conference Room 2B.
- Terrance J. Regan, USDOT Volpe Center and Boston University Urban Affairs professor will discuss the future of **transportation funding**. 3/22/18, 12P-1P. DOA Conference Room 2C.

For more information, please contact roberta.groch@doa.ri.gov.

Planning Employee Spotlight



Paul Gonsalves is a Senior Land Use Planner who has been with the Division of Planning since December 2004. Paul's various duties include assisting with State Guide Plan updates, plan consistency review, and legislative monitoring, among other projects. Paul has also been the Division's representative on the RI Rivers Council for the past ten years. He worked for a non-profit developer at his previous job. Paul has a B.A. in Geography from RI College and attended graduate school at URI's Community Planning Program. His interests within planning include renewable energy, urban agriculture, community development and emergency management. Outside of the office, Paul volunteers for the Pawtucket Community Emergency Response Team, where he completed his Advanced First Aid Certification. Among his free-time activities, he enjoys spending time with family, hiking, growing food, acting and archery. Contact Paul at Paul.Gonsalves@doa.ri.gov.

We want your news!

Do you have an article about a planning project or item of interest from your town that you would like to include in our newsletter?
Please [contact us](#) and you might see it here.

Upcoming Meetings

[State Planning Council](#)

February 8 at 9AM

Conference Room 2A
DOA, One Capitol Hill
Providence

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Transportation Advisory Committee

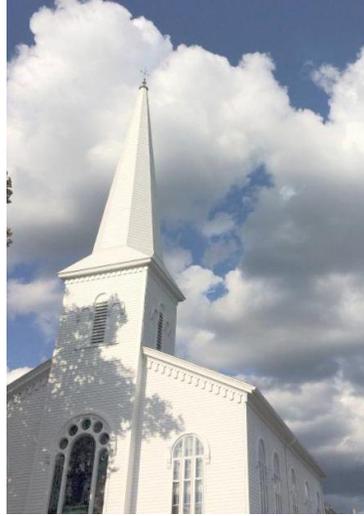
January 25 at 5:30PM

Conference Room 2A
DOA, One Capitol Hill
Providence

Technical Committee

February 2 at 9AM

Conference Room 2A
DOA, One Capitol Hill
Providence



Events

Statewide Planning Speaker Series:

- **January 26** Jerry Friedman, Supervising Engineer for the City of Cambridge DPW, will discuss the planning and implementation of Cambridge's "complete streets" program. 12:30P-1:30P. DOA Conference Room 2B (1 CM)
- **February 20** Sara Bronin, Chairperson, Hartford Planning & Zoning Commission, will talk about the elimination of parking spaces from new development projects in Hartford. 12P-1P. DOA Conference Room 2B. (1 CM)
- **February 28** Kelley Gossett, Uber Public Affairs Manager- Northeast. 11A-12P. DOA Conference Room 2B. (1 CM)
- **March 22** Terrance J. Regan, USDOT Volpe Center and Boston University Urban Affairs professor will discuss the future of transportation funding. 12P-1P. DOA Conference Room 2C. (1 CM)
 - **All sessions will take place** at the Department of Administration, 1 Capitol Hill, Providence.
 - Contact [Roberta Groch](#) for more information (401/222-4720) or see the [Statewide Planning website](#).

January 31 Deadline for nominations for the 2018 Blueways Stewardship Award (to be presented at the RI Land & Water Conservation Summit, March 10, 2018). The RI Blueways Alliance seeks nominations for the Stewardship Award for an individual who exemplifies dedication to the stewardship and conservation of Rhode Island's rivers, lakes and coastal waters. Send nominations to megkerr@cox.net or RI Blueways Alliance Treasurer Meg Kerr, 151 Prospect Ave, North Kingstown, RI 02852.

February 22 "[Combat Communication for Conservationists](#)" 9:30A-4P. Sooner or later, the water will get hot and your reputation and success will be on the line. In this beginner-friendly workshop, you will tell your side of the story during heated debates around rate increases, land management decisions, policy changes, lawsuits, legislation, and emergencies. \$25. Warwick Public Library, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick. CM credits available. Contact: [Jennifer West](#), 401-222-4700 x74.

March 2 "Mandatory Sea Level Rise Training for Municipal Officials." 12:30P-2P. Statewide Planning is holding a technical assistance workshop for planners about the new training requirements. Planners can share the information with their boards and commissions (and can bring their board members). DOA Conference Room 2, 1 Capitol Hill, Providence (1.5 CM). Contact [Nancy Hess](#) for more information and to RSVP

Grant Opportunities

February 15 Deadline for applications to the van Beuren Charitable Foundation to fund projects, programs, and capital in their four priority areas: Strong Starts, Healthy Lifestyles, Community Prosperity, and Excellence in the Commons. Although Aquidneck Island and Newport County is the center of their work, the Foundation also welcomes proposals from outside this region. See their [website](#) for more details.

February 16 Deadline for applications to host a Citizens' Institute on Rural Design workshop. 5PM EST. Selected rural communities will receive \$10,000 cash stipend for planning and hosting a two-day community design workshop (\$10,000 cash or in-kind match is required). Selected communities will also receive technical assistance in 2018 to plan and design an action plan. See [website](#) for more information.

February 23 Deadline for applications to [Transportation For America](#) (T4A) workshops. 5PM EST. T4A will provide funding for workshops for three selected communities to help integrate artistic and transportation efforts and improve collaboration between local arts agencies and departments of transportation to better address transportation challenges.

Check out our website for plans, maps, publications, and more!

www.planning.ri.gov

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DID YOU GUESS IT? Barrington Congregational Church

(a.k.a. "The White Church")

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