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Long Range Transportation Plan launched



Statewide Planning held a public event to launch the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the State's first Bicycle Mobility Plan (BMP). Starting with welcoming remarks by Governor Gina Raimondo and Michael DiBiase, Director of RI Department of Administration, the event highlighted details of the upcoming twenty years of RI's LRTP/BMP development process for transportation investments and policies. As invited speakers, the representatives of the neighboring states of Connecticut and Massachusetts shared their experiences on the Long Range Transportation Plan, as well as their visions for the State. The event also underlined the importance of promoting and integrating the muscle-powered mobility and regional bicycle plan for our future generations.

To take part in the LRTP/BMP planning process, please follow us at www.PlanRI.com



2017 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) solicitations coming soon

Statewide Planning is close to beginning the solicitation of projects from municipalities for consideration in the FFY18-27 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Municipalities will be asked to prepare applications for new projects and review existing project submittals for any changes. Municipalities, organizations and members of the general public may submit project proposals for consideration. Please be on the lookout for our public notice and detailed instructions for participating in this year's annual STIP update; more information is on our website: <http://www.planning.ri.gov/>



State of Rhode Island
Transportation Improvement Program

New Shoreham Comprehensive Plan approved

The State Planning Council (SPC) recognized the Town of New Shoreham at its April 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. New Shoreham's Comprehensive Plan serves to guide development and conservation locally, while addressing statewide goals and policies. To see the work New Shoreham has done, click [here](#) to read their Comprehensive Plan.



Left to Right:

Kevin Nelson, Supervising Planner- RI Division of Planning; Alison Ring, Town Planner- Town of New Shoreham; Michael DiBiase, Director of Administration- State of RI

Welcome to our Assistant Chiefs



Roberta Groch, AICP is the Assistant Chief of Economic Development and Special Projects, a newly-created position. She is charged with helping facilitate development projects and providing economic development assistance to municipalities. Roberta has over twenty years of planning experience working for the East Providence Waterfront District and the planning departments of the City of Providence and the Town of Framingham. She has a Master's of Community Planning from URI and a BA from Boston University. Roberta lives in Providence with her husband and two children and enjoys cooking, gardening, skiing and hiking.



Paul Di Giuseppe is the Assistant Chief of the Division's Transportation unit, working on the annual TIP, transit and other transportation project. Previously, he was a Principal Planner with the Austin, Texas Planning and Zoning Department, a Regional Planning Administrator with the Florida Department of Community Affairs, and a Senior Planner with the Tallahassee/Leon County, Florida Planning Department. He has a Master's of Public Administration from Florida State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from RIC. Paul is happy to be back home in RI after twenty-seven years.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Technical Committee
Friday, May 5, 2017

State Planning Council
Thursday, May 11, 2017

Transportation Advisory
Committee
Thursday, May 25, 2017

Feature Photo Trivia:

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



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fri., May 5, 8:30AM - 12PM:**
"Innovative Approaches to Investing in Infrastructure to Support Community & Economic Revitalization." RI Convention Center. [Click here to register now!](#)
- **Thurs., May 11, 2017, 9AM - 5PM:**
"Green and Complete Streets Workshop". Navigant Credit Union 693 Broad Street, Central Falls, RI 02863, 2nd Floor.
This workshop will generate new ideas for how to create nicer streets that accommodate all users, while also using green infrastructure to collect, manage, and treat storm water runoff. The workshop will engage a focused group of people to help identify the right strategies for green and complete streets in Central Falls and Pawtucket.

INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO SUPPORT RI'S COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

MAY 5, 2017 8:30-12:00PM **RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
GREG BIALECKI Principal at Redgate and Former Massachusetts Secretary of Housing & Economic Development

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