

**STATEWIDE PLANNING e-NEWS**Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program • One Capitol Hill • Providence, RI 02908 • 401.222.7901 • fax 401.222.2083 • [www.planning.ri.gov](http://www.planning.ri.gov)**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) 2017 - 2025  
NOTICE OF SOLICITATION  
FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS**

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the State of Rhode Island, the State Planning Council, is initiating the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for federal fiscal years 2017– 2025. The TIP is a list of transportation projects the State of Rhode Island intends to implement using United States Department of Transportation funds. For transportation projects to utilize federal funds it must be included in the TIP. In developing a new TIP, stakeholder input is essential in programming and prioritizing transportation projects. This is an opportunity for municipalities, regional organizations, non- profits and members of the general public to submit transportation projects for consideration as part of the FY17-25 TIP development process.

**STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION**

The state and national transportation funding crisis and the continued declining condition of the State's infrastructure makes it more important than ever to ensure that our scarce resources are focused on priority projects and strategic investments. Coordination with stakeholders is a crucial component of the TIP process. The MPO has strived to maintain a streamlined and simple process for participating in the development of the TIP. This process is fully outlined in the "Guide to Rhode Island's Transportation Improvement Program" available at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/statewideplanning/transportation/tip.php>.

**TIP application packages are due by 3:00 p.m. on January 8, 2016.**

**TIP PROJECT APPLICATION PRESENTATIONS**

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) will be conducting four (4) regional Public meetings. Application presentations, clearly identifying the proposal and briefly describing the project in terms of location and scope of work requested, may be made at one of these meetings.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.**

RI Department of Administration, Powers Building  
Conference Room A, Second Floor  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.**

John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley Corridor  
Commission Office  
One Depot Square, Woonsocket, RI

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Middletown Town Hall  
350 East Main Road, Middletown, RI

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.**

South Kingstown Town Hall  
180 High Street, Wakefield, RI

A draft TIP will be developed in the early spring with the public review process occurring during the spring and summer of 2016. The FY17-25 TIP is expected to be adopted by the State Planning Council by September 2016. For more information, contact Karen Scott, Assistant Chief, Statewide Planning Program at (401) 222-4411 or [Karen.scott@doa.ri.gov](mailto:Karen.scott@doa.ri.gov).



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### Statewide Planning's Committee Meetings

**State Planning Council**, January 14, 2016, 9:00 a.m., One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, Conference Room A

**Technical Committee**, January 8, 2016, 9:00 a.m., One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, Conference Room A

**Transportation Advisory Committee**, Thursday, January 28, 2016, 6:30 p.m. One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, Conference Room A

**RIGIS Executive Committee**  
January 21, 2015, 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
USDA-NRCS, Main Conference Room  
60 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI 02886



United States Environmental Protection Agency

EPA has released a funding opportunity under the Southeast New England Program.

The FY16 Request for Initial Proposals (RFIP) is an anticipatory RFIP which means final appropriations may result in changes to or elimination of funding. The deadline for initial proposals is January 22, 2016.

EPA will be hosting two webinars for those with questions regarding this RFIP on December 17 and January 6. Details are provided in the RFIP which can be found at: [SNEP Funding Opportunity](#)



Be sure to check out the December Statewide Planning Program, Planning Information Center, Census [Data Bulletin](#) which examines social and economic trends in Rhode Island via the American FactFinder Comparison Profiles.

In addition, the 2010-2014 5-Year American Community Survey estimates were released in December 2015. For more information on the ACS data release, visit the [U.S. Census Bureau](#).

State of Rhode Island

### Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission

#### Call for Ideas

The [31st Annual R.I. Statewide Historic Preservation Conference](#) will take place on Saturday, April 30, 2016 in North Kingstown and Exeter. Have a suggestion for a conference workshop, tour, or speaker? Workshops run 75 minutes long and focus on topics like village revitalization, sea level rise, local history, archaeology, etc. Tours run 1.25, 2.5, or 3 hours long. To share your idea, [email Sarah Zurier](#). If you are suggesting a topic for a tour or workshop, please include the names of potential speakers or organizations that might participate.

### URI Landscape Architecture Lectures 2016

- **March 3**, Toby Wolf, Principal, Wolf Landscape Architecture Westwood, MA. Title: Just enough wildness: Designing places that connect people with the natural world"
- **March 31**, Chris Reed, STOSS Landscape Urbanism, Boston, MA. April 14 Emily McCoy, Andropogon, Philadelphia, PA. Title: Craft, Research, and Practice: performance-based design in landscape architecture.
- **April 28**, Catherine Seavitt, ASLA, AIA LEED-AP, Catherine Seavitt Studio, NY, NY. Title: "Shifting Sands: Sedimentary Cycles for Jamaica Bay"

Lectures begin at 7:00 P.M. and are held in the Weaver Auditorium on the Kingston Campus of URI. This series is co-sponsored by The College of Arts and Sciences, and the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Catherine Seavitt lecture is being co-sponsored by Rhode Island Sea Grant. All lectures are free and open to the public. The lecture halls are handicapped accessible. General questions about the series may be directed to 874-2983 or to [wagre@uri.edu](mailto:wagre@uri.edu).