

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
MAJOR AMENDMENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Amendment # 5 is being proposed to the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the State of Rhode Island, as adopted by the State Planning Council on July 12, 2012.

The amendment has been requested by the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. This proposed TIP amendment realigns programs to reflect new categories of funding under Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century, distributes new and increased apportionments, carries forward funding from the FY09-12 TIP and shifts funds to match agency priorities. This amendment will affect the Transit Program of the TIP.

The proposed amendment is available for review at the R.I. Statewide Planning Program Office, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and at the Program's website at www.planning.ri.gov. A copy may also be obtained by calling (401) 222-7901.

The State Planning Council's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) will conduct a public hearing of the proposed major amendment at its meeting scheduled for:

Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
Conference Room A, Second Floor
RI Department of Administration

All persons may present their views on this amendment in person, through a representative, or by filing a written statement with the Secretary of the State Planning Council, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. All comments on the TIP amendment must be received by the close of the hearing on January 22, 2015.

This meeting place is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Any individual requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should contact Thomas Mannock, Ph.D at 401-222-6377 (voice) or #711 (R.I. Relay) 5 business days in advance of 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 five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Any individual requiring the services of a spoken language interpreter to participate in this meeting should contact Michael Moan at (401) 222-1236 (voice) at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Public transit schedule information for the public hearings is available from RIPTA at (401)781-9400 or www.ripta.com.


Kevin M. Flynn
Secretary
State Planning Council

December 22, 2014



October 17, 2014

Mr. Jared L. Rhodes II, Secretary
State Planning Council
Department of Administration
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Rhodes:

The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) requests a major amendment to the TIP. The amendment is needed to adjust funding totals to reflect currently available funds and to realign program categories to reflect changes in Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) programs. A description of the changes by line item is found on page 3.

The reasons for the changes are as follows:

1. **Change in program dollars to match available dollars.** When the 2013-2016 TIP was drafted in 2012, the federal government was operating under continuing resolution of the transportation law SAFETEA-LU. In producing funding forecasts for the FY 2013-2016 TIP, RIPTA assumed flat funding. With the adoption of MAP-21, Rhode Island saw apportionments shift and Westerly added to the Norwich/New London Urbanized Area, making new funds available to the state.
2. **Consolidation/addition of categories to reflect MAP-21 programs.** We have added and consolidated programs to reflect MAP-21 category changes.
 - a. **New line for the Section 5307 – Ferry Boat Discretionary program.** A ferry boat discretionary grant program was established for the first time under the Section 5307 program. Rhode Island won a competitive grant of \$350,000 for improvements to the parking lot at the Quonset Ferry terminal. This is a public-private partnership with the long-term operator at the site, Rhode Island Fast Ferry, providing 20% match.
 - b. **New line for Section 5339 – Bus and Bus Facility program.** This is a new formula bus program.
 - c. **Elimination of Section 5317 – The New Freedom program.** This program has been consolidated with the Section 5310 - Elderly/Disabled program.

3. **Shift in Bus Program.** We are applying to add \$10 M to FFY 2015 to purchase replacement buses. Under SAFETEA-LU, RIPTA received significant discretionary funds for bus purchases. In 2012, it was unclear if the discretionary program would be carried into MAP-21. Since bus replacements are a very high priority for RIPTA, funds for computer equipment, replacement parts, etc. were not obligated. MAP-21 converted the discretionary bus replacement program into the Section 5339 formula program, under which RIPTA receives less funding than it had under SAFETEA-LU. The funding saved from 2012 is carried forward to 2015 and reprogrammed for bus replacements.
4. **Shift in agency priorities.** RIPTA's focus on performance management and data-driven decision-making has resulted in a need for additional investments in Planning and Preventive Maintenance. In addition, due to a change in the way FTA allows grantees to classify parts, we anticipate shifting some purchases from Support Equipment/Supplies to Preventive Maintenance. Funds for the increase in Preventive Maintenance and Planning come from a decrease in Support Equipment/Supplies in 2015 and the additional Section 5307 apportionment in 2015 and 2016.

These projects are the result of additional federal funds or shifts in programmed projects and meet the fiscal constraint requirement. A line by line description of the changes can be found attached.

Sincerely,



Lillian Shuey Picchione
Director, Capital Development



Please refer to draft TIP tables. The highlighted TIP lines are changed as detailed below.

1. **Facilities, Passenger - Property Improvements: Quonset.** Rhode Island was awarded a Ferry Boat Discretionary grant for \$350,000 for improvements to the parking lot at the Quonset Ferry terminal. This is a public-private partnership with the long-term operator at the site, Rhode Island Fast Ferry, providing 20% match.
2. **Planning and Program Management – Planning, Outreach and Training.** Increase funded with overall apportionment increase in the Section 5307 Program.
3. **Support Equipment/ Supplies/Vehicle – Replacement.** Decreased in order to fund Support Equipment/Supplies/Vehicles - Preventive Maintenance.
4. **Support Equipment/ Supplies/Vehicle – Preventive Maintenance.** Increased. Funds are from FY 2015 Replacement parts, as noted above, and the overall apportionment increase in the Section 5307 program. Increase in 2016 funded from overall apportionment increase.
5. **Transit Operations – New Freedom.** MAP-21 eliminates the New Freedom (Section 5317) program and consolidates it with the Elderly/Disabled program (Section 5310). These changes are reflected in the elimination of Transit Operations – New Freedom and an increase in funding in 2015 and 2016 for Revenue Vehicles – Elderly Disabled.
6. **Transit Operations – Rural Intercity Bus Connections and Rural Operations/RTAP.** Increase in Rural Intercity Bus Connections and Rural Operations/RTAP (Section 5311) to match appropriations.
7. **Transit Operations – Small Urban.** Elimination of this line. Due to changes in the census, Rhode Island is no longer eligible for reimbursements for service located in Small Urban areas.
8. **Revenue Vehicles – Replacement.** Increase in 2015. Under SAFETEA-LU, RIPTA received significant discretionary funds for bus purchases, its highest capital priority. Due to uncertainty about discretionary funding levels, funds were left unobligated in 2012; \$10 M is now carried forward and added to Revenue Vehicles – Replacement – 2015. The funding appropriated under the new MAP-21 bus formula program is also added, found in a new line item – Revenue Vehicles - Replacement - Section 5339.
9. **Revenue Vehicles – Paratransit – Elderly/Disabled.** Increase due to MAP-21 eliminating the New Freedom (Section 5317) program and consolidating it with the Elderly/Disabled program (Section 5310). These changes are reflected in the elimination of Transit Operations – New Freedom and increases in 2015 and 2016 for Revenue Vehicles – Elderly Disabled.

**FISCAL CONSTRAINT ANALYSIS
TIP FY 2013-2016
AMENDMENT #5**

Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

Fiscal constraint is maintained as this amendment proposes to carry forward unspent funds from the FY09-12 TIP, allocate increases in funding authorizations under MAP-21 and reallocate funds to different line items within the current TIP.

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Project/Program	Town/City	Limits	ID	Phase	2013	2014	2015	2016	FUT	Funding*
<u>Traffic Safety Program</u>		Programmed Projects Shown in Appendix E								
Lighting Repair/Improvements		Statewide		C	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25		STP
Municipal Traffic Projects		Statewide		C	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50		STP
Pavement Striping		Statewide		C	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50		NHS
		Statewide		C	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50		STP
Railroad Grade Crossings		Statewide		C	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50		RR Safety
Repair Damaged Safety Devices		Statewide		C	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00		STP
RI*STARS Program		Statewide		C	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00		STP
Guide Signing Inventory/Improvements		Statewide		C	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50		NHS
State Traffic Commission Projects		Statewide		C	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50		STP
Traffic Monitoring		Statewide		C	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00		STP
Traffic Signal Optimization		Statewide		C	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50		HSIP
Traffic Safety Program - Program Total					\$30.50	\$30.50	\$33.50	\$30.50	----	

Transit Program

Bus	Activity	FTA Program	ID	Phase	2013	2014	2015	2016	FUT	Funding*
Facilities, Administrative & Maintenance	Rehab/Renovation			C	\$0.75	\$1.10	\$1.00	\$1.00		FTA 5307
Facilities, Passenger	Rehab/Renovation/ Upgrades			C	\$1.00	\$0.89	\$0.68	\$0.70		FTA 5307
	Property Improvements: Quonset			C			\$0.35			FTA 5307:FBD
Planning & Program Management	Plan, Outreach & Training			P	\$0.98	\$1.00	\$2.02	\$1.04		FTA 5307
	Mobility Management			P	\$1.20	\$1.20	\$1.20	\$1.20		FTA 5307
Support Eq/Supplies/Vehicle	ITS/Computers			C	\$2.73	\$2.18	\$2.20	\$2.54		FTA 5307

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* See Page 14 for Funding Category Descriptions

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<u>Transit Program</u>								
Bus		<u>Activity</u>						<u>FTA Program</u>
Support Eq/Supplies/Vehicle		Replacement	C	\$2.02	\$1.92	\$1.19	\$2.47	FTA 5307
		Preventive Maintenance	O	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$14.75	\$14.75	FTA 5307
Transit Operations		Complementary ADA	O	\$3.38	\$3.41	\$3.45	\$3.48	FTA 5307
		Job Access/ Reverse Commute	O	\$1.14	\$1.16	\$1.17	\$1.18	FTA 5316
		New Freedom	O					FTA 5317
		Rural Intercity Bus Connections	O			\$0.63	\$0.24	FTA 5311
		Rural Operations/ RTAP	O			\$3.79	\$1.41	FTA 5311
		Small Urban	O					FTA 5307
Revenue Vehicles		Replacement	C	\$8.90	\$8.90	\$18.90	\$8.90	FTA 5307
		Number of Vehicles		18	18	30	16	
		Replacement	C			\$9.69	\$3.25	FTA 5339
		Number of Vehicles				19	6	
Revenue Vehicles Paratransit		Replacement	C	\$0.20	\$0.40	\$0.83	\$1.50	FTA 5307
		Number of Vehicles		2	4	8	15	
		Elderly Disabled	C	\$0.79	\$0.80	\$2.48	\$1.40	FTA 5310
		Number of Vehicles		8	8	23	13	
CMAQ Initiatives		Pilot Car Sharing	O		\$0.14			FTA 5307 FY 2011 CMAQ
		Transit Service Initiatives	O		\$1.20			FTA 5307 FY 2012 CMAQ
		Passenger Initiatives	O		\$0.50			FTA 5307 FY 2012 CMAQ
		Traffic Signalization	O		\$0.40			FTA 5307 FY 2012 CMAQ
		Transportation Support Projects	O		\$0.50			FTA 5307 FY 2012 CMAQ

Rail

Activity **FTA Program**

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