

INFORMATION

Additional Information

Information addressing the following categories of review criteria as described in the Transportation Improvement Program, Guidance on Applying Criteria for Evaluation of Project Proposals should be provided separately. Submission must **not exceed** 2 pages, single spaced, 12-point font:

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| 1. Mobility Benefits | 4. Environmental Impact |
| 2. Cost-Effectiveness | 5. Degree of Support to Local and State Goals and Plan |
| 3. Economic Development Impact | 6. Safety, Security, and Technology |

PROJECT ESTIMATES

Project Estimates

	ROW	Study	Design	Construction	Total
Estimated Project Costs					
Total Cost					
Amount Requested Through TIP Process					

Funding from other sources committed to this project - Yes No

Source	Amount
Total	

NOTIFICATION / CERTIFICATION

Notification / Certification

Date of Local Public Hearing _____
Municipal & Regional Planning Agency Projects Only

Preferred TAC Public Hearing

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| <input type="radio"/> November 7 at 6:00 pm - South Kingstown Town Hall | <input type="radio"/> November 8 at 9:00 am - Department of Administration |
| <input type="radio"/> November 9 at 6:00 pm - Blackstone Valley Corridor | <input type="radio"/> November 10 at 6:00 pm - Middletown Town Hall |

Attest: The information provided on this application is true and accurate

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Chief Executive Official's Signature _____ Date _____

ADMINISTRATIVE

Application Checklist - Submitted by October 28, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

- 8 Collated Copies of Completed Application
 - Forms - Project Prioritization & Application
 - Attached 2-page narrative
 - Location Maps as PDF files
- Email a copy of completed application to linsey.cameron@doa.ri.gov or provide on a CD
- Mail to:

Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program	Statewide Planning Official Use Only
ATTN: Linsey Cameron, Supervising Planner	Submission Date _____
One Capitol Hill	Accepted by _____
Providence, RI 02908	

A Proposal for a Next-Round TIP Project
Maintenance Improvements to the Historic Kingston Railroad Station
Presented by the Friends of the Kingston Station Inc., a 501(c)3 Organization

Since its restoration in the mid-90's, usage (and corresponding wear-and-tear) on Kingston Railroad Station has increased dramatically. For example, before the restoration approximately 66,000 passengers a year used the station annually. Now, the station averages 175,000+ passengers a year. Add that to the tens of thousands of bike path users who use the bathrooms in the station, and there is an amount of wear on the physical structure of the station that exceeds the routine maintenance program of the building's owner, RIDOT, and its major tenant, Amtrak. We propose a package of heavy maintenance improvements to be undertaken by RIDOT that should serve the station, which is now the major public transportation gateway for South County, for the next decade. This project would benefit travelers not only from southern Rhode Island, but also those from the east bay who frequently use Kingston station rather than Providence.

Note on costs. These estimates below for each item are based on work being done for cash by local vendors working for a private party. These estimates provide a baseline, and do not reflect what the project might cost if the work is done by the state, which has requirements quite different than those that must be met by a private party. In such a case, the cost will be considerably higher, perhaps 3-4 times as much. An estimate of what the project will cost if done following formal state requirements is entered in the application form.

1. Woodwork refinish. Since the station was restored, approximately two million visitors have walked on the original wood floors, and sat on the original wood benches. In many places, the finish is completely worn off to bare wood. In addition to being unsightly, this makes routine floor maintenance difficult to impossible, and has already started to damage the floor. We propose that the wood floors, benches, and counters be professionally refinished. Estimated cost if work privately done-\$14,000.

2. Bathroom modifications for better maintenance. The bathrooms are currently cleaned by the Amtrak ticket agents. When the station was newly restored, the agents could easily keep up between trains. Now, however, during the summers when there is both maximum passenger traffic at the ticket windows, and maximum bike path use, the agents cannot keep up; the wastepaper baskets overflow, the floors often flood as visitors "wash up" after a long, hot ride, and the facilities can't be cleaned as often as they need to be. We propose to modernize the bathrooms with automatic faucets, toilets and urinals, modern high-speed hand dryers, easy maintenance floors and walls, and move the drinking fountains from the "museum" side of the station to the waiting room, eliminating cup waste. Disposing of the paper towel dispensers will cut down dramatically on the paper waste generated by the station. Estimated cost if privately done-\$19,000.

3. Change locksets. The locksets in the building, due to heavy wear, provide a security hazard. Among other things, they sometimes fail to latch when the door is locked. All the locks in the station must be heavy-duty commercial units, keyed together, and harmonious with the historic surroundings. Estimated cost if privately done-\$1,500.

4. Interior touch up paint. It is inevitable that a building that receives so much use will receive a few bumps and scratches. It is very difficult to schedule a small touch-up paint job in

the normal RIDOT and Amtrak maintenance protocol. This part of the proposal would rectify this. Estimated cost if done privately-\$2,000.

5. Powerwash. The lower level of the station was recently powerwashed in connection with canopy repairs. The upper level is now conspicuously unwashed. Estimated cost if done privately-\$1,000.

6. Landscape major maintenance and renewal. Reseeding of lawns, and replacing fast growing shrubs that require regular maintenance with smaller, slower growing ones. Estimated cost if done privately-\$5,000.

Total estimated cost-\$42,500.

1. Mobility benefits. The station is already ADA compliant. Moving the drinking fountains into the the waiting room will create more room for wheelchairs by eliminating the bottled water facility.

2. Cost effectiveness. This program is designed to avoid costly repairs to the floors and benches by giving them protective coatings. The bathroom improvements will eliminate the expense of paper towels and their disposal. Landscape improvements will reduce the time needed for routine landscape maintenance in the future. Touchup paint will extend the time between complete repaintings.

3. Economic Development. The Kingston Railroad Station is now perceived as the public transportation gateway to South County. It has been a cover image in the Providence Business news. It was featured on the inside cover of the national Amtrak timetable, and is used in much tourist literature. Unfortunately, the very success of the station is making it look shabby. It needs more, rather than less maintenance than structures which are not iconic, if it is to continue to attract both tourists and prospective investors

4. Environmental impact. Currently, the station generates far more paper waste than it would have to with modern bathroom fixtures. Water use would also be reduced by using automatic plumbing fixtures.

5. Support for local and state goals. The state is firmly committed to the development of rail transportation, both passenger and freight. The intermodal Kingston Station plays an integral part of the state's transportation plan, both for future commuter train operations, and existing Amtrak service. Preservation of existing transportation facilities is as important as the creation of new ones and with proper maintenance, Kingston Station can reasonably be expected to serve for another 125 years.

6. Safety, Security and Technology. The new locksets would prevent unauthorized after hours entry. Although a bit of a stretch, automatic faucets and hot-air dryers would discourage people from "washing up" after bike rides, soaking the floor, and increasing the risk of slip-and-fall.