

RHODE ISLAND STATE PLANNING COUNCIL
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

**State of Rhode Island
FFY 2017-2025 Draft State Transportation Improvement Program
and
Amendment #7 to the
FFY 2013-2016 State Transportation Improvement Program**

The Rhode Island State Planning Council will conduct **two (2) public hearings**. These hearings will be held to accept comments on the FFY 2017-2025 Draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Amendment #7 to the FFY 2013-2016 STIP.

Opportunity for Public Comment - FFY 2017 – 2025 Draft STIP

The State Planning Council is developing the State Transportation Improvement Program for federal fiscal years 2017-2025. The STIP is a nine-year program which includes Bridge Capital, Bridge Maintenance, Debt Service, Contingency-Inflation, Drainage Capital, Drainage Maintenance, Headquarters Operations, Maintenance Capital, Maintenance Operations, Pavement Capital, Pavement Maintenance, Planning – Program Development, Toll Operations, Traffic Safety Capital, Traffic Safety Maintenance, Transit Capital (RIPTA & RIDOT), Transit Operations (RIPTA & RIDOT), Other Transit Initiatives (RIPTA), Route 6/10, and Transportation Alternatives projects that are eligible to receive federal funding. The TIP must be updated at a minimum of every (4) years in accordance with federal requirements and the State Planning Council's Rules of Procedure and the first four years of the STIP (FFY 2017-FFY 2020) must be fiscally constrained. This STIP update included a full solicitation of new projects from Rhode Island state agencies, municipalities, organizations, and individuals. These projects were reviewed by subcommittees of the State Planning Council's Transportation Advisory Committee, Rhode Island Department of Transportation, and Rhode Island Public Transit Authority staff. Recommendations were incorporated into the full draft FFY 2017-2025 STIP document. A complete description of the STIP development process is outlined in the draft STIP document. The public comment period for this document begins on April 25, 2016, includes the two (2) public hearings outlined below, and closes on June 26, 2016. All comments on the draft FFY 2017-2025 STIP must be received by June 26, 2016.

The draft FFY 2017-2025 STIP is available for review online at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/statewideplanning/transportation/tip.php> or at the R.I. Statewide Planning Program, One Capitol Hill, 3rd floor, Providence, RI between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Opportunity for Public Comment - Amendment #7 to the FFY 2013 – 2016 STIP

Amendment # 7 is being proposed to the FFY 2013-2016 STIP 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 Department of Transportation and the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. This proposed TIP amendment realigns the FFY 2016 projects of the STIP with additional available state and federal funding sources and with RIDOT's Ten Year Strategic Plan (FFY 2016 to FFY 2025). In addition, this amendment includes new transit and highway projects not included in the FFY 2013-2016 STIP. This amendment will affect all programs of the STIP. The public comment period for this amendment begins on April 25, 2016, includes the two (2) public hearings outlined below, and closes at the conclusion of the second public hearing on May 26, 2016. All comments on Amendment #7 to the FFY 2013-2016 STIP must be received by the close of the hearing on May 26, 2016.

The proposed amendment is available for review online at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/statewideplanning/transportation/tip.php> or at the R.I. Statewide Planning Program, One Capitol Hill, 3rd floor, Providence, RI between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Informational presentations and formal public hearings for both FFY 2017 – 2025 Draft STIP and Amendment #7 to the FFY 2013 – 2016 STIP will be held:

Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

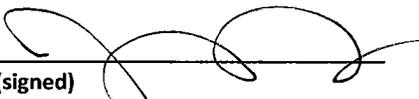
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William E. Powers Building
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Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

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Each public hearing will include the same informational presentation. All persons may present their views on the draft FFY 2017-2025 STIP or Amendment #7 to the FFY 2013-2016 STIP documents in person, through a representative, or by filing a written statement with the Secretary of the State Planning Council. Written statements may be submitted at the hearings noted above or mailed to Jared L. Rhodes, Secretary (Acting), Rhode Island State Planning Council, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908.

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.



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Jared L. Rhodes
Secretary (Acting), State Planning Council