

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Rhode Island State Rail Plan

The Rhode Island State Planning Council will conduct two public hearings to accept comments on the draft Rhode Island State Rail Plan.

The *Rhode Island State Rail Plan* draft is under consideration by the Rhode Island State Planning Council. The *Rhode Island State Rail Plan* contains goals, objectives, policies, implementation actions, and potential projects for the State's passenger and freight rail transportation system over the next twenty years. The Rhode Island Department of Administration, Division of Planning's Statewide Planning Program, working in collaboration with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, is responsible for the development of this Plan. This Plan was also developed with public and private rail stakeholder participation, as well as state and federal agency collaboration. This Plan has been prepared to ensure compliance with the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA) and Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21).

The *Rhode Island State Rail Plan* is available for review at the R.I. Statewide Planning Program website at www.planning.state.ri.us/statewideplanning/transportation/railplanning.php or at the Program's office, One Capitol Hill, 3rd floor, Providence, RI between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Comments on the *Rhode Island State Rail Plan* will be accepted at the following two public hearings:

Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Department of Administration
William E. Powers Building
Conference Room A, 2nd Floor
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
Department of Administration
William E. Powers Building
Conference Room A, 2nd Floor
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

All persons may present their views on the draft document in person at the public hearings, through a representative, or by filing a written statement with the Secretary of the State Planning Council. Written statements may be mailed to Karen Scott, Assistant Chief, RI Statewide Planning Program, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908, or submitted at a hearing. All comments must be received before the close of the public hearings.

This meeting place is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Any individual requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should contact James A. Pitassi, Jr. at 222-6395 (voice) or #711 (R.I. Relay) at least three (3) business days prior to 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 three (3) business days prior to the meeting. Public transit schedule information for the public hearings is available fromRIPTA at (401) 781-9400 or www.ripta.com.


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