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- FY 06-07 Transportation Improvement Program
- Transportation 2025: Long Range Transportation Plan 2004
- Freight Planning Needs Assessment
- Statewide Travel Model Update
- Highway Functional Classification 2005-2015
- Census Data for Transportation Planning
- RI Travel Corridors, Technical Paper 152
- State Guide Plan Overview, Report 101

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# TRANSPORTATION PLANNING



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## THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM

### Purpose

The State Planning Council, staffed by Statewide Planning's Transportation Program acts as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the State of Rhode Island. As such, it is responsible for planning and project programming.



### Projects

The Transportation Planning Program has two principle projects:

1. A long range (20 year) Transportation Plan, updated every 4 years. The Plan covers highways, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and ferry.
2. A Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), updated every 2-4 years. This is a multi-year capital program that selects projects to implement the Plan.

The Transportation Planning Program has several special projects in addition to these main tasks, such as Safe Routes to School, Travel Modeling, Freight, and Travel Corridor Planning.

Transportation projects affect the everyday life of all citizens in the state of Rhode Island. These plans determine how federal and state funds (your tax dollars) will be spent.

## YOUR INVOLVEMENT

### How to get involved

You have access to and are able to participate in developing the state's long-range transportation plan, the TIP, and other special programs. Outreach and public involvement mechanisms include focus groups, surveys, public workshops and hearings, newsletters, a website, and monthly meetings of the Transportation Advisory Committee. You can sign up to receive monthly e-newsletters by going to <http://www.planning.ri.gov/misc/eneews.htm> and following those instructions, or by calling 222-1237.



### Why your involvement is important

Federal funding provided by Congress and matched with state funding is spent to improve roads, bridges, highways, transit service, bicycle facilities and much more.

The concerns of local residents are very important in deciding how, when, and where future projects will occur.

Citizens have a considerable impact in deciding where this funding should be spent and what the project priorities are. Your involvement and input can benefit both your family and your community and improve your quality of life.

## PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

### Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

This committee advises the State Planning Council / MPO on transportation issues. The TAC reviews and provides input for the transportation planning documents.

The TAC members include 8 local and tribal officials, 5 state agencies, 9 organizations representing a variety of transportation interests, and 5 citizens from different areas of the state.

### Meetings

The TAC holds regular meetings (each with two public comment periods) at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month. Exceptions and locations of these meetings can be found at: [www.planning.ri.gov/tac/sched.htm](http://www.planning.ri.gov/tac/sched.htm).



### Issues

- Relieving traffic congestion
- Maintaining infrastructure
- Providing transportation choices
- Identifying sustainable funding
- Creating safe routes to school
- Improving the environment
- Providing for people with special needs