

**RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2009 MEETING**

**Board Members Present: Thomas Deller, Chair; Edward Field; Stephen Durkee; Kevin Flynn; Stephen Devine, Thomas Cute.**

**Absent: William Kennedy**

**Also Present: Alfred J. Moscola; Lilly Picchione, Mark Therrien, Amy Pettine; and Ellen Mandly and members of the public whose names are listed on the meeting sign-in sheet.**

**Mr. Deller welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the RIPTA Strategic Planning Committee and said the purpose of the committee is long range planning and to bring others from the state and private sector into the process. He said transit is a key economic tool whether its bus, train, streetcar or other modes.**

**The members introduced themselves and then discussed who should be asked to fill the two open committee spots. After discussion the committee held a discussion on important topics to tackle such as funding for RIPTA, the Wickford train station, the Metro Transit Study, satellite hubs, Kennedy Plaza, service standards, Park and Rides, and outreach to the General Assembly and the public at large. Mr. Deller said these issues and others need to be organized and prioritized and**

**key staff identified.**

**The members discussed the need for planning and coordination between RIPTA, RIDOT, Statewide Planning and other agencies to facilitate the new rail services and maintenance.**

**The committee will begin with a review of RIPTA's service standards and asked staff to compile a list and description of all transit studies both past and present. Once the committee has had an opportunity to review service standards and the studies they can begin to evaluate the role of Kennedy Plaza and satellite hubs.**

**The committee discussed RIPTA's Flex and Ride service and the service standards applicable federal guidelines for each.**

**Amy Pettine and Kevin Flynn outlined RIPTA's capital programs and how they tie into Statewide Planning and the tip. Mr. Flynn discussed the State's "fix it first" guidelines as they relate to surface roads and made clear the only new routes will be rail, there will be no new roads.**

**Mr. Therrien briefly discussed the new handicapped accessible taxi legislation which requires RIPTA coordination. The committee agreed that RIPTA's involvement needs to be limited.**

**Mr. Devine discussed RIDOT's rail transit planning and gave a brief**

history then described the current focus.

Mr. Deller talked about the goals and timelines. He said a web page with all the transit studies should be created and including links to the studies, system standards, RIPTA's enabling legislation, participating agencies such as RIDOT and Statewide Planning. He said major work needs to be done on vision and planning and we need to research how other transit agencies address these issues. Amy Pettine will take the lead in this area and she suggested adding this information to the webpage and the Committee agreed.

The Committee noted that the proceeding will be labor intensive and suggested hiring a consultant and asked Mr. Therrien to ascertain if the consultant could be paid via a grant.

Mr. Deller asked that a Strategic Planning Committee report agenda item be put on the November Board meeting agenda. They also asked that a metro transit update be put on the agenda and that future Strategic Planning Committee meetings are held at least monthly, possibly bi-weekly beginning about three weeks from today.

Finally the Committee discussed the two remaining Committee spots and decided to invite John Flaherty from Grow Smart Rhode Island and Everett Stuart a rail advocate and member of the TAC Committee to join. Mr. Deller suggested an ex officio seat for the Governor's

**office and the Committee agreed and decided to invite Christopher Long to join.**

**There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Field and seconded by Mr. Durkee. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Ellen M. Mandly**

**Recording Secretary**