



Description of graphic: RI State Seal an anchor in gold behind a blue wheelchair logo. Just below is a blue banner with the state motto "Hope". All are in the center of a ring of 8 blue stars, in groups of 2 separated by the logos for Braille, hearing aids, low vision and amplified phone.

Governor's Commission on Disabilities Accessibility Committee *Meeting Minutes*

April 30th, 2012 2:00-3:30 PM

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 Attendees:	<i>Ron McMinn, Joe Cirillo, Nicholas J. Capobianco Jr, Harvey Salvias, Arthur Plitt, Rory Carmody</i>		
Guests:	<i>Melissa A. Long, Thomas J. Queenan, Robert Rocchio, John Garrick, Marc Malkasian, O.J. Silas (RIDOT Staff Representatives)</i>		
Staff:	<i>Bob Cooper, Christopher DeGrave</i>		
 <small>Clock graphic</small>	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
	Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	Ron McMinn, Vice-Chairperson	2:00
Chair calls the meeting to order at 2:05pm Introductions of Commissioners, Committee Members & RIDOT Guests			
<p><i>MOTION (1): To approve the minutes from the previous meeting as presented/ revised/ edited.</i></p> <p><i>Motion by: H. Salvias</i></p> <p><i>Seconded: Nicholas J. Capobianco Jr.</i></p> <p><i>Committee Vote Unanimous</i></p>			
Action Items:			
 <small>telephone complaint graphic</small>	Accessibility Compliance & RI Department of Transportation Update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. RIDOT ADA Committee Discussion b. RIDOT ADA Planned Projects Discussion & Prioritization c. RIDOT APS Installation Guidance 	Christopher DeGrave & RIDOT Representatives	
Purpose/Goal: Review & Update members of the Committee & Public			
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ RIDOT ADA Committee & Transition Plan Manager continue to work diligently on the various aspects for the RIDOT Transition Plan. Latest work includes the Technical Infeasibility Policy, Accessible Pedestrian Signal Project and Curb- 			

Ramp Project Plan Schedule.

- 36 pages of projects presented to the committee - including 15 Park 'n Ride lot projects. RIDOT maintains and manages over 1800 miles of roadways and thousands of miles of sidewalk.
- RIDOT analyzed and reported on every Park n' Ride, train station and transportation facility in the state to identify, resolve and mitigate all ADA issues.
- Accessible Pedestrian Signal Project & Curb-Ramp Schedule On-Going
- C. DeGrave has worked with RIDOT ADA Committee and RIDOT Transition Plan Manager for 3 years now.
- A. Plitt (Commissioner): Question regarding Rt. 108/ 138 in S. Kingstown- Any plans to increase access for all pedestrians in the area of 108/ Saugatucket Rd. Several group homes and medical facilities in the area? Sidewalks may be a good idea. R. Smith (RIDOT): Not at this time but the possibility is there and will be looked into.
- Thought by R. Smith to consider ranking projects in the T.A.C by ADA consideration as well as other public interest and safety factors.
- M. Malkasian- Discussion on temporary pedestrian access routes and requirements for them. Some discussion by A. Plitt regarding this requirement/ enforcement lacking in some projects causing havoc for those with disabilities and mobility impairment. R. Smith- highlighted that projects used to be done in phases (maintaining a relative level of access). Now, projects done in total and can cause major disruption from limiting traffic (pedestrian & motor vehicle) totally. 2-3 mile diversion in a vehicle isn't a big deal; in a wheelchair it is HUGE.
- M. Malkasian- Discussion on the continued work towards federal accessibility and FHWA transition plan. Work continues to ensure ADA compliance in ALL that RIDOT does. The focus is to INCLUDE, not exclude or isolate. RIDOT ADA Committee aides in this incorporation.
- Detectable Warning Device policy changed within RIDOT to use only cast iron in future projects as the poly-mat style do not hold up like iron. Study completed on this issue, committee worked to make changes to construction specifications. Upfront Cost analyzed against maintenance and considerable ADA issues.
- R. McMinn (Commissioner): Issue discussed regarding use of waffle style drainage systems at curb-ramps and high-traffic accessible pedestrian areas. Marc M. to bring issue to specifications committee to discuss alternatives and changes to policy on placement of such grates.
- N. J. Capobianco Jr. (Committee Member): Concern over project and funding sustainability for future ADA projects. R. Smith- RIDOT has some concern as well, currently waiting for federal highway bill to be passed to open funding for much needed repairs and projects. New PROWAG (Pedestrian Rights of Way Accessibility Guidelines) will increase costs per project and lead to a more limited scope and decrease in number of total projects.
- RIDOT Enhancement project to be completed in many local villages, towns and communities. Usually smaller scale but still have ADA consideration and issues. RIDOT will continue to work with C. DeGrave & Access Committee to resolve/ mitigate prior to construction.
- M. Malkasian-RIDOT to be proactive and repair all issues as identified in the GO Bond project by adding to other project in the area or creating new ADA projects.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ M. Malkasian- Discussion of possible funding for signage in RIDOT Park N Ride lots as many of the identified issues were signage related. C. DeGrave to discuss at next RIDOT ADA Committee- procedure for request. ➤ Accessible Pedestrian Signal project – proactive approach prior to PROWAG requirements- RIDOT now taking requests for signal installations. Newly enacted APS policy and prioritization tool to increase accessibility at all signaled intersections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feedback always encouraged on APS- several to be installed soon for testing (RIGCD to assist in gathering APS requests and vetting information collected) ➤ M. Malkasian- Discussion of the RIDOT Technical Infeasibility Policy- Checklist of who, what, where, why? - Documentation required if RIDOT cannot fully make a project accessible (Environmental, Safety, and Physical Access Issues): All alternatives MUST be considered. ➤ M. Malkasian- Discussion of the snow-removal policy- Several issues with communities and stakeholders in the past. Working to resolve issue. Money, limited manpower and equipment are continuous issues presented. ➤ Melissa Long (RIDOT ADA Coordinator): Made a short presentation on accessible communication within the RIDOT. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plans to increase public participation, input and feedback ○ Use of Public Forums & Committees ○ Increase access to all of Rhode Island- Through agency transparency ○ Continuous feedback always encouraged and accepted ○ Will solicit RIGCD Accessibility Committee aide in project prioritization, policy review and plan issues. ➤ R. McMinn suggested that the RIDOT put an increased focus on public outreach through press releases on all of the GOOD that RIDOT does for the public in Rhode Island. ➤ C. DeGrave has recommended Marc Malkasian, RIDOT Transition Plan Manager be appointed to the RIGCD Accessibility Committee (TBD) 		
 <small>voting check off graphic</small>	<p><i>MOTION: None</i></p>		
 <small>construction logo</small>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> Access Committee Project Update: Groden Center </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Christopher DeGrave </td> </tr> </table>	Access Committee Project Update: Groden Center	Christopher DeGrave
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	<p>Purpose/Goal: Review & Update members of the Committee</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>(1) Discuss & review latest information on access committee projects</p> <p>(2) Discuss & review Groden Center Project & latest project budget update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Groden Center Project Design & Approval is underway- Revised plans are in plan review with the RI Building Code Commission- following this process (upon approval) project will go to out to bid. <u>(No further update at this time)</u> 		
	<p><i>MOTION: None</i></p>		

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 <small>construction logo</small>	General Obligation Bond / Statewide ADA Project Update	Bob Cooper	
Purpose/Goal: Review & Update members of the Committee			
<p>Discussion:</p> <p>(1) Discuss & review latest information on general obligation bond</p> <p>(2) Discuss & review bond priorities & ADA projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ B. Cooper had a meeting with the Governor’s Chief of Staff regarding the GO Bond and its project evolution. Meeting was progressive. ➤ Many agencies have picked-up smaller ADA projects to be self-funded ventures. ➤ Individual agencies are receptive to applying individual agency bond funds to accessibility repairs and projects as identified in our research. ➤ Requests being made for additional annual capital funding for project repairs ➤ Meetings on-going to coordinate inter-agency efforts- other options to be explored for future access repairs. ➤ Final decisions of bond projects to be made by late June. 			
 <small>voting check off graphic</small>	MOTION: None		
 <small>meeting graphic</small>	Open Meetings: RIGCD Assistive Listening Devices- Price Quotes	Christopher DeGrave	
Purpose/Goal: Update members of the Committee & Request Funding for Listening Devices			
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIGCD Listening Devices are 22 years old- In disrepair and batteries are no longer attainable from vendors. • Current system is broken and we are borrowing devices. New hand-held devices are approx. 150-175\$ each with all accessories. • Three official online quotes received- Lowest quote for two devices by <u>Assistedaudio.com @ the price of \$236.60.</u> 			
 <small>voting check off graphic</small>	<p>MOTION: Motion to purchase (2) sets of assistive listening devices including headsets and neck-loops for use during RIGCD public meetings. Winning low quote was from AssistedAudio.com for a total price of \$236.60.</p> <p>Motion by: Arthur Plitt</p> <p>Seconded: Nicholas J. Capobianco Jr.</p> <p>Committee Vote Unanimous</p>		
	Committee Announcements	Ron McMinn	3:20

Announcer graphic			
	<i>Congratulation to Harvey Salvias, who retired from the Governor's Commission on Disabilities on April 6th! The Access Committee wishes Harvey a very happy retirement and welcomes him to his newly accepted membership position on the accessibility committee.</i>		
 calendar graphic	Agenda and Scheduling the Next Meeting	Ron McMinn	3:25
	Items to be placed on the next meeting's agenda: <i>None at this time.</i>		
	Next meeting will be on: <i>June 25th, 2012 @ 2pm</i>		
 alarm clock graphic	Adjournment	Ron McMinn	3:30
 voting check off graphic	MOTION: To adjourn @ 3:30pm Motion by: Harvey Salvias Seconded: Nicholas J. Capobianco Jr. Committee Vote Unanimous		