

Minutes



Transportation Working Group,

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Wednesday October 4, 2006 3:30-5:00 PM

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ATTENDANCE:

Arthur Plitt, Judi Drew, Kenneth Pariseau, & Tim Flynn

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1. Introductions

Arthur Plitt

Arthur Plitt conveyed the meeting at 3:30 PM

2. Review of the Public Forum Testimony

Members of the working group reviewed the testimony and discussed possible concerns and recommendations.

3. Development of Concerns and Recommendations

MOTION: To recommend the following to the Legislation Committee:

Themes/Findings	Recommendation	Testimony on Pages
Handicapped Parking lacking in Newport, especially following construction projects	Discuss with RI DOT and the City of Newport to ensure Handicapped Parking is preserved during and after construction projects	3
Process for getting Hand Controls restriction placed on license overly stringent	Examine policy to determine if changes at the registry could be made to streamline the process. i.e.: Have RI Hospital et al submit endorsement or certification to the registry	52-53
RIde does not cross state lines	Could review alternatives or modification of policy esp. if employment/medical issues related	55
Enforcement of Handicapped Parking is lax, not enough van accessible spaces	RI GCD Disability Parking Committee review of enforcement activities to find/share best practices and advocate with local police depts. Since they now receive all fines. Van Access no parking fines for xxx lines & Better control over the existing blue placards with photos etc might be legislative	62
Differing scheduling requirements for RIde if disabled vs. elderly and also too early or late or 5 AM vs. 5 PM pickup	RIDE needs to do some revision & education of dispatchers as to scheduling for disabled vs. elderly. Regulations / Policy changes possible as well as better dispatch confirmations of time before. Flex routes perhaps for some like employment	60 & 62
Accessible transportation from	Require the Airport Corporation ensure that more	62, 63 email

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the airport is not easy to access	accessible transportation is available thorough it's contracted providers and provide easier info on their website and at curb pickups/monitors/J&W info as well as revoking taxi licenses for non working equipment Some regulations review or legislate? There was discussion over checking other regulations at airports of similar size and ADA regulations	
RIPTA Transportation for students	Transition to community and employment difficult w/o access for full class members but larger busses with more wheelchair access to schools with new equipment or private carriers paid	17
RIPTA	Rides for visits long and bumpy and w/o communications to driver in front of the bus	10
Curb Cuts access to housing and gardens	Newport area housing and facilities?	4
Handicapped Parking tags/licensing	Strength testing for driving if apply for handicapped tags so you may lose drivers license	41
Judi Drew/ Kenneth Pariseau passed unanimously		
Adjourned	5:00 PM	