

**RHODE ISLAND STATEWIDE PLANNING PROGRAM
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 25, 2016
RIDOA, Conference Room A
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

DRAFT MINUTES

I. Attendance

1. Members Present

Mr. Everett Stuart, Vice Chair	RI Association of Railroad Passengers
Mr. Lloyd Albert	AAA Southern New England
Mr. Dan Boudouin	Providence Foundation
Ms. Meredith Brady	RI Department of Transportation
Mr. Michael Cassidy	Public Member
Mr. Richard Crenca	City of Warwick
Mr. John Flaherty	Grow Smart RI
Ms. Bari Freeman	Bike Newport
Mr. Ronald Gagnon	RI Department of Environmental Management
Ms. Martina Haggerty	City of Providence
Mr. Jonathan Harris	Sierra Club
Ms. Eliza Lawson	RI Department of Health
Mr. George Monaghan	RI Consulting Engineers (RICE)
Ms. Lillian Piccione	RI Public Transit Authority
Mr. Daniel Porter	RI Airport Corporation
Mr. Timothy Scanlon	Construction Industries of Rhode Island
Ms. Pam Sherrill	RI Chapter, American Planning Association
Mr. Michael Walker	RI Commerce Corporation
Mr. Michael Wood	Town of Burrillville/RI League of Cities and Towns

2. Members Absent

Mr. Alan Brodd	City of Woonsocket
Dr. Judith Drew	Governor's Commission on Disabilities
Mr. Chris Maxwell	RI Truckers Association
Ms. Fran Shocket, Chair	Public Member
Ms. Dinalyn Spears	Narragansett Indian Tribe

3. Staff Present

Ms. Kirsten Bryan	RI Statewide Planning Program
Ms. Linsey Callaghan	RI Statewide Planning Program
Ms. Kimberly Crabill	RI Statewide Planning Program
Ms. Caitlin Greeley	RI Statewide Planning Program
Mr. Benjamin Jacobs	RI Statewide Planning Program
Mr. Michael Moan	RI Statewide Planning Program
Mr. Jared Rhodes, Chief	RI Statewide Planning Program
Ms. Karen Scott, Assistant Chief	RI Statewide Planning Program

Ms. Chelsea Siefert
Mr. Chris Witt

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4. Guests Present

Mr. Sarp Ardisi
Mr. George Johnson
Mr. Arthur Morelli
Mr. Barry Shiller

RI School of Design
Consulting Planner
RIPTA Riders Alliance
RI Bicycle Coalition

II. Agenda Items

1. Call to Order

At 6:30 p.m. Vice-Chairman Stuart called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of December 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes – for action

Vice-Chairman Stuart asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 14, 2015. Mr. Monaghan made the first motion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brady. There was no further discussion. The following members voted aye Stuart, Albert, Baudouin, Brady, Cassidy, Crenca, Flaherty, Freeman, Gagnon, Haggerty, Harris, Lawson, Monaghan, Piccione, Porter, Scanlon, Sherrill, Walker, and Wood. There were no nay votes, abstentions or recusals.

3. Public Comment on Agenda Items – for informational purposes

There was none.

4. Highway Functional Classification Request – for action

Ms. Callaghan overviewed the request from University of Rhode Island (URI) & Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) to reclassify segments of roadways to the following classifications: Upper College Rd to a major collector, Plains Rd to a major collector, Tootell Rd and West Alumni Avenue to minor collectors.

Vice-Chairman Stuart asked for a motion to approve that the requested reclassification go to the Federal Highway Administration for review and approval. Mr. Albert made the first motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Monaghan. Discussion as follows:

Mr. Baudouin asked if these are public roads, private roads, or campus roads. Ms. Callaghan responded that they are roads open to the public that URI maintains and plows. They are requesting this change in classification so that in the future they would be able to request federal-aid funding for future re-pavement.

Mr. Harris asked if the reclassification means that the roadway would be eligible for the TIP process in the future. Ms. Scott responded that the reclassification would allow URI to propose repaving the roadway in the TIP process which they could not do under the current classification.

The following members voted aye Stuart, Albert, Baudouin, Brady, Cassidy, Crenca, Flaherty, Freeman, Gagnon, Haggerty, Lawson, Monaghan, Piccione, Porter, Scanlon, Sherrill, Walker, and Wood. The following member voted nay Harris. There were no abstentions or recusals.

5. FY 2017 - 2025 Transportation Improvement Program: review TAC Subcommittee Reports, Prioritization of Transportation Alternatives Program Projects, Recommended Funding allocation for Transportation Alternatives Programs - for action

Vice-Chairman Stuart thanked everyone who served on a TAC Sub-committee and all of the effort that went into scoring the projects. He also thanked Ms. Scott and all of the Division of Planning staff for coordinating the efforts in organizing all of the TIP materials for prioritizing and presenting them to the TAC. Finally, Vice-Chairman Stuart introduced Ms. Scott who explained the objectives and process of prioritization and recommendation for funding. Ms. Scott then explained how the prioritization process would take place with keypad polling to prioritize the fifty-five proposed projects. The TAC then went on to prioritize the Transportation Alternative Program list which is attached.

Once the projects were prioritized Ms. Scott asked the TAC if there were any projects that they felt should have been on the sub-committee lists that were not there and that the TAC should consider in the prioritization. Then she explained that the each project put forward would be voted on by the TAC to move forward with the project list being submitted to RIDOT. During this exercise Mr. Wood noted that he felt that the TAC was not prepared to consider projects to add to the list. Ms. Brady noted that the list will be looked at more often than in the past, so opportunities for projects may change depending on how things look at that time.

Mr. Scanlon departed at 8:58 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Stuart asked for a motion to approve the prioritization of Transportation Alternatives Program Projects as completed by the TAC. The motion was made by Mr. Flaherty. The motion was seconded by Baudouin. The following members voted aye Stuart, Albert, Baudouin, Brady, Cassidy, Crenca, Flaherty, Freeman, Gagnon, Haggerty, Harris, Lawson, Monaghan, Piccione, Porter, Sherrill, Walker, and Wood. Mr. Scanlon was not present at this time. There were no nay votes, abstentions or recusals.

Vice-Chairman Stuart asked for a motion to approve the recommended funding allocation for Transportation Alternatives Programs. The motion was made by Mr. Cassidy to recommend \$130 million. The motion was seconded by Ms. Freeman. Discussion was as follows:

Mr. Flaherty asked where the extra money would come from. Ms. Scott responded that it would come out of another pot of funds.

Mr. Harris asked if we had already limited ourselves in the sub-committees. He noted that he felt limited in projects that would be proposed because of the limited funds. Mr. Harris also felt if there was a graph that better showed where all the money was going then a better plan could be submitted but felt limited at this time. Ms. Scott explained how the available funding works from the current TIP to new TIP.

Mr. Harris asked if once RIDOT's Ten Year Plan to complete bridges is completed would a shift occur toward bicycle and pedestrian projects. Mr. Walker commented that at the State Planning Council

the RIDOT's Director stated that once the bridges are at a state of good repair and moved into maintenance then the funds could move to those other projects.

Mr. Harris commented that if we wait ten years for some of these projects to move forward then we will lose a significant population of people attracted to live in Rhode Island. The millennial population that is in college now needs the pedestrian, transit, bicycle infrastructure and if 4 percent is all we can give from the state it seems miniscule.

Mr. Wood noted that Statewide Planning came up with a good process to accomplish the task of prioritizing the TAP projects, however, he disagreed with adding projects to the bottom of the high priority list that were not originally included as he felt that they should have gone through the same process as the projects that made it on the list.

Mr. Harris noted that he was in agreement with the \$130 million in funding and the process that got the TAC to this point but in the long term he doesn't want to stick with such a small percentage of funding going toward transportation alternatives types of projects.

Mr. Baudouin stated that in the earlier documents RIDOT back loaded all of the projects in the TIP's scheduling so that the first couple of years there was hardly any money. His concern was that we should request that these projects receive level funding through the years rather than them all coming up in year 8, 9, and 10. Ms. Scott explained that RIDOT will determine how the money flows in terms of scheduling the projects.

Mr. Rhodes commented that before this goes out to public comment, the TAC will be presented with a full DRAFT TIP which will be the time to comment on how the funds should be laid out.

There being no further discussion, the following members voted aye Stuart, Albert, Baudouin, Brady, Cassidy, Crenca, Freeman, Gagnon, Haggerty, Harris, Lawson, Monaghan, Piccione, Porter, Sherrill, and Walker. There were two nay votes by Flaherty and Woods. Mr. Scanlon was not present at this time. There were abstentions or recusals.

6. Staff Report – *for discussion*

Staff report was dispensed so that Mr. Rhodes could address the committee. Mr. Rhodes thanked the committee for all of the hard work they put into the decisions and recommendations. Mr. Rhodes also asked the TAC to consider the process and how it was handled for ranking during the meeting and requested feedback. Mr. Rhodes also thanked the staff for their efforts in coordinating the data, technology, and setup to make the process possible.

7. Additional Public Comment – *for informational purposes*

There was none.

8. Announcements– *for discussion*

There was none.

9. Adjourn

Vice-Chairman Stuart asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cassidy made the first motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walker. The following members voted aye Stuart, Albert, Baudouin, Brady, Cassidy, Crenca, Flaherty, Freeman, Gagnon, Haggerty, Harris, Lawson, Monaghan, Piccione, Porter, Sherrill, Walker, and Wood. Mr. Scanlon was not present at this time. There were no nay votes, abstentions or recusals.

Rank	ID	Name	Type	TIP Cost	State	Other	State/Other Source
1	5253	Recreational Trails Program	Rec. Trails	\$ 7.70			\$856,000 per year
2	5212	Blackstone River Bikeway - Segment 1A	Bike	\$ 1.50			
3	1307	Rt 114 St (Mendon Rd, Cumberland to Exchange St, Pawtucket)	Ped/ADA	\$ 7.54		\$ 0.20	Central Falls Façade Improvement Program - \$0.1, Pawtucket CDBG - \$0.1, Pavement Program - additional \$3.96, TAP - \$7.54
4	5294	SRTS Infrastructure Improvements for Citizens & Pothier Elementary Schools	SRTS	\$ 0.39			
5	5156	Exchange Street Enhancement	OTA	\$ 0.50		\$ 0.10	\$0.1 - City of Pawtucket CDBG Construction
6	5183	Citywalk Providence Pedestrian and Bicycle Enhancement Project	Ped/ADA	\$ 1.88			
7	5320	Blackstone River Bikeway - Segment 8C	Bike	\$ 2.80			
8	5155	Slater Mill Phase II	OTA	\$ 0.50		\$ 0.25	\$.15 City of Pawtucket CDBG Design/Construction Admin; \$.1 City of Pawtucket Construction
9	5058	Main St Handicap Access Sidewalk	Ped/ADA	\$ 0.12			
10	5178	NBT/WRG: Providence Woonasquatucket Greenway Enhancements	Bike	\$ 5.98		\$ 1.50	Design funds through Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council Earmark
11	5095	Southeast Lighthouse Museum Rehabilitation	OTA	\$ 0.60		\$ 0.15	RIHPHC grant
12	5001	SRTS Infrastructure Improvements for Barrington Middle School	SRTS	\$ 0.42			
13	5120	Post Road - Curbing & Sidewalks	Ped/ADA	\$ 2.00			
14	5089	South County Bike Path Extension	Bike	\$ 8.50			
15	5217	Hard Scrabble - Snow Town Project	OTA	\$ 0.04			
16	5110	Newport North End Bicycle/Pedestrian Connectivity and Safety Improvements	Bike	\$ 7.20			
17	5105	Thames and Spring Street Streetscape Improvements	Ped/ADA	\$ 8.50		\$ 1.30	\$1.3 - City of Newport
18	5268	Water Street Sidewalks & Streetscape	Ped/ADA	\$ 0.81			
19	5040	SRTS Infrastructure Improvements for Myron Francis Elementary School	SRTS	\$ 0.17			
20	1460	Exchange Street Sidewalk Widening Project	Ped/ADA	\$ 3.13			
21	5080	East Main Road Shared Use Path	Bike	\$ 3.00			
22	5088	SRTS Infrastructure Improvements for Narragansett Pier Middle School	SRTS	\$ 0.80			
23	5060	Jamestown Bridge Bike/Pedestrian Access	Bike	\$ 0.20			
24	5166	Sprague Street Sidewalks	Ped/ADA	\$ 0.50			
25	5260	Old Stone Bridge	OTA	\$ 2.30			
26	5096	West Side Road - Sidewalks	Ped/ADA	\$ 1.22			
27	5109	SRTS - Bedlow Avenue/Hillside Avenue Sidewalks	SRTS	\$ 0.23		\$ 0.30	\$0.3 - City of Newport Improvement Program
28	5286	Bay Street Streetscape Improvements	OTA	\$ 1.40		\$ 0.26	\$0.26 - Town of Westerly Capital Improvements Bond
29	5021	SRTS Infrastructure Improvements for Western Hills Middle School	SRTS	\$ 0.49			
30	5249	Kingston Station Maintenance (Interior Restoration)	OTA	\$ 0.38			
31	9001	Trestle Trail - West Section, 2 Bridges	Bike	\$ 3.12			
32	5072	Purgatory Road Sidewalk Installation	Ped/ADA	\$ 0.60			
33	5285	SRTS Infrastructure Improvements for State Street Elementary School	SRTS	\$ 0.87			
34	5309	Main Street Improvements	Ped/ADA	\$ 0.37			
35	5202	Providence Waterplace & Riverwalk Repairs & Walkway Improvements	Ped/ADA	\$ 4.05			
36	5293	Blackstone River Bikeway - Segment 8A	Bike	\$ 4.04			
37	5164	East Main Road Sidewalks	Ped/ADA	\$ 2.00			
38	5318	Blackstone River Bikeway - Segment 8B-1	Bike	\$ 2.48			
39	5132	Blackstone River Bikeway - Segment 3A	Bike	\$ 8.60			
40	5108	Marlboro Street/West Marlboro Streetscape Improvements	Ped/ADA	\$ 1.90			
41	5182	Cathedral Square Enhancement Project	Ped/ADA	\$ 0.48			
42	5319	Blackstone River Bikeway - Segment 8B-2	Bike	\$ 2.64			
43	5162	Mount Hope Bay Bicycle Improvements	Bike	\$ 0.16			
44	5271	East Bay Bike Path Extension (Warren Bike Path)	Bike	\$ 2.00			
45	5078	Aquidneck Island Bicycle Master Plan	Bike	\$ -			
46	9002	Trestle Trail - West Section, Paving	Bike	\$ 5.50			
47	5199	Providence Bicycle Infrastructure	Bike	\$ 1.80			
48	5215	Washington Secondary Bike Path Extension	Bike	\$ 1.71			
49	5157	Ten Mile River Greenway	Bike	\$ 0.50			
50	5161	Aquidneck Island Bikeway - Melville Connector	Bike	\$ 2.16			
51	5005	East Bay Bike Path Bridge Replacement (Barrington River & Warren Bridges)	Bike	\$ 10.40			
52	5045	Ten Mile River Greenway, Segment 1-4	Bike	\$ 2.50			
53	5114	Smith's Castle Transportation Alternative Project	OTA	\$ 0.30			
54	5007	Herreshoff Marine Museum	OTA	\$ 0.82		\$ 0.79	\$0.1 - Herreshoff Marine Museum; \$0.685 - Earmark
55	5171	Stone Bridge Rehabilitation Study	OTA	\$ 0.08			
56	5112	ADA Intermodal Hub, Fort Adams State Park	Ped/ADA	\$ 0.35			
57	5200	Downtown Providence Pedestrian Wayfinding Project	Ped/ADA	\$ 0.05			