

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

Thursday, September 22, 2016  
RIDO, Conference Room A  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**I. Attendance**

1. Members Present

Ms. Fran Shocket, Chair	Public Member
Mr. Lloyd Albert	AAA Northeast
Mr. Michael Bliss	Narragansett Indian Tribe
Mr. John Flaherty	Grow Smart RI
Mr. Ronald Gagnon	RI Department of Environmental Management
Mr. Jonathan Harris	Sierra Club
Ms. Lillian Picchione	RI Public Transit Authority
Mr. Daniel Porter	RI Airport Corporation
Mr. Tom Queenan	RI Department of Transportation
Ms. Pamela Sherrill	RI Chapter, American Planning Association
Mr. Michael Walker	RI Commerce Corporation

2. Members Absent

Mr. Dan Baudouin	Providence Foundation
Ms. Meredith Brady	RI Department of Transportation
Mr. Alan Brodd	City of Woonsocket
Mr. Michael Cassidy	Public Member
Mr. Richard Crenca	City of Warwick
Dr. Judith Drew	Governor's Commission on Disabilities
Ms. Bari Freeman	Bike Newport
Ms. Martina Haggerty	City of Providence
Ms. Eliza Lawson	RI Department of Health
Mr. Chris Maxwell	RI Trucking Association
Mr. George Monaghan	RI Consulting Engineers (RICE)
Ms. Amy Pettine	RI Public Transit Authority
Mr. Timothy Scanlon	Construction Industries of Rhode Island
Ms. Dinalyn Spears	Narragansett Indian Tribe
Mr. Everett Stuart, Vice Chair	RI Association of Railroad Passengers
Mr. Michael Wood	Town of Burrillville/RI League of Cities and Towns

3. Staff Present

Mr. Chris Witt	RI Division of Planning
Ms. Catherine Pitassi	RI Division of Planning
Mr. Benny Bergantino	RI Division of Planning

4. Guests Present None Present

## II. Agenda Items

### 1. Call to Order

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Shocket called the meeting to order. It was noted that a quorum was not in attendance. Any business that required voting approval was postponed until the next TAC meeting on October 27, 2016.

### 2. Approval of May 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes – for action

Approval of the August 25, 2016 minutes was postponed until the next TAC meeting.

### 3. Public Comment on Agenda Items – for informational purposes

There was none.

### 4. State Freight and Goods Movement Plan – for action

There being no quorum in attendance, action on the State Freight and Goods Movement Plan was postponed until the next TAC meeting on October 27, 2016. Mr. Walker suggested that if the plan had no changes since it was presented to the State Planning Council Meeting on September 8, 2016, the plan should be taken straight to the State Planning Council for approval. Mr. Witt stated there were no changes to the plan since the meeting; however, he will have to confer with Parag Agrawal and Jared Rhodes.

Ms. Sherrill had several questions concerning the Freight and Movement Plan.

1. On page 70 of the Executive Summary third bullet down there is no reference to rail at NORAD. She suggested adding the word rail to the second sentence to read “loaded onto **rail** and trucks for distribution.” Mr. Witt will check on this.
2. Also, the report references East Providence numerous times; however, she noticed there is no mention of the needed Eastbound 1-195 on ramps in East Providence. She felt that the plan should include this. Mr. Witt stated that no issues emerged in Planning’s discussions with the City of East Providence and the port operators in the area.
3. In reference to page 18 of the Executive Summary, she asked Mr. Witt to explain the 6/10 I-95 Southbound Connection and why the move is necessary. Mr. Witt stated they will take a look at this as well.

Mr. Harris made reference to page 160 of the Freight Plan “Alleviate Congestion on Route 6/10 @ 1-95”. He asked if we can take out the suggestion to add a new road as a solution to congestion. The solution could be to add less traffic into the intersection. Mr. Witt stated that we are unable to vote on changes to the plan without a quorum. On page 161 of the Freight Plan, Mr. Harris wanted clarification that the “Replace Route 6/10 Interchange” recommendations was described as a medium priority for freight traffic not traffic generally. Mr. Witt responded yes it refers to freight traffic.

5. Transportation Improvement Districts (TID) - for informational purposed

Chair Shocket and all committee members present decided that this presentation should be postponed until the next TAC meeting.

6. Additional Public Comment – for informational purposes

There were none.

7. Staff Announcement:

Chair Shocket asked if there were any staff announcements to reports. Mr. Witt reported that the State Planning Council approved the STIP at their September 8, 2016 meeting. It is currently at FHWA and FTA for their final sign-off, and do not expect any issues.

8. Announcements– for discussion

Ms. Sherrill asked for an update on the status of the Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Witt reported the plan is currently in the purchasing process and is awaiting to be released. The goal is to get this out early next month.

Agenda for the next TAC meeting, Approval of the Freight Plan, Voting on the 2017 Meeting Calendar.

9. Adjourn

Chair Shocket asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Harris made the first motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bliss. There was no further discussion, the following members voted aye, Shocket, Albert, Bliss, Flaherty, Gagnon, Harris, Picchione, Porter, Queenan, Sherrill, and Walker. There were no nay votes, abstentions or recusals.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Witt,