



RIPTA'S WINTER SERVICE CHANGES TO TAKE EFFECT SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2014

RIPTA will implement winter service changes effective Saturday, January 19, 2013. RIPTA makes regular service adjustments three times a year in response to seasonal changes and/or passenger use. [Click here](#) to see if your route is affected.



RIPTA TO RUN HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2014

RIPTA will operate all fixed-route services on a Sunday/Holiday schedule on Monday, January 20, 2014 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. [Click here](#) for details.

RIPTA SCHEDULES 2014 COMMUNITY SITE VISITS FOR BUS PASS PROGRAM FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Every week, RIPTA's Photo Identification staff travel to communities throughout the state to provide bus passes to qualified seniors and individuals with disabilities, who are unable to get to our office in downtown Providence. The Photo ID Office, which is open Monday through Thursday from 9 am to Noon and 1 pm to 4 pm, will be closed all day every Friday to provide photo identification "road trip" services around the state. [Click here](#) for the 2014 Community Site Visit Schedule for the Bus Pass Program for Seniors and People with Disabilities.

THE RIDE PROGRAM – NEW NO SHOW POLICIES



To encourage responsible trip scheduling and Paratransit use, The RIdE Program will begin enforcing existing No Show policies. The No Show policies are part of an effort to bring our customers more efficient paratransit service. No Shows slow down service, and take trips away from other passengers who would actually use the service. Due to different program requirements, RIdE has 3 different No Show policies: one for Medicaid trips, one for ADA trips, and a general one for all other trips. The general RIdE Program and Medicaid policies can be viewed online [here](#) or call the RIdE Office at (401) 461-9760 to request a copy.

PUBLIC HEARING - ADA Comparable Paratransit Service "No Show" Policy

RIPTA will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed policy and to afford interested parties an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments orally and/or in writing on the proposed policy.

The public hearing will be held:
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2014 at 10:00 AM
in the Board Conference Room at
RIPTA, 269 Melrose St., Providence, RI 02907



BEAT TRAFFIC, TRY TRANSIT EXTENDED AND EXPANDED

The Beat Traffic, Try Transit campaign has been expanded to include two new Park-N-Ride lots in North Smithfield beginning Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

Earlier in December 2013, RIPTA staff surveyed passengers in order to better understand when people need to travel, and what type of services they desire. Based on their feedback, RIPTA added two new Park-N-Ride lots in North Smithfield located at Slatersville Plaza (Brigido’s Market) and Branch Village.

The campaign, launched in July 2013, is designed to ease traffic congestion on the Interstate through Providence during peak travel times. Commuters can take advantage of discounted bus fares from select Park n' Ride lots across the state as well as free parking at select commuter rail stations. “Beat Traffic, Try Transit” will run now through Friday, June 27, 2014. [Click here](#) for a complete list of participating lots and more information on how you can beat traffic!

RIPTA IN THE COMMUNITY

LIBERTY TAX, RIPTA HOST “STUFF THE BUS” COAT DRIVE AT P-BRUINS GAME JANUARY 24



The Providence Bruins, Liberty Tax, and RIPTA will be hosting a “Stuff The Bus” Coat Drive at the Providence Bruins game on Friday, January 24 to benefit the Providence Corps of the Salvation Army.

Coat collections will begin on Thursday, January 2 at participating Liberty Tax offices in Providence, Woonsocket, East Providence, Middletown, Bristol, Pawtucket, Central Falls, Seekonk, Coventry, North Providence, Smithfield and Warwick and will continue through Friday, January 24.

The Providence Bruins, Liberty Tax and RIPTA will also collect coats at the P-Bruins game against the St. John’s Icecaps on Friday, January 24. Starting at 5:00pm, fans will have the opportunity to drop off their coats at a RIPTA Shuttle Bus parked in front of the Dunkin’ Donuts Center in downtown Providence. Fans bringing coats will get to have their pictures taken with Liberty Tax’s giant Statue of Liberty mascot.



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