



ATTENTION PASSENGERS

PROPOSED FARE INCREASES AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE BUS PASS PROGRAM FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

PUBLIC HEARINGS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015

**Warwick City Hall
3275 Post Road, Warwick, RI
TIME: 2PM - 4PM & 6PM - 8PM**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015:

**Newport Marriott
25 America's Cup Avenue, Newport, RI
TIME: 2PM - 4PM & 6PM - 8PM**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015

**Burnside Building
400 Hope Street, Bristol, RI
TIME: 2PM-4PM & 6PM-8PM**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015

**Providence Public Library
150 Empire Street, Providence, RI
TIME: 2PM-4PM & 6PM-8PM**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015 • TIME: 6PM - 8PM

Pawtucket City Hall, 137 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, RI

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2015

**Woonsocket Senior Center,
84 Social Street, Woonsocket, RI
TIME: 2PM - 4PM**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2015

**South Kingstown Town Hall
180 High Street, Wakefield, RI
TIME: 2 PM-4 PM & 6 PM-8PM**

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Public hearings scheduled for proposed fare increases and changes to the Bus Pass Program for Seniors & People with Disabilities. [Click here](#) for details.



Many thanks to Bradford Elementary School in Westerly for hosting our successful launch event! Speakers included our CEO, Raymond Studley; our board Chairman, Mayor Scott Avedisian; and Senate Minority Leader Dennis L. Algiere. The new service starts Nov. 13, 2015.

RIPTA LAUNCHES PILOT PROGRAM IN HOPE VALLEY

RIPTA was excited to be joined by elected officials and community leaders in the Westerly-Hope Valley region when we announced a pilot program that will offer a new public transportation option in that part of the state.

The new service, which initially will operate midday on Fridays only, will serve locations between parts of Westerly and Hope Valley village that are currently not serviced by existing RIPTA routes. With stops at local stores and the Wood River Health Services center, the new transit service is intended to give local residents an opportunity to run necessary errands or take care of medical appointments. The pilot program is scheduled to start on Friday, November 13, 2015.

The service also represents an opportunity for RIPTA to maximize its resources by using one of the passenger vans from its RIDE program during a window of time when that vehicle is in between trips. The RIDE program, which is provided in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), is a reservation-based, door-to-door service for people with disabilities. RIPTA currently has a 16-passenger RIDE vehicle in the Westerly-Hope Valley area with some “down” time between 9am and 2pm on Fridays. RIPTA will now use that vehicle to travel from the Westerly Train Station to Main Street in Richmond, and back, during that time frame.

The service will begin on November 13, 2015 and will be free for the first two Fridays to help residents get familiar with it. RIPTA is very grateful to the Legislators and community leaders who worked with us on this project.

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#):

RIPTA CELEBRATES VETERANS DAY

RIPTA will operate all regular fixed-route buses and trolleys on a Sunday/Holiday schedule on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 in observance of Veterans Day, an official state holiday. RIPTA offices, including the Photo Identification and Ticket Sales Offices in Kennedy Plaza, will not be staffed on the holiday. In addition, the Flex Service reservation line (1-877-906-FLEX) and the Ride reservation line (461-9760) will not be staffed on Wednesday.



[Click here for details.](#)



RIPTA CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING DAY

RIPTA will operate all fixed-route services on a Sunday/Holiday schedule on Thursday, November 26, 2015 in observance of Thanksgiving Day, an official state holiday.

[Click here for details.](#)

RIPTA HONORS ROSA PARKS

Sunday, December 1st - the date Rosa Parks refused to surrender her bus seat to a white male passenger - is Rosa Parks Human Rights Day. RIPTA salutes her by showcasing beautiful art e-signage commemorating her courage on buses as a reminder of who she was and what she represents.





RIPTA IN THE COMMUNITY

TIE ONE ON FOR SAFETY

RIPTA is partnering with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for their Tie One On For Safety Red Ribbon Awareness campaign. Some of the most

dangerous days of the year on our nation's roadways are between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. That is why every holiday season MADD asks you to put a MADD red ribbon in a visible location on your vehicle as a reminder to always designate a non-drinking driver.

RIPTA Bus Drivers and employees will wear red ribbons beginning Monday, November 16 to raise awareness to this public awareness project.

[Click here](#) for more information.

STUFF A BUS FOOD DRIVE – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

In the spirit of holiday giving, help RIPTA, Whole Foods, Shore's Market and i Heart Radio "Stuff a Bus!" Our goal is to stuff a RIPTA bus chock full of non-perishable food and canned good items that will be donated the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. Give back this holiday season!



At last year's Stuff a Bus Food Drive, RIPTA collected 900 pounds of food ! Thank you to everyone who helped! Let's beat that number this year!

STUFF A BUS TIMES & LOCATIONS

Saturday, November 21• 10am-2pm

Whole Foods University Heights, 601 N. Main Street, Providence

Saturday, November 21• 10am-2pm

Whole Foods Garden City Center, 151 Sockanosset Crossing Road, Cranston

Saturday, November 21• 10am-12pm

Shore's Market, 435 Atwood Avenue, Cranston

RETHINK YOUR RIDE

Commuter Resource RI will be participating in 4 upcoming benefits fairs in November! These benefits fairs give CRRI great opportunities to promote RIPTA services, pass programs, carpooling and alternative mode travel to a high volume of employees, faculty, students, and staff at each festive event.

These all day events are excellent venues for CRRI to persuade individuals to get out of their single occupancy vehicle and to try an alternative mode of travel. One-on-one trip planning, bus scheduling information, and on-line information are some of the things shared with individuals looking to save commuting dollars, expand commute options, or simply just to stop by and say hello.

UPCOMING BENEFIT FAIRS



Blue Cross Blue Shield RI: November 2 – 5th

Bryant University: November 11

Brown University: November 17

Salve University: November 19



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