



## REGULAR SERVICE ON PRESIDENTS DAY

Just a reminder that RIPTA is running a regular schedule on Presidents Day, Monday, February 20, 2023. [Click here](#) to view a list of legal holidays that RIPTA will observe in 2023.



## ALL ABOARD! PAWTUCKET-CENTRAL FALLS TRANSIT CENTER NOW OPEN

Last month, RIPTA CEO Scott Avedisian joined [Governor Dan McKee](#) and other elected officials for the grand opening of the new [Pawtucket-Central Falls Transit Center](#). Routes 1, 71, 72, 73, 75, 76, 78, 80, QX and the R-Line provide almost 1,200 trips a week to and from the new transit center. Service will reach communities in Central Falls, Cranston, Cumberland, Lincoln, East Providence, North Kingstown, Quonset Point, Warwick, North Providence and Providence. Route 1 connects Pawtucket with TF Green Airport - yet another intermodal connection.

## MBTA CROSS FARE PROMOTION

To better improve rail and bus connections, RIPTA will allow riders with MBTA monthly passes to board RIPTA buses at no cost for the next six months. This

allows riders the option of taking the bus to work or the MBTA train coming home, depending on the most convenient schedule option for the traveler. This applies to all RIPTA routes.

## **RIPTA HUB MOVES TO NEW TRANSIT CENTER**

RIPTA has officially moved its Pawtucket transit hub from Main Street and Roosevelt Avenue to the new transit center at 300 Pine Street, improving connection options for passengers. Routes 78 and the R-Line will continue to serve Main Street and Roosevelt Avenue. Passengers looking to connect to Routes 1, 71, 72, 73, 75, 76, 80 and QX can ride Route 78 or the R-line from Main Street and Roosevelt Avenue to the new intermodal center and transfer there.

## **NEW TRANSIT FACILITY COMING SOON**

RIPTA's Project Management Department is starting work on a new bus passenger facility onsite at the new transit center in Pawtucket; it is expected to be designed before the end of 2023. Amenities will include public and driver restrooms, a Pawtucket Police sub-station and security office, and an interior waiting area that will include seating, device charging stations, and real-time passenger information screens. RIPTA will also have a customer service presence onsite. Governor McKee proposed \$5 million in funding for this project in his FY23 budget and the funds were approved by the General Assembly.

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## RIPTA PHOTO ID ROAD TRIP

RIPTA's Photo Identification staff will 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 Providence.

RIPTA staff will process Photo ID bus passes at the [South Kingstown Senior Center](#), 25 St. Dominic Rd. in Wakefield, on Thursday, February 23, 2023 from 10am to 12pm.

Photo ID bus passes cost \$10 and are valid for two years.

For information on how to qualify for RIPTA's Bus Pass Program for Seniors and People with Disabilities, customers can call (401) 784-9500, ext. 2012 or visit [RIPTA.com/ReducedFare](https://www.ripta.com/ReducedFare).

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## KENNEDY PLAZA OFFICES TEMPORARILY CLOSED

The Photo ID Office and Ticket Window in Kennedy Plaza are temporarily closed until further notice.

Passengers can process their reduced fare bus pass applications at the Photo ID Office located at RIPTA Headquarters, 705 Elmwood Avenue, Providence. This satellite location is open Monday through Friday from 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm and is accessible by Routes 20 and 22.

Passengers who wish to process their bus pass applications online or via mail, can continue to do so. Visit [RIPTA.com/ReducedFare](https://www.ripta.com/ReducedFare) for details.

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## RIPTA IN THE COMMUNITY

### Volunteers Spruce Up Area Around New Transit Center on MLK Day

As the saying goes, many hands make light work. And that's how it was on Martin Luther King Jr. Day when more than 150 people answered the call to turn out and help clean up the area around the new Pawtucket-Central Falls Transit Center. Central Falls Mayor Maria Rivera and Pawtucket Mayor Don Grebien thanked the enthusiastic volunteers for helping our state look good.



RIPTA CEO Scott Avedisian was happy to be there to lend a hand, noting that the day of community service was "a great way to honor Martin Luther King's legacy."

## RIPTA CEO Speaks About Community Partnerships at CCAP Breakfast

RIPTA CEO Scott Avedisian spoke about the importance of community partnerships recently at a special breakfast organized by the [Rhode Island Association of Community Action Agencies](#). The event celebrated the collective impact of the state's community action agencies which serve more than one-quarter of our state's population. RIPTA often works with CAP agencies to learn about ridership needs and come up with new initiatives.



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### James Canty, Executive Director of Project Management

James Canty is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) who has been involved in project work for his entire career, starting as an engineer developing process control systems for fossil-fuel power plants. This work led to the management of large engineering projects to retrofit the controls, safety systems and control rooms of several nuclear plants.



As nuclear work in the U.S. slowed, James joined RIPTA in 2020 and has built the Project Management department from the ground up. With the hiring of 3 additional Project Managers, James and his team are running 17 capital projects for the Authority. This work includes building the infrastructure for battery-electric bus charging, rehabbing the more than [100-year-old bus tunnel](#) between North Main and Thayer Streets in Providence, and building a gasoline fueling station at RIPTA's Elmwood campus.

James and the Project Management Team are most excited about work on new passenger facilities including the proposed [Dorrance Street Transit Center](#), the expansion at the CCRI Knight Campus in Warwick and a new building being scoped for the Pawtucket-Central Falls Transit Center.

James' approach to Project Management is very structured, beginning with extensive planning and analysis, strict schedule and budget control, extensive risk identification and management, and most importantly consistent stakeholder communication.

James has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Northeastern University, a Master's Degree in Quality Management from Anna Maria College and a Master's Degree in Engineering Management from Tufts University.

Although searching for a house in Rhode Island, James is living in Massachusetts with his wife of 37 years. Together they raised 2 daughters who are engineers in the defense industry. When not working, James and his wife can be found at the beach, either walking or reading a book under an umbrella.

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# READY TO L VE YOUR J B?

## FALL IN LOVE WITH A NEW CAREER AT RIPTA

RIPTA is hiring and we have **NEW INCREASED WAGES** for drivers and CDL Trainees!



Do you want career growth with an established organization where you can retire with a pension and benefits?

Attend the **RIPTA Career Fair** on **Tuesday, February 14, 2023 from 10am to 2pm** at 705 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI.

**We're currently hiring for the following positions:**

- Labor Relations Officer
- Executive Director of Employee and Labor Relations
- Mechanic
- Utility Worker
- Paratransit Operator
- Paratransit CDL Trainee

**RIPTA Offers:**

- Competitive Wages
- Pension Plan
- Health Benefits
- 457 Deferred Comp
- Dental Coverage
- Optional Life Insurance
- Vision Coverage
- Paid Vacation and Personal Time
- Flexible Spending Account
- Paid Sick Time
- Uniform Allowance

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