



RIPTA OBSERVES FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY

RIPTA will run a Sunday/Holiday service schedule on Monday, July 4, 2022. The Sunday/Holiday schedule will apply to all regular fixed-route buses and trolleys. RIPTA Offices, except the Newport Transportation Center, will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022 in celebration of the holiday.



The Kennedy Plaza Ticket Window will be closed on Friday, July 1 and Monday, July 4.

In addition, RIPTA will detour Route 60 (Providence/Newport) on Monday, July 4 to accommodate the [Bristol Fourth of July Parade](#). [Click here](#) for details.



PHOTO (L-R): Scott Avedisian, RIPTA CEO; Phil Gould, Lincoln Town Administrator; Dave Chenevert, RI Manufacturers Association Executive Director; Wasimgul Safi, Greystone, Inc. Employee; Stefan

WAVE TO WORK

Wave "Hello!" to **Wave to Work** – RIPTA's new commuter transit benefits program. Wave to Work is a simple way for employers to offer their employees a benefit that has a positive impact on both the environment and their bottom line.

Employers can arrange for their employees to

Pryor, Rhode Island Secretary of Commerce ; Kieran McGlynn, Greystone, Inc. Chief Executive Officer; Matthew D. Weldon, RI Department of Labor & Training Director

use RIPTA's statewide transportation system and can choose to

subsidize part or all of their employees' public transportation costs. Multiple reports have cited the importance of providing transportation assistance in helping companies recruit qualified employees and markedly reduce turnover.

The first company to participate in this new program is Greystone Inc., a local manufacturer located in Lincoln, Rhode Island. Greystone, Inc. – a global leader in the production of high-volume precision machined and plated components for the automotive, aerospace, medical and industrial markets - is subsidizing the entire cost of the monthly Wave passes for their employees.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Do you want to Wave to Work? Call us at 401-784-9575 or [email us](#) to get started. Tell us where your business is located and our Commuter Resource RI team will visit your office free of charge to help you set up a commuting benefits program that is tailored to your company's needs. We'll provide free maps, brochures, and one-on-one trip planning to streamline the commute between home and work. It's that easy!

FLEX CONNECTS

We don't mean to flex, but we've got all the flexibility! RIPTA's Flex brings transit service to your neighborhood. [Click here](#) to watch our new video on how Flex Service works.



NEW FLEX SERVICE IN MANVILLE

Last month, Representative Mia Ackerman, local officials, and RIPTA representatives announced the expansion of RIPTA's Flex Service into Manville, Rhode Island.

Passengers can board [Flex 281 \(Woonsocket/Manville\)](#) to travel within the local Flex Zone, which includes Woonsocket and Manville, and also provides a connection to RIPTA's statewide service. Key destinations in the Zone include Manville Manor, Stop & Shop, Landmark Medical Center, Dowling Village, Walmart-North Smithfield and Walnut Hill Shopping Center. [Click here](#) to learn more.



SHARE YOUR IDEAS TO UPDATE THE COORDINATED PLAN

RIPTA and the Rhode Island Human Services Transportation Coordinating Council are working together to update the statewide Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan, and we are seeking your input!

This plan is updated every five years to consider the changing transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and others who need

transportation assistance; provide strategies for meeting those needs; and prioritize services for funding and implementation.

To follow up on our first round of public listening sessions, we are now scheduling two virtual strategy sessions on Zoom later this month:

- Tuesday, July 19 • 3:30pm to 5:00pm
- Wednesday, July 27 • 12:30pm to 2:00pm

We invite transportation consumers, providers, representatives of advocacy organizations, and others to participate! To RSVP or learn more about the Coordinated Plan process, please [click here](#).

NEW RIPTA CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS!

To better serve our passengers, we've expanded our Customer Service Call Center's hours of operation. The Call Center is now open on Saturdays from 9am to 5pm. In addition, the Call Center now opens at 6am on weekdays- an hour earlier than before.

We would like to remind customers that the RIPTA Customer Service Kiosk in the Newport Transportation Center is open Sunday through Saturday, 8am to 4pm and is for information only. The Kennedy Plaza Ticket Window is open Monday through Friday, 7am to 3pm.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: Ana Candelier, Flex Service Scheduler

Twenty years ago, Ana Candelier, a stay-at-home mom living in Cranston, joined the RIPTA team as a Customer Service Agent. She now works as a Flex Scheduler, making reservations for passengers traveling in any of RIPTA's six Flex Zones. **Flex Service**, offered in areas that have little or no fixed-route

service, gives passengers the option of picking up the Flex van at a scheduled stop or calling 24 hours in advance to reserve their own pick-up or drop-off points within the designated Flex Zone. Last year, Ana booked 44,311 Flex reservations.

What she loves most about her job is that "Everyone is a team player." This especially applies to Ana. Ana is native Spanish speaker, immigrating to the United States from the Dominican Republic and becoming a U.S. Citizen in 2000. When the Marketing & Communications Department asks her to proofread Spanish translations for passenger materials, Ana happily applies her linguistic skills.

Her supervisor Brooks Almonte, Executive Director Paratransit Division, describes her as "Dedicated, caring and knowledgeable."

DETOURS

OAKLAND BEACH FIREWORKS - JULY 3

Route 3 will be detoured on Sunday, July 3 from 5pm to Midnight to accommodate the fireworks at [Oakland Beach](#). [Click here](#) for details.

BRISTOL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE - JULY 4

Route 60 will be detoured on Monday, July 4 from 7am to 3pm to accommodate the Bristol Fourth of July Parade. [Click here](#) for details.

BLESSING OF THE FLEET ROAD RACE – JULY 29

Routes 14 and 66 will be detoured Friday, July 29 from 3:30pm until 9pm to accommodate the [Blessing of the Fleet Road Race](#). [Click here](#) for details.

READY TO DRIVE YOUR CAREER FORWARD? RIPTA is hiring!

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

**Attend the RIPTA Career Fair on
Wednesday, July 27, 2022 from 11am
to 2pm at 705 Elmwood Avenue,
Providence, RI.**

We're currently hiring for the following positions:

- Mechanic
- Utility Worker
- Paratransit Operator
- Paratransit CDL Trainee

RIPTA Offers:

- Competitive Wages
- Pension Plan
- Health Benefits
- 457 Deferred Comp
- Dental Coverage

The advertisement features the RIPTA logo at the top, which includes the text 'RIPTA' in a stylized blue font and 'RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY' in a smaller font below it. The main headline reads 'Ready to Drive Your Career Forward?' in a large, light blue font. Below the headline is a list of four bullet points: 'Variety of Career Paths', 'Supportive & Growth-Oriented Culture', 'Stable & Secure Employment', and 'Outstanding Benefits'. The background of the advertisement is a dark image of a smiling man in a light-colored uniform. At the bottom, there is a blue rectangular button with the text 'Now Hiring' in white.

- Optional Life Insurance
- Vision Coverage
- Paid Vacation and Personal Time
- Flexible Spending Account
- Paid Sick Time
- Uniform Allowance

Visit [RIPTA.com/careers](https://ripta.com/careers) for more information.



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