



ARE YOU A SENIOR OR A PASSENGER WITH A DISABILITY?

WE WANT TO ABOUT YOUR TRANSPORTATION NEEDS!

Attend a virtual public meeting on **Wednesday, May 4 from 3pm to 4:30pm** hosted by RIPTA and the Rhode Island Human Services Transportation Coordinating Council.

This is your opportunity to provide input on the statewide Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan. This plan focuses on enhancing mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities and was last updated in 2018.

ASL interpretation will be provided. [Click here](#) for details.



STATEWIDE SURVEY ON USE OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Do you take public transportation in Rhode Island? The RI Human Services Transportation Coordinating

Council encourages you to complete an anonymous online survey, linked here: <https://tinyurl.com/HSTCCSurvey>, whether you regularly utilize RIPTA services, the state's Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) program, Elderly Transportation Program (ETP), train service, or municipal shuttles. Results will help the Coordinating Council understand how current services meet the needs of all Rhode Islanders and will identify areas that need improvement.

MASKS NOT REQUIRED, BUT ENCOURAGED

As of April 19, RIPTA drivers and passengers are no longer required to wear a mask on board. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) federal mandate requiring face masks to be worn when using public transportation was vacated by a federal judge in Florida on April 18, 2022. RIPTA drivers and passengers are no longer required to wear a mask on board.

“RIPTA encourages those who want to continue to wear a mask when on board to continue to do so,” said Scott Avedisian, RIPTA’s Chief Executive Officer.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to recommend that people wear masks on public transit.

MASKS ENCOURAGED

• NOT REQUIRED •

IF YOU CHOOSE TO NOT WEAR A MASK, PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THOSE AROUND YOU.

• THANK YOU •



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: Frances Ferrara / Accounts Payable

Frances has over 15 years of experience in accounting and holds a degree in Early Childhood.

After raising a family in New Hampshire for over twenty years, Frances moved back to Rhode Island and now resides in Warwick. A family member working at RIPTA encouraged her to attend an on-site job fair and pursue a new career.

“Being back in Rhode Island with my siblings and working here at RIPTA has been a blessing in my journey. I enjoy the daily contact with co-workers; customers, agencies and the public.” She’s truly grateful for the many new contacts, conversations and skills she has acquired through her employment at the Authority – and RIPTA is grateful for her!

In addition to overseeing fare product inventory, distribution and invoicing, Frances has been an integral part of RIPTA's transition to Wave. She has been responsible for guiding bulk purchasers in making the switch from paper fare products to Wave.

Her co-workers describe her as dedicated and patient, always willing to help customers and other employees. She recently connected someone with Dorcas International to find free bus passes for refugees. Beyond her help with riders, she is incredibly thoughtful and is always doing small things to bring the finance department together and working as a team.

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 Monday,
May 16, 2022 from 9am 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
- Optional Life Insurance
- Vision Coverage
- Paid Vacation and Personal Time
- Flexible Spending Account



The poster 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 poster is dark, and it features a close-up photograph of a smiling man in a light-colored uniform. At the bottom of the poster, there is a blue button with the text 'Now Hiring' in white.

- Paid Sick Time
- Uniform Allowance

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

RIPTA CELEBRATES MEMORIAL DAY, MON., MAY 30

RIPTA will operate all regular fixed-route bus service on a Sunday/Holiday schedule Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day. All RIPTA offices will be closed. The Flex Service reservation line (1-877-906-FLEX) and the Ride reservation line (461-9760) will not be staffed on the holiday. [Click here](#) for details.

DETOURS

SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT - SUNDAY, MAY 8

RIPTA will detour Route 67 in Newport from 7:30am to 1pm to accommodate Salve Regina University’s Commencement Ceremony. All Inbound and Outbound trips will remain on Bellevue Avenue. RIPTA will not serve bus stops along Narragansett, Ochre Point and Ruggles Avenues during this time.

BROWN UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT – SATURDAY, MAY 29

RIPTA will detour Routes 1, 33, 34, 35, 60, and 78 in Providence from 6am to Noon to accommodate Brown University’s Commencement Ceremony. The East Side Tunnel, Thayer, Brook, Hope and Waterman Streets will all be closed during this time. Details [here](#).



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