

UPWP - Key Areas of Emphasis & Planning Areas of Emphasis (PEAs)

Rhode Island is committed to implementing a work program that supports and implements the federal key areas of emphasis for both metropolitan and statewide planning which reflect the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act with a performance-based approach to planning and an emphasis on a higher level of involvement with local officials. The planning factors for development of this UPWP are as follows:

- 1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
- 2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
- 3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
- 4. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and for freight.
- 5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
- 6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, people, and freight.
- 7. Promote efficient system management and operation.
- 8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
- 9. Enhance travel and tourism transportation.
- 10. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts on surface transportation.

FY 25 Activities	MAP-21							FAST ACT		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 – Management and Administration					X		X			
2 – Transportation Improvement Program	X	Х	X	X	Х	X	X	X	X	х
 3 – State and Regional Transportation Operations, Management, and Planning Coordination 	x	x	x	X	x	x	x	x	x	Х
4 – Transit Planning	X	X	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	
5 – Freight Planning Implementation	Х	X	Х	X	Х	X	X	X	х	
6 – Transportation Planning and Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility	Х	х	Х	х	х	х	Х	х	х	

FY 25 Activities (continued)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7 – Long-Range Land Use & Transportation Planning	X	X	Х	х	х	Х	X	X	X	X
8 – Intergovernmental Coordination	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Χ	X	X	Х
9 – Planning Information and Education	Х	X	Х	х	Х	х	Х	X	х	Х
10 – Public Information and Outreach					X	х	Х			Х
11 – Title VI Compliance and Environmental Justice	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х			Х	
12 – Climate Change Resiliency, Adaptation, and Mitigation	X	Х			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X
13 – Support to Other State Agencies and Municipalities	X	X	X	Х	Х	X	Х	X	X	X
14 – Special Projects and Activities Not Federally Funded										
15 – Energy Facility Siting Review					x					
16 – State Data Center	X			х	х	Х		Х	Х	Х

In addition to the key areas of emphasis promulgated as part of the statutes and subsequent regulations, in December of 2021, USDOT sent out a memo highlighting some new Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) which MPOs, and other partners are encouraged (but not required) to incorporate in programs and projects moving forward. The additional PEAs include:

- a. Tackling the climate crisis transition to a clean energy, resilient future
- b. Equity and Justice 40 in transportation and land use Planning
- c. Complete Streets
- d. Public involvement
- e. Strategic Highway Network /U.S. Department of Defense Coordination
- f. Federal Land Management Agency coordination
- g. Data in transportation and land use planning

These PEAs have been included in the development of the FY 2025 UPWP around the priorities that will connect us to our partners and the broader region. Over the last several years, a focus has been on G – Data in transportation and land use planning. Projects addressing both B – Equity and Justice40 in transportation and land use planning, C – Complete Streets, and the Climate Crisis (A) have been included and are an underpinning of our work in the Ocean State.