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Part I – Status Reports

The following provides a progress report for all projects contained in the Metropolitan Planning Organization’s current work program. The original project descriptions are presented followed by a brief description of the actual work that took place during this quarter as well an explanation of any project delays where applicable.

Project and Special Task List

Activity 2 – State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

- **Special Task 2a - E-STIP Viewer Public Launch**
- **Special Task 2b-Performance-Based Project Selection Criteria for Transportation Projects**
- **Special Task 2c - E-STIP Project Application Guidebook for Municipalities**
- **Special Task 2d - Annual Federal Obligation Report**
- **Special Task 2e - Develop the FFY 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Program Rewrite**
- **Project 2.1: Electronic State Transportation Improvement Program (E-STIP) Software Platform**

Activity 3 – State and Regional Transportation Operations, Management, and Planning Coordination

- **Special Task 3a - Congestion Management Process & Plan (CMP)**

Activity 4 – Transit Planning

- **Project 4.1: High-Capacity Transit Project Development**
- **Project 4.2: Transit Surveys & Data Acquisition**
- **Project 4.3: Long Range Transit Planning Projections**
- **Project 4.4: Long Range Transit Planning – Implementation Tools**

Activity 5 – Freight Planning Implementation

- **Special Task 5a – Freight Tours**
- **Special Task 5b – Freight and Land Use Development Review Checklist for Municipal Planners**

Activity 6 – Transportation Planning and Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility

- **Special Task 6a - Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Project**
- **Special Task 6b - TOD Area Study**
- **Project 6.1: Complete Streets Plan / Design Guidelines**
- **Project 6.2: State Guide Plan 611, Moving Forward RI 2040, Long-Range Transportation Plan**
- **Project 6.3: Pedestrian Infrastructure Inventory**

Activity 7 – Long-Range Land Use & Transportation Planning

- **Special Task 7a - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)**
- **Special Task 7b - Housing State Guide Plan Element**
- **Project 7.4: State Guide Plan 121: Land Use 2050**
- **Project 7.4: State Guide Plan 121: Land Use 2050: Rhode Island’s Plan for Land Use and Transportation**
- **Project 7.5: State Guide Plan: Ocean State Outdoors: Rhode Island State Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)_**
- **Project 7.6: State Guide Plan: Solid Waste 2038, Rhode Island Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan**

Activity 9 – Planning Information and Education

- **Special Task 9a - Transportation Performance Management Dashboard**
- **Special Task 9b - Statewide Parcel Initiative**
- **Special Task 9c – Municipal Boundary Edits – GIS**
- **Special Task 9d – National Household Travel Survey (joint effort with RIDOT and RIPTA)**
- **Project 9.1: Vehicle Probe Transportation Dataset and Eastern Transportation Coalition**
- **Project 9.2: Transportation, Air and Greenhouse Gas Modeling**
- **Project 9.4: Environmental Data Center Partnership - RIGIS Geospatial Database**
- **Project 9.5: Municipal Transportation and Land Use Planning Education**
- **Project 9.6: ESRI Enterprise Agreement with RIDOT**
- **Project 9.7: LIDAR Products**

Activity 12 – Climate Change Resiliency, Adaptation, and Mitigation

- **Project 12.1 - Community Resilience and Planning**
- **Project 12.2 - Community Resilience Technical Assistance: Cumberland Ordinance Review**

Activity 13 – Support to Other State Agencies and Municipalities

- **Project 13.1: “Community Planning for a Livable Future” Technical Assistance program – Bristol County Resilient Route 114 project**
- **Project 13.2: “Community Planning for a Livable Future” Technical Assistance program – City of East Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan**
- **Project 13.3 “Community Planning for a Livable Future” Technical Assistance program- New project, TBD**

Activity 16 – State Data Center

- **Special Task 16a - Municipal Monograph Series**
- **Special Task 16b - Update the Urban Areas Map**
- **Special Task 16c - GIS Data Delivery Standard**
- **Project 16.1: Population Projections**
- **Project 16.2: Employment Projections**

Part II – Financial Reports

Activity 2 – State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Objective: In close cooperation with RIDOT and RIPTA, administer the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) process for Rhode Island to ensure that financial and project planning for transportation responds to current needs, reflects available resources, and meets all federal and State mandates. Provide transparency both in how projects are selected and what requirements are needed through the E-STIP SWIFT application process. Implement State Guide Plan 611, [Moving Rhode Island Forward 2040](#).

Special Tasks

Special Task 2a - E-STIP Viewer Public Launch

E-STIP Viewer Public Launch: Conduct demonstration presentations, informational materials, and social media outreach for the launch of the new online E-STIP Viewer. The E-STIP Viewer will provide the public with a map based online portal to access STIP project data and information. It anticipated that demonstration presentations on the E-STIP Viewer will be conducted to the Transportation Advisory Committee, State Planning Council, RIDOT Lunch and Learn series, the RI League of Cities and Towns and other opportunities. The launch will also be shared in RIDSP's monthly e-Newsletter and notification to transportation stakeholders.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- E-STIP public viewer is nearing launch, with anticipated public access being distributed in early November. Staff plans to demonstrate the platform to the TAC in October.
- Final steps are moving the latest build into production and updating the logos on the platform. PMG has fixed quick links over the last couple of months.
- This launch should be posted this quarter pending any setbacks.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- E-STIP public viewer was demonstrated to the TAC in October as planned.
- There have been two observed issues with the public viewer preventing launch: data has not been synched with the current STIP funding and project tables, and when accessing the platform many of the features are not loading properly.
- Once these issues are resolved the viewer will be posted to the web.

Special Task 2b - Performance-Based Project Selection Criteria for Transportation Projects

Performance-Based Project Selection Criteria for Transportation Projects: Continue to develop a transparent, data-driven performance-based project selection criteria for prioritizing all asset-based (e.g., bicycle and pedestrian, pavement, traffic safety, bridge, and transit infrastructure) projects proposed for the STIP. This process also aims to help manage transportation assets by utilizing our upgraded software capabilities. Utilize the Transportation Advisory Committee and the State Planning Council to develop guidance for scoring projects and overseeing the implementation of the proposed project selection criteria framework. The framework will then be integrated into the E-STIP project intake application being developed with ESRI under Project 2.1 E-STIP Software Platform. This Special Task will produce a project selection criterion for transportation STIP project selection and assist in asset management moving forward.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff has continued to meet bi-weekly to bring a draft scoring criteria into place. This has been substantially completed with the intent of utilizing the criteria in the upcoming STIP re-write.
- Scoring criteria is scheduled to go to the Transportation Advisory Committee in October for input.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Scoring criteria was vetted by the TAC during the monthly meeting in October and was followed with a focus group meeting involving a few TAC members and staff in early November.
- After the focus group meeting and vetting with TAC members as well as members of the STIP working group, staff worked alongside ESRI to implement as many changes as possible in the tight timeframe. Almost all of the asks have been integrated into SWIFT. While

the scoring still lacks some nuance, staff and ESRI programmers are limited as to what components can be integrated and scored upon. After the deployment of SWIFT and the solicitation period has ended, staff will record notes on how to fortify the product for future uses.

Special Task 2c - E-STIP Project Application Guidebook for Municipalities

E-STIP Project Application Guidebook for Municipalities: Provide municipalities with a guidebook for submitting new project applications requesting funding through the E-STIP. The guidebook will clarify and outline the submission process for municipalities when submitting new projects to be considered for the STIP. Items that will be detailed in the Guide include federal design and construction requirements, project eligibility, project requirements, sponsor and match funding requirements, the reimbursement process, the E-STIP online application process, scoring/selection criteria, and timeline.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- ESRI staff continues work on SWIFT and the guiding documents associated with it. Staff will use the ESRI guiding documents to summarize the process for applicants.
- Staff will also work on scheduling additional trainings associated with the STIP solicitation. Training will begin soon once the platform is ready for outside user testing.
- This will be substantially completed in Q2 and finalized in Q3.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff has pivoted from the existing methodology of providing a guidebook to municipalities as the guiding documents that have been created for staff are long and not viewed as useful for applicants.
- Instead, staff has decided to train applicants through a series of demonstrations and instructive office hour sessions to ensure applicants are adequately prepared, taking a more hands-on approach.
- After discussing with the STIP working group, this application process is similar to that of Rhode Restore (formerly Muni Roads) and municipal applicants have a detailed understanding of this process through that program. Staff still plans to provide a detailed step-by-step guide on how to use the platform, but it will be highly visual and abbreviated so it can be quickly referenced by those working to apply for projects in the STIP solicitation period.
- Staff plans to hold demonstrations that will be recorded and distributed to potential applicants for reference.

Special Task 2d - Annual Federal Obligation Report

Annual Federal Obligation Report: Complete Annual Federal Obligation Report and report to the TAC and SPC. Inform stakeholders and the general public through web posting.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff will begin the annual obligation report once the Federal Fiscal Year has ended. This project will be completed in Q2.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- The 2024 Federal Obligation Report data was collected in October / November 2024. Staff compiled the information and ran the analysis per federal guidance and the report was completed in December 2024 prior to the CY end deadline. It was posted on the website and distributed to FHWA and FTA for information.
- This project is complete.

Special Task 2e - Develop the FFY 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Program Rewrite

Develop the FFY 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Program rewrite in accordance with federal requirements and the Rhode Island State Planning Council's Public Participation Plan and Rules of Procedure as well as an update to the STIP MOU for amendment

procedures.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- STIP Re-write kick-off workshop was held on September 30th. RIDSP, RIPTA, RIDOT, and RITBA convened to discuss the background of the STIP, prospective timelines, responsibilities, and discuss regular meeting cadence through the course of the project.
- STIP re-write is due for completion by September 30th, 2025.
- Staff will set up regular meetings to discuss ongoing responsibilities related to the STIP.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- STIP working group has been meeting bi-weekly since October 2024. The group has mainly discussed the overall timeline, progress being made to the project intake platform and the project bundler, and the process of reviewing and approving projects for the STIP.
- The TAC has been informed during a STIP introduction during October and will be briefed on more detailed areas of the STIP in the coming months of 2025.
- Progress to date includes sending out informational materials to the potential applicants as well as notice of the solicitation timeline.
- Our next steps are to open solicitation from mid-February to mid-March, and review project applications from mid-March to mid-April.
- The rewrite continues to meet deadlines.

Projects

Project 2.1: Electronic State Transportation Improvement Program (E-STIP) Software Platform

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: RIDOT

Contact Person: Mason Perrone and Vincent Flood

Schedule for Completion: This project is expected to be implemented within the next 12 months.

Products/Deliverables:

- SWIFT Project Application Guidebook & training program for municipalities

Project Description: This project is a continuation of the STIP Process and Database Enhancements project that began in FY 18. It is for the integration and adoption of State Transportation Improvement Program software platforms to support the development of a web based Electronic State Transportation Improvement Program (E-STIP) database, online project intake, online public comment tools, and online revision toolset. Final enhancements of the SWIFT intake tool will be made, along with refinement and adoption of scoring criteria for project intake, and final deployment. The final step in this project is to develop a training program for SWIFT Project Application for municipalities, including a guidebook on how to use the SWIFT application, along with training sessions and demonstrations.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$400,000 total; \$350,000 RIDOT, \$10,000 RIDSP, \$30,000 FHWA and \$10,000 FTA

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- RIDOT / RIDSP platform split has been completed. Project intake (SWIFT) and bundler are now operating under separate communicating systems.
- ESRI has continued to work on fixing tickets with the intention of putting the application into production to use for the upcoming re-write this winter.
- Staff has continued to work on finalizing scoring criteria, adjusting the framework, and testing the platform while finalizing the core elements that need to be finished to put the application into production.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff brought SWIFT scoring criteria to the TAC in October and had a subsequent focus group meeting centered around fortifying the questions and scores associated with the geoprocessing in project intake.
- By the end of CY 2024, the SWIFT platform was approximately 98% complete with final bugs and issues being worked out in preparation to get SWIFT into production by the beginning of February.

- The contract with ESRI was also updated to extend the service time of Task 3 to June 30, 2025. This will allow time for ESRI to work alongside RIDSP and RIDOT as the STIP rewrite is underway.
- Staff plans to deploy both demonstrations of the application and one-on-one office hours to prepare applicants for submitting projects to SWIFT by the middle of February. Staff will also be detailing the step-by-step process to send out to applicants as well.
- Staff continues to work to designate municipal representatives to apply for projects during the STIP solicitation period, occurring from mid-February to mid-March.

Activity 3 – State and Regional Transportation Operations, Management, and Planning Coordination

Objective: Improve the performance of the existing transportation system in order to 1) relieve recurring and non-recurring vehicular congestion and 2) maximize safety and mobility for people and goods. Work with partner agencies to implement strategies such as the use of travel demand reduction, operational management strategies, education, enforcement, and engineering. Partner with State and regional agencies on such issues as coordinated regional planning, transportation finance reform, charging and fueling infrastructure, and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act implementation. In collaboration with federal, state, municipal, and private partners, promote projects that enhance the connectivity between transportation modes. Promote consistency between transportation systems and planned growth. Reduce mobile source emissions from vehicles idling at intersections and aid in meeting the goals set forward by Rhode Island’s Act on Climate. Implement State Guide Plan 611, [Moving Rhode Island Forward 2040](#).

Special Tasks

Special Task 3a - Congestion Management Process & Plan (CMP)

Congestion Management Process & Plan (CMP) - Analyze the multi-modal transportation system using performance measures, define congested corridors, and implement strategies for reducing recurring congestion in defined problem areas. Engage and work with RIDOT, RIPTA, and other members of the Congestion Management Task Force through quarterly meetings of the Congestion Management Task Force.

- CMP Annual Report: Prepare an annual report that presents data on each of the identified Congestion Management Process performance measures. RIDSP is the lead agency for this Special Task with RIDOT as a partner. The deliverable for this Special Task is the Annual Congestion Report for 2024.
- CMP GIS StoryMap Update: Update the congestion management online *ESRI* hosted ArcGIS StoryMaps utilizing 2021 data and or other updates as data and guidance becomes available.
- Update the congested corridors mapping with the most current data available.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Worked with Trafinfo, RIDOT and RIPTA to ensure that performance metric data was accurate and up to date.
- Worked on first draft and made any necessary edits to the draft.
- Once draft was complete and all necessary metrics and components of draft were fulfilled, a presentation to the TAC was provided for information purposes and to show changes that were made since last TAC presentation. Feedback from TAC members was received and some necessary changes were made to components of the draft.
- A presentation was then prepared for an early Q2 engagement for the Congestion Management Task Force.
- Annual update is set to be complete by late October/Early November.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Presentation was prepared for and conducted in early November to the Congestion Management Task Force.
- After presentation was conducted, additional details and minor adjustments were added to the final draft which was based on input from the Congestion Management Task Force.
- After all details were included, final edits were completed and the annual update for the CMP was finalized.
- As part of ongoing commitments to stay in communication with the task force, a March date for the next engagement was established with a flexible agenda and date.

Activity 4 – Transit Planning

Objective: Provide a safe, robust, and convenient network of transit services with seamless intermodal connections in support of increased employment and housing opportunities, better access to educational, healthcare, social and recreational services, improved environmental quality, and reduced congestion and automobile dependency.

Projects

Project 4.1: High-Capacity Transit Project Development

Project Agency Lead: RIPTA

Partner Agencies: RIDSP, RIDOT

Contact Person: Sarah Ingle, Director of Long-Range Planning

Schedule for Completion: Project will be completed within 24-36 months of Q4 FY24 start.

Products/Deliverables:

- Environmental Analysis
- Alternative Analysis
- Public Engagement Activities
- Selection of Locally Preferred Alternative(s)

Project Description: [Transit Forward RI 2040](#), the transit element of State Guide Plan 611, [Moving Rhode Island Forward 2040](#), Long-Range Transportation Plan, identifies two corridors that have the level of transit demand to warrant high- capacity transit – either bus rapid transit or light rail. These prospective corridors, running from Central Falls to Warwick via Reservoir Avenue and from downtown Providence to Warwick via Post Road, present the greatest opportunities to leverage federal New Starts/Small Starts funding through the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program. To be eligible for these funds in the future, RIPTA, with its partners at RIDOT and Statewide Planning, will undertake planning activities consistent with those outlined in the CIG program, including a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study, alternative analyses, public engagement, and selection of locally preferred alternatives for the two corridors. These UPWP funds will supplement additional funds programmed in the STIP. Largest funding source for this project is a USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) planning grant of \$900,000 awarded to RIPTA in November 2021.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$1,690,000

- \$1,125,000 (\$900,000 USDOT RAISE; \$225,000 RICAP)
- \$587,500 (\$470,000 5307; \$117,500 RICAP)
- \$100,000 (\$80,000 FTA UPWP; \$20,000 RICAP)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Existing conditions study initiated.
- Public engagement launched 9/12/2024.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Existing Conditions Assessment complete
- Future Conditions Assessment initiated
- Initial screening of potential corridors under way
- Preparations for Tier 1 Evaluation underway with anticipated start in mid-January 2025
- Environmental consultation meeting held with NEPA agency representatives on December 17, 2024

Project 4.2: Transit Surveys & Data Acquisition

Project Agency Lead: RIPTA

Partner Agencies: RIDSP

Contact Person: Sarah Ingle, Director of Long-Range Planning

Schedule for Completion: Ongoing, every other year

- Phase I: Procurement – Notice to Proceed Q1 FY 25

- Phase II: Survey – Q2 FY25

Products/Deliverables:

- Survey report and dataset including origins/destinations, demographic/socio- economic characteristics, and farepayment.

Project Description: RIPTA acquires data from a wide variety of sources ranging from on-vehicle fareboxes and automated passenger counters to customer and community surveys. This multi-year project will support RIPTA efforts relating to data gathering and integration, including implementation of a Title VI-compliant on-board customer survey on a three- to five- year cycle. The project information that follows is specific to this FTA mandated survey; however, additional survey work and/or data acquisition may be undertaken should funding resources allow. On-Board Customer Survey: FTA requires all transit agencies that operate 50 or more fixed route vehicles in peak service and are located in a UZA of 200,000 or more in population to collect survey data regarding customer demographics and travel patterns no less than every five years. In compliance with this requirement, and with the further goal of maximizing service equity and efficiency through a data- driven approach to service planning, RIPTA will conduct a comprehensive on-board survey of existing riders. The survey results will also be used to help validate and calibrate the Rhode Island Statewide Model.

Project Cost (other than staff time): –\$250,000 (\$200,000 FTA; \$50,000 RIPTA)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Project kick-off held on Monday July 8, 2024.
- Service scheduled to take place during month of October.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Survey completed; over 5,400 surveys collected
- Data cleaning/pre-processing under way

Project 4.3: Long Range Transit Planning Projections

Project Agency Lead: RIPTA

Partner Agencies: RIDSP

Contact Person: Sarah Ingle, Director of Long-Range Planning

Schedule for Completion: 12 months starting Q1 of FY25

Products/Deliverables:

- Transit Demand Analysis
- Ridership Estimate Update

Project Description: In conjunction with updating Rhode Island’s Long Range Transportation Plan as well as RIPTA’s ongoing service and capital planning efforts, this project will support the update of key transit master plan components such as travel demand analyses, ridership estimates, and cost estimates. The original calculations were performed utilizing pre-COVID data. This update will use current census data and incorporate sources articulating post-COVID impacts. All valuations will be computed toward a 2045 planning horizon.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$50,000 (\$40,000 FTA; \$10,000 RIPTA)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Prepared project scopes and transmitted to DSP for approval on August 15, 2024
- Project scopes received DSP approval on September 24, 2024

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Requested/received proposal from on-call consulting team on November 19, 2024
- Issued purchase order on December 16, 2024
- Project Kickoff with Nelson/Nygaard on December 17, 2024

Project 4.4: Long Range Transit Planning – Implementation Tools

Project Agency Lead: RIPTA

Partner Agencies: RIDSP

Contact Person: Sarah Ingle, Director of Long-Range Planning

Schedule for Completion: 9 months starting Q2 of FY25

Products/Deliverables:

- Transit Demand Analysis
- Ridership Estimate Update
- Funding Strategies Assessment
- Implementation Benefits Assessment

Project Description: In conjunction with updating Rhode Island’s Long Range Transportation Plan, this project will support the refinement of key transit master plan components relating to plan implementation. Deliverables will detail opportunities for leveraging funding, establishing innovative partnerships, generating efficiencies, and achieving multiple bottom-line plan benefits including emissions reduction, public health, equitable mobility, and workforce and economic development. All deliverables will be developed toward a 2045 planning horizon.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$50,000 (\$40,000 FTA; \$10,000 RIPTA)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

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Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

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Activity 5 – Freight Planning Implementation

Objective: Support a vigorous economy by facilitating the multi-modal movement of freight within Rhode Island and the northeast region. Implement the [2022 Freight and Goods Movement Plan - Interim Update](#).

Special Tasks

Special Task 5a - Freight Tours

Freight Tours: Conduct 2-3 freight tours/events at key freight facilities to educate municipalities on an increased understanding of freight trends. Provide a greater capacity to address freight issues through tours and surveys of significant freight companies within the State.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- New staff introduced to Freight Advisory Committee at the last FAC meeting in late September.
- Staff will begin working to identify potential sites and facilities for freight tours.
- Staff will present options for sites and schedules at the next Freight Advisory Committee meeting in early January 2025.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff has begun researching possible sites and facilities for freight tours and will contact facilities for more information.
- Staff prepared for January Freight Advisory Committee meeting to be held at Quonset Development Corporation, with presentations from both QDC and DSP staff.

Special Task 5b - Freight and Land Use Development Review Checklist for Municipal Planners

Freight and Land Use Development Review Checklist for Municipal Planners: Complete the adoption of the freight development review checklist for local planners and distribute the document to our Planner contact list. Conduct an additional planner roundtable to discuss the development review checklist and land use and zoning issues for consideration when reviewing freight facilities for local land use approval.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- New staff reviewed the Freight Development Review Checklist.
- More tasks to organize and facilitate a planner roundtable discussion regarding the Freight Development Review Checklist will begin in Quarters 2 and 3.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- This task was completed in Quarter 1.
- There are no accomplishments or updates to report for Quarter 2.

Activity 6 – Transportation Planning and Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility

Objective: Improve the overall performance, safety, and reliability of the multi-modal transportation system in Rhode Island through local, regional, and statewide transportation planning efforts. Utilize performance management data to support decisions to help achieve desired performance outcomes. Seek ways to reduce auto congestion and single occupant vehicle dependency, enhance transit usage and connections, and encourage more walking and biking in communities and downtowns, resulting in improved public health, air quality, and quality of life for residents. Implement State Guide Plan 611, [Moving Rhode Island Forward 2040](#).

Special Tasks

Special Task 6a - Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Project

Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Project: Collaborate with state departments, RIPTA, and other stakeholders to explore a TDM policy or program. Explore best practices and existing policies and produce program and policy ideas focused on reducing demand for single occupancy vehicles, particularly for commutes during peak congestion.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- This project has not been started, due to staff time being dedicated to the long-range transportation plan engagement activities and other projects.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- This project has not been started, due to staff time being dedicated to the long-range transportation plan engagement activities and other projects.

Special Task 6b - TOD Area Study

TOD Area Study - Conduct a TOD study on commuter rail stations or high-capacity transit corridor study areas within the State (Wickford Junction and Westerly station, etc.) to identify station area improvements. Improvements in pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, connectivity to key areas and developments, parking, and safety should be considered as areas of research. This research may include identifying community needs, conducting a market analysis, and a parking study for proposed improvements. This TOD area study can be used an initial phase to serve as a foundation for more in depth studies/plans for commuter stations within the State.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- This study has not been started, due to staff time being dedicated to the long-range transportation plan engagement activities, congestion management annual update activities, and other projects.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Due to priorities with the long-range transportation plan update, stakeholder engagement, and STIP rewrite, progress on this study area has been slow, but there has been movement on this area study late in Q2 to lay the foundation for a report that will be started in early 2025.

Projects

Project 6.1: Complete Streets Plan / Design Guidelines

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: RIDOT, RIPTA

Contact Person: Liza Farr

Schedule for Completion: 2.5 years, with completion expected by the end of FY 25

Products/Deliverables:

- State of Rhode Island Complete Street Plan & Design Guidelines

Project Description: RIDSP, in cooperation with RIDOT and RIPTA, will continue working with consultant team headed by Toole Design to develop a Statewide Complete Streets Plan. A total of 2.5% of FHWA funding is being set-aside for this project in an effort to comply with IJJA/BIL Section 11206 - Waiver of the Non-Federal Match for SPR and PL Funds for Complete Streets Planning Activities. The Plan will include the following elements:

- Research state and national best practices for policies and tools for implementing Complete Streets.
- Development of statewide complete streets goals, policies, and vision.
- Recommended municipal complete streets policy.
- Recommendations to build state and municipal capacity to implement Complete Streets approaches and to strengthen relations between state transportation offices, municipalities, and the community.
- Complete Streets design guidelines for various communities by various street types including street active zones (sidewalks), bikeways, and intersections.
- Collect economic, crash, bus, and usage data on infrastructure projects that include significant complete streets elements to identify benefits.
- Create Complete Streets prioritization methodology for project selection.

Considering the overlapping goals, staff will also coordinate with RIPTA on their Safe Streets For All project. Staff will check in regularly to ensure the two projects are building off one another and not duplicating effort, will participate in project working groups, and will provide data and other information as needed.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$326,556 (\$121,245 FHWA; \$140,000 RIDOT; \$30,311- RIDSP; \$35,000 OTHER) *

** Project includes \$140,000 in RIDOT Complete Streets Funding and \$35,000 RIDOT Match carried over from FY 23, as well as RIDSP carryover of 2.5% Federal Planning Funds from FY 23, and an additional 2.5% of Federal Planning Funds from FY 24.*

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff continued to meet bi-weekly with the consultant team and bi-monthly with the working group. Staff and the consultant team completed the final set of focus group calls to obtain targeted feedback on what the plan should entail. The consultant also presented at a Technical Committee / Planner Roundtable meeting to get additional municipal feedback and met with RIDOT's highway design manual update team to ensure coordination between the two documents.
- Staff selected a preferred design and layout of the document, and the consultant team is working on the first draft of the plan.
- This project is progressing on time and on budget.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff continued to meet bi-weekly with the consultant team and bi-monthly with the working group.
- The consultant team finalized a summary of findings from the focus groups and municipal engagement.
- The consultant team shared the first draft with the project management team, and the team provided comments and edits for the second draft.

- This project is progressing on time and on budget.

Project 6.2: State Guide Plan 611, Moving Forward RI 2040, Long-Range Transportation Plan Update 2050

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Contacts: Mason Perrone

Partners: RIDOT, RIPTA

Schedule for Completion: 2.5 years; Updated LRTP to be approved by SPC no later than December 2025.

Deliverables: Updated Long-Range Transportation Plan

Project Description: State Guide Plan 611, *Moving Forward RI 2040*, Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) informs and guides decision-makers by setting the direction for major transportation investments in the State over a twenty-year horizon. This project will update the 2040 LRTP to a 2050 horizon and include updated data and analysis, cost estimates and funding sources, short-term and long-term goals, objectives, strategies, and performance measurements that reflect federal transportation priorities. Some new analyses may be added, including a carbon emissions analysis and a transit master plan update. A significant revamp to the transportation equity analysis from the previous LRTP will also be conducted, which will build off the social equity data platform, and may also inform STIP prioritization criteria. The LRTP will be designed to satisfy federal regulations related to a long-range statewide transportation plan and a metropolitan transportation plan.

Schedule for Implementation: This is the second year of a 2.5-year planning process. Staff will continue work to update elements of the LRTP in-house in FY25 and will also work with a consultant procured for greenhouse gas emissions estimation.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$50,000 (\$30,000 FHWA; \$10,000 FTA; \$10,000 DSP)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff continued community engagement activities for this plan, including:
 - four public workshops (2 in person, 2 virtual)
 - 3 municipal roundtables
 - 3 tabling events
 - 7 interest group meetings
 - Online survey, receiving over 500 responses.
- Staff also performed qualitative and quantitative data analysis on the comments received from these engagement events and began drafting the public engagement summary.
- Staff continued to meet bi-monthly with the working group and held meetings with RIDOT to coordinate on the plan's GHG reduction projections, and with the Port of Providence and Quonset on updates to the 2040 pool of projects.
- This project is proceeding on time and on budget.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff wrapped up the first phase of community engagement, including the following activities:
 - Tabling in Kennedy Plaza
 - Tabling at the Junior Achievement 8th Grade Career Fair
 - Community event at the Center for Southeast Asians Small Business Breakfast
 - Attending the Health Equity Zone Learning Community event
 - Closing online survey as of 10/15
- Staff also performed qualitative and quantitative data analysis on the comments received from these engagement events and finalized the public engagement summary.
- Staff presented to the TAC and the SPC on the engagement findings and project progress.
- Staff planned for the next phase of community engagement, focused on the transportation equity analysis, and engaged at two events with the RIDEM Climate Strategy Engagement Groups South Providence HEZ.
- Staff gathered progress updates on the Bike Mobility Plan and began writing some plan sections.
- Staff continued to meet bi-monthly with the working group and held meetings with RIDOT to coordinate on the plan's GHG

reduction projections, with the Land Use team to talk about transportation and land use coordination, and with the Data team to talk about population and employment projections.

- This project is proceeding on time and on budget.

Project 6.3: Pedestrian Infrastructure Inventory

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Contacts: Mason Perrone, Liza Farr

Partners: Municipality (TBD), RIDOT

Schedule for Implementation: Two-year project to be completed by end of FY26.

Deliverables: Statewide Pedestrian Infrastructure Inventory (FY25), Statewide Pedestrian Infrastructure Inventory – Year 2 (FY26), Pedestrian Infrastructure Progress Memo (FY26)

Project Description: This project would start to build out a geospatial pedestrian infrastructure inventory for the state. A total of 2.5% of FHWA funding is being set-aside for this project in an effort to comply with IJJA/BIL Section 11206 - Waiver of the Non-Federal Match for SPR and PL Funds for Complete Streets Planning Activities.

The first year of the project will result in the creation of a sidewalk and streets inventory. Staff will procure vendor services to build out the inventory and manage the vendor's work by coordinating with other agencies like RIDOT, RIGIS, RIIB, RIPTA, and other key stakeholders. The geospatial inventory might include features such as: sidewalk presence, sidewalk quality, sidewalk width, crosswalks, pedestrian signals, number and type of street lanes, and pedestrian ramps.

The second year of the project will involve inventorying the state a second time to provide updated data and highlighting where changes have occurred in the mapped assets year over year, such as new sidewalks or roadway reconfigurations. This information will be utilized to measure progress in implementing complete streets projects across the state. Staff may also conduct analyses that track the detailed asset changes that occur from state and municipal projects in order to estimate the impacts of specific types of complete streets elements.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$150,000 (FHWA PL Funds) * *Project includes required 2.5% Federal Planning Funds from FY 25 and FY 26 which do not require a state match.*

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff met with RIDOT to coordinate on their parallel project for pedestrian infrastructure data.
- Staff researched vendors who offer services for GIS pedestrian infrastructure inventories and contacted vendors for additional information.
- Staff drafted a survey that will ask other government agencies what types of data they'd be interested in receiving as part of this type of inventory.
- Staff renamed pedestrian infrastructure inventory to "Walk Inventory" to avoid confusion with personally identifiable information (PII).

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff received several responses on Walk Inventory survey to help inform understanding of the state's data needs and guide scope of the project.
- Staff participated in demos given by three possible vendors.
- Estimates for costs and timelines were generated by vendors, and staff compared estimates to make a selection.
- Staff received templates for single-source solicitation and will begin drafting necessary documents to move forward with one of the vendors.
- Correspondence with survey respondents will take place after solicitation has been finalized.

Activity 7 – Long-Range Land Use & Transportation Planning

Objective: Guide development and transportation patterns in the State through the State Guide Plan (SGP) to create a resilient network of concentrated healthy population centers with access to affordable housing, economic opportunity, and an extensive greenspace network connected by transportation options including convenient transit, and high-quality infrastructure corridors. The collective group of Elements (or Plans) of the SGP sets long-range goals, provide a means to evaluate and coordinate projects or proposals of state or regional importance, and provides uniform and stakeholder vetted state goals to be reflected in local comprehensive plans.

Special Tasks

Special Task 7a - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

In 2023, the Division participated in the development of a new, statewide CEDS, which has since been approved by the US Economic Development Agency (USEDA). Through the public hearing and public participation process, the goal is to bring the CEDS through the State Planning Council adoption process for approval as a State Guide Plan element.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- An update on the approved CEDS was provided to the SPC and a public hearing will take place in Q2.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- A public hearing was held early in Q2 and a limited number of comments were received. The public hearing report has been prepared, and staff will bring the CEDS to the State Planning Council for approval in February 2025.

Special Task 7b -- Housing State Guide Plan Element

An updated state housing plan is under development by the newly formed Department of Housing. The intent is that the Plan will ultimately serve as an updated housing element consolidating and replacing three existing SGP Elements from 2006. This task is being included as staff from the Division has been brought to the table to participate in plan development.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Two meetings of the advisory group assisting in plan development have been held with Division participation. Housing staff will present to the SPC in November and December 2024.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Two State Planning Council meetings in Q2 featured presentations and discussion around the development of a state housing plan.
- A new Secretary of Housing was appointed by the Governor and has submitted a report on the housing governance structure in the state. It is expected that Division staff will continue to be involved with the advisory group. Staff from Housing and DSP have met to discuss housing and local comprehensive plan review.

Projects

Project 7.4: State Guide Plan 121: Land Use 2050

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Contacts: Nancy Hess, Paul Gonsalves

Partners: RIDOT; RIPTA; DEM; RIEMA; CRMC; DOH; Commerce RI, Municipal Planners

Schedule for Implementation: This is the sixth year of a seven-year planning process to be completed in FY26.

Deliverables:

- FY 2025 - 2 technical papers for *LU 2050* Update
- FY 2026 - *LU 2050* Update

Project Description: This project will continue updating the State Guide Plan Element 121, [Land Use 2025: Rhode Island's Land Use Policies and Plan](#) to complement SGP Element 611, [Moving Forward RI 2040](#). This Plan will provide for a sustainable state with land use, transportation and infrastructure systems that work for all, and present policy options for the Division, state agencies, municipalities, land use stakeholders, as well as the transportation community. Work will be accomplished through Staff's oversight of consulting services specializing in land use data and land use planning. After extensive outreach and public participation conducted by the selected consultant(s), a preliminary draft will be presented to the State Planning Council for review and request for holding public hearings throughout the State. Adoption will be through the State Planning Council's formal adoption process for the SGP. The project will continue work to complete a series of technical papers on background data for updating the Plan. Papers underway or soon to be initiated are an update to the existing technical paper [Technical Paper 148, Inventory of Local Zoning Ordinances and Land Development Regulations](#). And a new technical paper on Rhode Island's Changing Landscape to analyze land use trends between 1988 and 2020 using digital land use/land cover GIS data, aerial photos, other media, and maps showing land use change over time.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$120,000 (\$78,000 FHWA; \$18,000 FTA; \$24,000 DSP)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Completed and distributed a Summary of the 2024 Legislative Session which provides legislative analysis / implementation efforts for Land Use 2025 and MPO for 2024.
- Continued drafting of technical paper on municipal zoning.
- Continued various projects and advisory efforts for implementation of LU 2025 and provided MPO representation for various state committees/organizations: Agricultural Lands, House Legislative Committee for Land Use & Everything Else, RIC & D Council, RI Food Policy Council, RIAPA, RILC&T, and State Forest Advisory.
- Provided 3 SGP implementation reviews for consistency with LU 2025 for: DEM (1) and (2) municipal comprehensive plans.
- Continued efforts to develop background data. The DOA Division of State Purchases (DOA DSP) posted our RFP for LU 2050 data services on 8.16.24. Three responses were received for review from DOA DSP without providing a template for the desired response format. An Evaluation Committee was formed and following past practices, a recommendation for a preferred consultant was sent to DOA DSP on 9.23.24. DOA DSP added additional evaluation stipulations on 9.24.24 without clarifying why or again providing a template for a preferred response. A response to the additional stipulations is pending. (Originally submitted to DOA DSP in Quarter 2 of 2023.)
- Other Land Use 2050 work is still delayed due to lack of staff. LU 2525 was completed by 5 full time planners along with other support and data staff. Hiring efforts for an additional principal planner were undertaken last quarter but were not successful. This quarter reinitiated hiring efforts.
- Land Use 2050 also needs population projections from the Data Services Team which were scheduled as a deliverable for this UPWP. We understand that the deliverable is delayed as the Data Services Team is also waiting on the DOA DSP for posting of the RFP.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Continued drafting of technical paper on municipal zoning.
- Continued various projects and advisory efforts for implementation of LU 2025 and provided MPO representation for various state committees/organizations: Agricultural Lands Preservation Committee, House Legislative Committee for Land Use & Everything Else, RIC & D Council, and RIAPA.
- Provided 1 SGP implementation reviews for consistency with LU 2025 for: DEM (1) and (4) municipal comprehensive plans.
- Continued efforts to develop background data. Awaiting response from the DOA Division of State Purchases (DOA DSP) regarding RFP for LU 2050 data services. Technical and Costs reviews are complete with full recommendation forwarded to DOA DSP. (Submitted to DOA DSP in Quarter 2 of 2023.)
- LU 2525 was completed by 5 full time planners along with other support and data staff. Last quarter reinitiated hiring efforts to hire a principal planner for the LU Team. A new principal planner joined the LU Staff on Dec 2, 2024 bringing the Team total to 3 FTE. This is the smallest Team within the Division. Time was spent on onboarding for new staff at the end of this quarter and continues into next quarter.
- Land Use 2050 also awaits population projections from the Data Services Team.

Project 7.5: State Guide Plan: Ocean State Outdoors: Rhode Island State Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Contacts: Paul Gonsalves

Partners: DEM

Schedule for Implementation: FY 24 -25 (year 2 of 2 years)

Project Description: Continue to provide oversight to the DEM and their consultant to update *Ocean State Outdoors*, RI's State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, SGP 152, to maintain state eligibility for federal Land and Water Conservation Funds. This Element sets goals, policies, and implementation strategies for open space, conservation, and outdoor recreation for DEM, and others. Advise DEM on creating an advisory committee of stakeholders for project assistance. Use of other tools for public outreach, evaluate outdoor recreation needs statewide and develop implementation strategies to meet the needs. It will also fulfill the requirements of the Recreational Trails Program of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act for the use of funds from the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside required under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program.

Project Cost (other than staff time): none

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Working group meetings/check-ins completed in July and August
- Advisory committee meetings completed in July, August and September
- SCORP Ambassadors chosen in September.
- Public outreach survey completed.
- Public outreach/tabling events started. Future events scheduled.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Continued with monthly advisory committee meetings Oct-Dec
- Working group met in December.
- With public outreach completed, consulted reported findings to Advisory Committee
- Draft writing of the 1st plan chapters started in December.

Project 7.6: State Guide Plan: Rhode Island Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan

Project Agency Lead: RIRRC

Contacts: Meredith Brady, Caitlin Greeley

Partners: RIDEM, Resource Recovery (RIRRC)

Schedule for Implementation: FY 24 -25

Deliverables:

- Memorandum of Understanding
- Advisory Committee recommendation on Preliminary Draft Plan
- Preliminary Draft Plan for SPC approval
- Final Plan approved by SPC.

Project Description: Assist the RIRRC and RIDEM to develop a work program through an interagency Memorandum of Understanding to update *Solid Waste 2038, Rhode Island's Solid Waste Management Plan*, SGP 171. Ensure that the MOU includes a robust public participation process and will require coordination with goals and policies in other SGP Elements and transportation related plans such as *Freight Forward RI 2022*. The Solid Waste Management Plan serves to meet the need for a statewide solid waste management plan as required by the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery act of 1976, as amended and the Statewide Resource Recovery System Development Plan. This plan describes existing practices, programs, and activities in all major solid waste management areas and develops recommendations specific to each. It is intended to advance the effectiveness of public and private stewardship of the State's disposal of solid waste, including its transport to landfill facilities or other disposal methods in the state and region.

Project Cost (other than staff time): None this FY.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Executed Memorandum of Understanding between RIDSP, RIDEM, and RIRRC
- Performed outreach and formed a Steering Committee to guide the State Guide Plan development.
- Executed Contract with vendor to develop Solid Waste Management Plan State Guide Plan
- Worked with Consultant to develop a Public Engagement Strategy

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Finalized Stakeholder Engagement Strategy with Consultant Support
- Started to execute Stakeholder Engagement Strategy
- Reviewed Task 2 Deliverables, including Waste Characterization Study and Existing Conditions Report

Activity 9 – Planning Information and Education

Objective: Develop and provide data and policy analysis on pertinent topics such as but not limited to transportation demographic, social, economic, land use, and housing. Develop and provide education for municipal planning, zoning, and historic district board, or commission members on land use law, transportation, and land use planning. Manage and coordinate data and municipal training to support transportation and other planning activities. Ensure the accessibility and dissemination of geospatial and demographic data to State agencies, local governments, and other data users.

Special Tasks

Special Task 9a - Transportation Performance Management Dashboard

Transportation Performance Management Dashboard: Develop and maintain a dashboard of federally required, and state priority, performance measures designed to help benchmark and track the State’s progress in achieving the goals and targets outlined in SGP 611, *Moving Forward RI 2040, Long-Range Transportation Plan*. The dashboard will focus in phases on Transportation Performance Management, and 2-year and 4-year targets as required by FAST-Act reporting guidelines. Update annually with compiled data, or relevant web links. Staff may also work with RIDOT, and DOA Information Technology resources as needed to develop an ESRI map online.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- The performance management dashboard is currently up to date.
- Two upcoming updates are scheduled for highway safety (December) and 4-year adjustments to bridge condition and reliability (January/February). When those updates are made the dashboard will be updated accordingly.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- The performance management dashboard is currently up to date per the highway safety target approvals in December 2024.
- In January / February, staff will seek approvals to mid-performance target adjustments to system reliability and bridge conditions which will then be reflected in the web dashboard.
- This project is ongoing.

Special Task 9b - Statewide Parcel Initiative

Statewide Parcel Initiative: Provide a framework by which parcel data is published at a municipal level for inclusion in a statewide digital parcel dataset to support regional and statewide planning purposes.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- CAMA Vendor Progress: Working with municipalities to collect Parcel ID format and additional information on tables and fields that are used to populate utility information (water, sewer, fuel) so CAMA vendors can include this in the RIGIS Extract.
- Presented at the State Planning Council meeting on the RI Statewide Parcel Initiative and Municipal Parcel Survey.
- Managing the progress of the Municipal Parcel Survey and working with municipalities that have questions or need help. 22 municipalities have either fully completed or partially completed the survey, while 15 included a parcel data download.
- Developed Statewide Parcel Initiative article to be posted on the Plan RI Newsletter and the RIGIS Newsletter.
- RIGIS Data Management Working Group meet to review and discuss Statewide Parcel Initiative tasks, future steps, and Municipal Parcel Survey results.
- Attended bi-monthly NSGIC Parcels and Land Records Workgroup meeting where North Carolina presentation on Seamless Parcel layer and transformer tool.
- Continued quarterly review of the Municipal Parcels Resource Map and updated links, websites, and municipal GIS contact information as needed. This quarter required many updates.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- CAMA Vendor Progress: Delayed – Waiting on Municipal Parcel Survey Results
- Municipal Parcel Survey: Delayed – Due to other project (E-STIP & Legislation Report) deadlines, outreach to assist municipalities with completing survey have not occurred.
- Presented at the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources October meeting on the RI Statewide Parcel Initiative and Municipal Parcel Survey.
- Developed Statewide Parcel Initiative article to be posted on the RI Office of Energy Resources October Newsletter.
- Attended bi-monthly NSGIC Parcels and Land Records Workgroup meeting.
- Continued quarterly review of the Municipal Parcels Resource Map and updated links, websites, and municipal GIS contact information as needed.

Projects

Project 9.1: Vehicle Probe Transportation Dataset and Eastern Transportation Coalition

Project Agency Lead: RIDOT

Partner: RIDSP

Contact: Mason Perrone, Pamela Cotter, Christos Xenophontos

Schedule for Implementation:

- Quarters 1, 2, 3 and 4 - annual ongoing project

Products/Deliverables:

- Transportation Dataset from INRIX and University of Maryland's Advanced Transportation Technology Laboratory (CATT) Lab Regional Integrated Transportation Information Systems and Streetlight enterprise dataset
- Data for all federally mandated RIDOT performance reporting

Project Description: This is a continuation from FY 21. Vehicle probe transportation data is used to monitor Rhode Island's roadway system's performance. RIDSP and RIDOT will purchase INRIX and Streetlight traffic and travel data through the Eastern Transportation Coalition pooled fund. The INRIX data provides a comprehensive and consistent data source for traffic and travel times on Rhode Island's roadways. INRIX aggregates GPS probe data from a wide array of commercial vehicle fleets, connected cars and mobile apps. INRIX, through its partnership with the University of Maryland CATT Lab, operates the Regional Integrated Transportation Information System portal that staff will use to analyze, visualize, and understand road performance and state traffic signals based on the INRIX data. Streetlight provides staff access to their enterprise suite intended to assist in the collection of multimodal travel data such as bicycle travel.

INRIX real-time data will help staff actively measure, report, and manage traffic. Use of the historic INRIX data will help establish federally required performance targets, report on targets, and better plan for future transportation projects and programs. This

information can also be analyzed to provide a variety of information about the transportation system including the general origins and destinations of travel, the travel times across a segment of road, the speed of travel incidents, and historical travel times. These datasets are important for operations, project planning, and project scoping activities. They are also invaluable to long-range planning, congestion management, transit planning, land use planning, bicycle planning, pedestrian planning, and travel demand modeling. The data outputs produced have potential applications for many state and municipal agencies beyond those listed.

This project also provides funding to support the MPO annual membership in the Eastern Transportation Coalition. The Coalition is an alliance of state transportation agencies, toll authorities, and related organizations, including public safety, that provides a forum for key decision and policy makers to address transportation management and operations issues of common interest. Rhode Island's participation in the Coalition helps to foster mutual support and networking with peers, develop consensus, cooperation, coordination, and communication with other member states. Benefits of membership in the Coalition allows the State access to the "pooled fund," which permits access to shared research and development, field testing, and to purchase data at the membership rate.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$958,957 (RIDSP- \$58,025; FHWA- \$214,182; FTA- \$87,038; RIDOT \$198,466; Other \$401,246)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- New Streetlight contract allows for 20 RIDOT/RIDSP "seats" on the platform, and free use for consultants.
- RITIS data is used daily to update travelers on RIDOT's public-facing website for the Washington Bridge closure. Travel-time data in real time is provided, along with specific routes that are mapped as part of this service.
- RIDOT continues to use Streetlight data for VMT, bike and pedestrian counts.
- RIDSP and RIDOT staff continue to use this product to produce congestion management reporting data annually, run corridor analysis, and analyze transportation trends. Staff will also be utilizing Streetlight and INRIX data for continued efforts in the LRTP 2045 limited update.
- RIDOT staff has provided data access to several vendors to utilize these data feeds for grant writing and other projects, and the Transportation Management Center has made the real time feeds available to staff.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Exploring data download service provided by INRIX as of April 2025, which updates mapping API.
- RITIS data continues to be used daily for real-time Washington Bridge congestion reporting.
- RIDOT continues to use Streetlight data for VMT, bike and pedestrian counts.
- RIDSP and RIDOT staff continue to use this product to produce congestion management reporting data annually, run corridor analysis, and analyze transportation trends. Staff will also be utilizing Streetlight and INRIX data for continued efforts in the LRTP 2045 limited update.
- RIDOT staff has provided data access to several vendors to utilize these data feeds for grant writing and other projects, and the Transportation Management Center has made the real time feeds available to staff.

Project 9.2: Transportation, Air and Greenhouse Gas Modeling

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partners: RIDOT, RIPTA, RIDEM

Contacts: Vincent Flood, Ben Jacobs

Schedule for Implementation: Ongoing updates and maintenance for 3 years (FY2025, FY2026, & FY2027)

Products/Deliverables:

- RISM & GHG modeling process
- Network & Demand Conversion to TRANSIMS
- Perform Dynamic Traffic Assignment and Validation
- HPMS Vehicle Miles Traveled Adjustments
- MOVES3 Settings and Inputs
- Training, and Report

Project Description: This ongoing task includes data inputs/outputs, enhancements, and updates to the RISM for the roadway network. Other updates will be for travel speed data from INRIX, FHWA’s National Performance Management Research Data Set and/or RIDOT traffic sensor database, vehicle miles traveled data utilizing RIDOT annual HPMS submission, and ability to run future year build/no-build scenarios. Additional efforts will focus on connecting the current RISM model with the Environmental Protection Agency Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES). This will be done through developing MOVES inputs and calculating regional emissions to conduct on-road transportation inventory and forecast of criteria pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions analysis that will help to achieve carbon emissions reductions in the transportation sector as established in the 2021 Act on Climate and 40 CFR Parts 51 and 934.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$408,689(FHWA-101,561, FTA-\$25,390, SWP – \$40,869, RIDOT- \$240,869

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- All model architecture tasks completed.
- AECOM, RIDSP working with RIDEM and RIDOT to complete air quality projections for EPA that had been delayed by earlier difficulties at RIDEM. All results up to 2023 (the last year currently required) will be complete by the first few weeks of Q2.
- AECOM working to finish updates to model documentation which will need to be presented as an update to Technical Paper 166 in Q2
- RIDSP working through RFP process that will hopefully result in rebidding the contract by January 1.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Model documentation and interface tasks being finalized.
- RFP released; review committee assembled.

Project 9.4: Environmental Data Center Partnership - RIGIS Geospatial Database

Project Lead: RIDSP **Partners:** URI

EDC Contact: Vincent Flood

Schedule for Implementation: Annual ongoing project.

Product/Deliverables:

- Story Maps/Journals and apps featuring RIGIS map services.
- Approximately 25 new or updated datasets
- Four quarterly updates of the publicly available Esri file geodatabases
- Four quarterly blog posts summarizing RIGIS-distributed datasets
- Approximately 10 metadata records updated.

Project Description: The geospatial data distributed by RIGIS supports numerous ongoing transportation and economic development planning initiatives. The University of Rhode Island’s Environmental Data Center (URI EDC) will continue as a subcontractor for hosting the [RIGIS Data Distribution Clearinghouse](#). As new data and map services are developed by RIGIS partners, URI EDC will add the new data to and continue to maintain the software and hardware systems that support the Clearinghouse including advanced web mapping applications featuring RIGIS data and imagery. As an ongoing task, DSP and URI EDC work to ensure that web maps and web mapping applications will continue to allow users of all skill levels to access and interact with RIGIS datasets. Additional, detailed data may be obtained from a variety of sources to assist in developing more robust data sets.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$95,000 (\$61,250 FHWA; \$14,750 FTA; \$19,000 URI)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

RIGIS Data Updates:

- Continued to keep Status_RIGIS_Layers_Hub list current. This will assist RIGIS coordinator in requesting data as updates are deemed necessary.
- Updated description of HUC 8 dataset to include discussion of changes that have occurred since 2021.

- **Surface Water Protection Areas** – RIDEM. Published as SPF NAD 83.
 - The previous version has been marked as deprecated and moved out of RIGIS open data groups.
- **Social Equity Database** – Liza Farr. This database was shared on EDC ArcGIS Online as only a zipped geodatabase.
- **Rhode Island Stone Walls** - Eliot Vosburgh. Partial draft dataset was shared via the Metadata & Data Submission tool.
- **Estimated Forest Mortality** – J. Parent & Liubov Dumarevskaya. Shared via the Metadata & Data Submission tool.

RIGIS HUB Page Updates:

- Removed the file geodatabase download option. This file has not been updated since 2017.
- Icons on Data HUB have been updated to Esri HUB styles.

RIGIS Applications:

- Updated 1976 Imagery Collection Download App Updated Municipal Resources Map to reflect updates made by DOSP.

USGS 3DHP Surface Hydrography

- Continue to serve as a resource for the development of USGS 3DHP elevation derived hydrography for the state and potential New England partners.

System Updates:

- Successfully planned, tested, and implemented a server array update from Esri ArcGIS Enterprise 11.2 to 11.3.
- Collaborated with the University of Rhode Island IT security team to proactively enhance security measures in light of a recent increase of network incursion probes and attempts.

Metrics:

- 57 new or updated datasets published.
 - 55 datasets have been republished as SPF NAD83 feature services.
 - 2 new datasets have been published.
- 12 fulfilled technical assistance requests.
- Website statistics per Google Analytics:
 - RIGIS data clearinghouse (<https://www.rigis.org>)
 - total users: 10,279
 - Sessions: 17,324
 - page views: 44,447
 - RIGIS information & resources website (<https://info.rigis.org>)
 - total users: 946, Sessions: 1,129, page views: 4,707

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

RIGIS Data: New Data Layers Continue to keep the list, [Status RIGIS Layers Hub](#), shared with G. Hoxsie-Quinn & C. DelageBaza current. This will assist RIGIS coordinator in requesting data updates as necessary.

- **Stone Walls (partial)** - Eliot Vosburgh. Partial extent of stone walls in Rhode Island.
- **Solar Farms** – Jason Parent. Polygon layer of solar farm footprints in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.
- **Estimated Forest Mortality** – J. Parent & Liubov Dumarevskaya. Estimated forest mortality following the 2015-2017 Spongy moth invasion.
 - Estimated forest mortality, 3 classes (low, medium, high)
 - Estimated forest mortality, 2 classes (low, high)

RIGIS Data: Updated Data

- RIPDES Sanitary Wastewater Treatment Facilities - RIDEM
- Underground Storage Tank Locations (2024) - RIDEM
- Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (2024) - RIDEM
- Shellfish Harvest Restrictions (2024) - RIDEM
- State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Inventory of Facilities – RIDEM
- Fishing and Boating Access – RIDEM

RIGIS DATA HUB (rigis.org) Updates:

Deprecated Map Collection Apps

- The **Elevation and Bathymetry Collection** app has been deprecated. Data catalog can be used to search for elevation datasets. (Dec. 11, 2024)
- The **Base Map Collection** app has been deprecated. Data catalog can be used to search for Base map information. (Dec. 11, 2024)
- The **Imagery Resource Collection** app has been deprecated. A modern version of this app is available as Imagery Collection v2 (Dec. 12, 2024)

RIGIS INFO HUB (info.rigis.org) Updates:

- Added a search card on the Info home page.
 - Added tags to Info.rigis.org content items to improve discoverability of content in the Hub.
 - Will continue to add tags and improve content descriptions.
- Shared RIGIS Fall Newsletter
- Added RIGIS GIS Day RSVP survey and information on the HUB homepage.
- Added Historic Map Gallery details and survey.

System Updates:

- Began testing implementation of Esri ArcGIS Enterprise 11.4 software release.
- Began designing an Amazon Web Services (AWS) server infrastructure plan for an eventual migration anticipated for later this calendar year.
- Successfully completed installation and initial configuration of Esri ArcGIS Monitor. It is now being used to review enterprise GIS system alerts. Learning about how we might leverage ArcGIS Monitor for usage statistics is underway.

Meetings Attended:

- Quarterly Executive Committee meeting at William Hall Library 12/12/24 (A. Mandeville)
- 3DHP FTN Info Forum: Crossing State Lines – Coordinating with Neighboring States on Regional Hydrography Mapping 10/16/24 (C. LaBash)
- Rhode Island 3DHP Enhancements (buy-ups) RI Stakeholder Meeting (virtual) 11/21/24 (C. LaBash)
- Rhode Island 3DHP Enhancements (buy-ups) RI NV5 Information meeting for RI Stakeholders (virtual) 12/6/24 (C. LaBash)
- Submitted one quarterly progress report.
- Submitted one quarterly technical assistance summary documenting 7 fulfilled requests.

Metrics:

- 45 datasets have been republished this quarter as SPF NAD83 feature services.
 - To date, 100 feature services have been republished.
- 10 new or updated datasets have been published.
- 7 fulfilled technical assistance requests.
- Website statistics per Google Analytics:
- RIGIS data clearinghouse (<https://www.rigis.org>)
 - total users: 9,197
 - Sessions: 17,123
 - page views: 48,284
- RIGIS information & resources website (<https://info.rigis.org>)
 - total users: 973
 - Sessions: 1,148
 - page views: 4,482

Quarter 2 Explanation of Project Delay

RIGIS Atlas maps will not be completed until all data have been updated to new format.

Project 9.5: Municipal Transportation and Land Use Planning Education

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Contacts: Nancy Hess, Paul Gonsalves

Partners: Advisory Committee for Education (ACE), URI NEMO, URI CRMC, RIDEM

Project Description: Continue to deliver a curriculum of training detailing land use and transportation responsibilities for volunteer members of municipal historic, planning and zoning boards and commissions as mandated by R.I. General Law [§ 45-70](#). For FY 25 this task will include:

- Continue to provide an introductory 3-hour workshop highlighting the responsibilities of the MPO and enabling authorities for municipal boards each quarter.
- Conduct at least one rendition of a one-hour continuing education course updating land use planning responsibilities and any potential legislative changes for the MPO and municipal boards. Can be done via Zoom or in-person gathering of municipal volunteers at a centrally held meeting. (Centrally held meeting expenses requested this UPWP - \$25,000)
- Continue to work with Partner agencies to provide other mandated education:
- Continue Historical District CAMP training through a cooperative agreement with RIHPHC to provide training from the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions for both in person and virtual training. (Funding requested this UPWP-\$20,000)
- Continue work with URI Nonpoint Source Education Municipal Officials (NEMO) through a cooperative agreement to develop an online, two-hour stormwater / flooding training for municipal planning boards using the URI Brightspace Engage learning platform. (Funded in FY 2024 UPWP - \$60,000 and \$20,000 requested in this UPWP).
- Work with URI CRC and RIDEM to develop an online course concerning climate change (CC) and sea level rise (SLR) for planning board members. Upgrade the Existing PrepRI webpage to URI Brightspace Engage learning platform for self-directed training similar to stormwater/flooding training. (Funding requested in this UPWP -\$75,000.)
- Evaluation – continue to evaluate the training conducted for information regarding understanding of materials and identifying additional training needs. Summarize the training conducted and evaluations received and review with the ACE for necessary program adjustments.

Products/Deliverables:

- An estimated 8 to 10 educational workshops
- Self-guided online training for stormwater /flooding topics
- Online & in person training for historic district commissions
- Self-guided online training for CC/SLR topics
- A centrally held meeting.
- Meeting(s) of the ACE

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$140,000 (RIDSP \$28,000; FHWA \$91,000; FTA \$21,000)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Updated the [2024/25 Local Officials Program Syllabus](#) with anticipated training.
- Conducted 1 meeting of the ACE and organization continues for next meeting of the committee.
- Continued to plan for the Rhode Island Local Officials Training Summit (RILOTS) in person gathering to be held in the next Quarter.
 - Researched venues, space availability and accessibility.
 - Reserved the Crowne Plaza, Warwick, RI for November 9 ,2024 by executing a contract and payment details with the Plaza regarding room, food provisions, audio visual, and other needs.
 - Drafted initial RILOTS agenda and program content and continued research for background information on main topic.
 - Developed registration details along with an outreach strategy for past participants and local planners.
 - Published event /registration details in October 1, 2024 RIDSP monthly newsletter.
- Continued training local official virtually by Zoom – conducted a 3-hour introductory training on Sept 25th – 10 participants attended from 2 communities.
- Began drafting content for a new training workshop and worked with ACE for content / guidance for delivering a 1-hour annual update training for local officials in later quarters of this UPWP. Update will use the [Summary of the 2024 Legislative Session.](#)

- Drafted an amendment to existing Cooperative Agreement with the RIHPHC to continue delivery educational training from the Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program ([CAMP](#)). Awaiting signature of RIHPHC on amendment.
- Continued to work with URI NEMO on developing online stormwater training opportunities State Law requires for local planning officials. Held Quarterly progress meeting.
- Signed a cooperative agreement with URI CRC for updating the existing content of the [PrepRI](#) webpage concerning coastal resilience education for additional online training opportunities State Law requires for local planning officials. Held initial project kickoff meeting.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Conducted 2 meetings of the ACE and organization continues for next meeting of the committee next quarter.
- Conducted the very first Rhode Island Local Officials Training Summit (RILOTS) in person gathering on November 9, 2024.
 - Completed agenda and distributed through website, emails, monthly DSP and RIAPA newsletters
 - Worked with ACE to obtain volunteer professional trainers
 - Assembled participant review materials and handouts to conduct a faux comprehensive permit review for affordable housing.
 - Registered 92 persons including 10 trainers
 - 69 participants from local historic, planning and zoning boards attended from 25 communities.
- Continued working on content for delivering new training through a 1-hour annual update remote training for local officials in later quarters of this UPWP.
- Awaiting signature of RIHPHC on amendment to existing CA.
- Continued to work with URI NEMO on developing online stormwater training opportunities.
- Continued to work with URI CRC for updating the [PrepRI](#) webpage concerning coastal resilience education.

Project 9.6: ESRI Enterprise Agreement with RIDOT

Project Agency Lead: RIDOT

Partner: RIDSP

Contact: Vincent Flood

Schedule for Completion: End FY24/Beginning FY25

Product/Deliverables: (numerous versions of ERIS software for GIS applications, including but not limited to single and concurrent uses for:

- ArcGIS Desktop: Advanced, Standard, and Basic
- ArcGIS Desktop Extensions: 3D Analyst, Data Reviewer, Geostatistical Analyst, Network Analyst, Publisher, Schematics, Spatial Analyst, and Workflow Manager
- ArcGIS Enterprise: Advanced and Standard
- ArcGIS GIS Server: Advanced and Standard
- ArcGIS Enterprise Additional Capability Server: Image Server, GeoEvent Server
- ArcGIS Monitor
- Mapping and Charting Solutions: Esri Production Mapping for Desktop

Project Description: Maintain the Enterprise Agreement (EA) to provide for the licensing and deployment of certain EA Products, delivery of EA Maintenance, and provision of ESRI User Conference registrations. An EA offers numerous benefits including:

- A lower cost per unit for licensed software
- Substantially reduced administrative and procurement expenses
- Maintenance on all Esri software identified in this proposal and deployed within the organization.
- Complete flexibility to deploy software products when and where needed.
- The EA will remain in effect for three years and grant RIDOT/RIDSP uncapped access to the ESRI products listed above.

Project Cost other than staff time: \$60,000 (FHWA \$39,000; FTA \$9,000, RIDSP \$12,000)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Licensing in use and meetings with RIDOT and ESRI have taken place regarding trainings and surveying staff training needs has been circulated.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- An Enterprise Agreement 101 course planned for 3rd quarter by ESRI to give overview of the Enterprise Agreement and how to get the most out of it.

Project 9.7: LIDAR Products

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partners: RIDOT, Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB)

Contact: Vincent Flood

Schedule for Implementation: FY25

Product/Deliverables:

- Digital Surface Model
- Hydro Enforcement and hydro-enforced digital elevation model (DEM)
- 2D buildings footprints (auto generated, some highly urbanized), Class 6 in. las data.
- Additional vegetation and building classes.
- 5 Foot elevation contours

Project Description: Light Detection and Ranging, Lidar, is a remote sensing method that uses light in the form of a pulsed laser to measure ranges (variable distances) to the Earth. These light pulses—combined with other data recorded by the airborne system generate precise, three-dimensional information about the shape of the Earth and its surface characteristics. Data specialists can compile the data collected by a LIDAR system and use it to create exceptionally precise three-dimensional information about a specific area and its characteristics. LIDAR is an ideal system for transportation and land use planning and is useful to civil engineers for designing roadworks.

The USGS and NRCS have collaborated to acquire high-resolution digital elevation data developed from airborne LIDAR for an area of approximately 1,246 square miles covering Rhode Island. The project will result in various products including high accuracy classified bare earth lidar data in LAS format as well as raster DEM for use in a variety of transportation and land use planning efforts including but not limited to, coastal management and resiliency, dam safety assessments, engineering design and design reviews, economic development, conservation planning, facility siting, suitability analysis, research, floodplain mapping, vulnerability assessment, and hydrologic modeling. The LIDAR products will be paid through partnerships with other state/local partners as provided through Joint Funding Agreement executed between USGS, RIDSP Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB) and RIDOT.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$146,000 (\$20,440 FHWA; \$4,380 FTA; \$116,340 RIDOT; \$4,840 PWSB)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Participated in the 2022 LiDAR enhancements kick-off meeting with USGS and Fugro
- Consulted with stakeholders to identify pilot project tiles (4) for the 2022 LiDAR enhancements that will capture.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Upon notification from Fugro to the RI Stakeholder Team, URIEDC downloaded the 4-tile pilot project data for the statewide LiDAR enhancements on October 30th including 3 contiguous tiles in the vicinity of the RTs 6/10/95 interchange in Providence and 1 tile in the Great Swamp Management Area in South Kingstown. The enhancement products included were:
 - 2D building footprints – vector
 - 3D building models – 3D multipatch features
 - Enhanced LiDAR point cloud for buildings and three vegetation height classes
 - 1 ft elevation contours – vector

- Digital Surface Model (DSM) - raster
- Published 2 web maps to facilitate the stakeholder team review:
 - DSM and 1 ft Contours - <https://arcg.is/H8LmD2>
 - 2D buildings footprints and 3D buildings (Scene) against 2022 RIGIS imagery <https://arcg.is/1nvSqP>
- Consolidated stakeholder feedback from RIDOSP, RIDOT, ProvWater and URI and sent to Fugro:
 - 2D/3D Buildings – 12 omissions; 3 misclassifications; 6 automated classification artifacts
 - DSM – 7 areas of no data noted
 - Point Cloud classification – noted low occurrence of points in 0 – 3 ft vegetation height class
- Fugro responded with details on expected outcomes from their automated and AI classification workflows and working with Fugro to arrange a technical meeting with Fugro to go over the feedback.

Activity 12 – Climate Change Resiliency, Adaptation, and Mitigation

Objective: To identify transportation-related infrastructure including roads, bridges, and ports, as well as natural resources, threatened by climate change to identify strategies and actions for promoting adaptation and mitigation in order to strengthen resilience to the effects and long-term costs of climate change; identify transportation system vulnerabilities to climate change impacts and evaluate potential solutions; to determine ways to integrate resiliency, adaptation, and mitigation into a wide range of state plans and projects; to work through regional initiatives where possible; and to collect and analyze data regarding patterns of climate change and associated issues, concerns, costs, and necessary regulatory and statutory changes.

Projects

Project 12.1 -Community Resilience and Planning

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partners: RIIB, RI municipalities

Contact: Roberta Groch

Schedule for Implementation: ongoing annual project

Products/Deliverables:

- Plans, data, goals, and implementation steps in support of municipal resilience planning, in conjunction with the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (RIIB) and other public and private entities.

Project Description: This project offers funding to municipalities that wish to assess their vulnerability to and prepare for climate change impacts while building community resilience. The plan will examine the impacts of increasing temperatures, more frequent (and stronger) severe weather events, drought, and sea level rise on a municipality’s residents (including vulnerable populations), economy, housing, community assets, agriculture and fishing grounds, infrastructure, and natural resources in a holistic manner. This project is targeted at addressing infrastructure needs, particularly roads, bridges, and culverts, along with core local systems relying on various modes of transportation. More than half of Rhode Island communities have only a single planner and do not have the capacity to develop resilience plans that address all of the systems in a local community.

Project Cost (Other than staff time): \$100,000 (Other [EC4 funding] \$50,000; FHWA \$37,500; FTA \$12,500)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- RIDSP staff began working on a request for proposals with the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation (Commerce) on a Disaster Recovery grant awarded to Commerce by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) for “Ready, Set, Rhody,” a project that will ensure the state’s most vulnerable small business districts are prepared for and able to mitigate threat from future climate-related disasters.
 - The project will first undertake an analysis using GIS mapping to determine the ten to fifteen Main Street districts in the state most vulnerable to storm-caused flooding.

- A targeted infrastructure vulnerability assessment will be performed by a consulting team for the Main Street districts identified that will provide detailed information to the municipalities and the Main Street districts on specific “hot spots” of vulnerability and potential strategies to increase resilience for those areas.
- Finally, the project team will develop a Business Resiliency Toolkit to provide detailed information to business leaders and business associations in targeted areas on flood insurance requirements, emergency preparedness, and flood mitigation through workshops, webinars, flyers, one-on-one business district engagements, and a targeted social media awareness campaign.
- RIDSP staff continued to assist with the state’s Municipal Resilience Program (MRP), which is administered by the RI Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC).
 - A staff member helped review municipal requests for funding from the MRP for grants to construct/design resilience projects throughout the state.
 - A staff member helped facilitate a MRP online workshop with the TNC for a rural town in RI to help discern potential resilience projects through a collaborative process with local leaders and residents.
- RIDSP once again received \$100,000 from the RI Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4) for our resilience technical assistance program for municipalities to fund vulnerability assessments and/or review of ordinances and regulations to make communities more able to withstand extreme weather and climate change.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- RIDSP and Commerce continued to edit the request for proposals (RFP) for “Ready, Set, Rhody,” which was issued in December 2024.
- RIDSP GIS staff created maps of the twelve Main Street districts in RI that are being targeted for vulnerability assessments.
- RIDSP staff started to work on a new call for municipal projects for the resilience funding from the EC4, to be issued in late winter/early spring of 2025.
- RIDSP staff assisted the RIIB with the review of applications submitted by municipalities for resiliency project implementation grant funding.
- RIDSP staff assisted the RIDEM with the review of proposals submitted by consultants for the RI Climate Action Strategy. the next step in the implementation of the Act on Climate.
- This project is proceeding on time and on budget as outlined in the Work Plan.

[Project 12.2 - Community Resilience Technical Assistance: Cumberland Ordinance Review](#)

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner: Town of Cumberland

Contact: Roberta Groch

Schedule for Implementation: 18 months from signing of contract with consultant.

Products/Deliverables:

- Recommendations to the Town of Cumberland for new or amended by-laws to mandate low-impact development measures, limit storm/flood damage, mitigate stormwater runoff, reduce impervious surfaces, improve ecosystem resiliency, and minimize damage to structures from climate change impacts. The recommendations shall include suggested language.

Project Description: This project offers funding for RIDSP to hire a consultant and partner with the Town of Cumberland to review, revise, and leverage the Town’s bylaws, policies, and incentives that address land use, green infrastructure/low impact development, open space, stormwater, and flooding (this list is not exhaustive and may include additional types of regulations). Implementation of this project will help to reduce risk of climate change impacts to public infrastructure, private property, natural resources, and human safety and welfare.

Project Cost (Other than staff time): \$100,000 (Other [EC4 funding] \$50,000; FHWA \$37,500; FTA \$12,500)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- RIDSP signed a contract with a consulting team to begin work on the review of Cumberland’s ordinances, regulations, and policies to identify opportunities for incorporating standards into municipal bylaws and other planning instruments to increase resilience against the effects of climate change.
- The consultant, RIDSP, and the planners from the Town of Cumberland held a kick-off meeting to discuss the project, responsibilities, timeline, and upcoming tasks.
 - This core team is anticipated to meet monthly throughout the project to discuss progress and to review deliverables.
- The consultant started working with the Town and RIDSP to identify a team of leaders from Town departments, boards, and commissions, as well as state partners, whose activities or responsibilities could be affected by any forthcoming recommended changes to regulations, policies, or incentives.
- RIDSP, the consultants, and the Town started contacting the identified leaders to discuss working on the project, setting up interviews with the consultant, and meeting as a group in October.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- RIDSP began working with the consultant, the RIIB, and the Cumberland Planning Department on the review ordinances, regulations, and policies.
- Three core project management team meetings were held; plans for a public meeting and another meeting with Town officials began.
- A literature review, draft ordinance review, and synthesis of information from Town officials and project partners were completed.
- This project is proceeding on time and on budget as outlined in the Work Plan.

Activity 13 – Support to Other State Agencies and Municipalities

Objective: To ensure that residents and businesses have convenient housing, working and transportation options that are coordinated with opportunities such as access to good jobs, affordable housing, and quality schools. Ensure equity, environmental justice, environmental sustainability, and resilience by providing technical assistance and training to state, local, and other agencies in support of the SGP, and state mandates.

Projects

Project 13.1: “Community Planning for a Livable Future” Technical Assistance program – Bristol County Resilient Route 114 project

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: RIDOT, Town of Warren, Town of Bristol, Town of Barrington

Contact: Roberta Groch

Schedule for Implementation: Final Plan end of FY25

Products/Deliverables:

- A purposeful plan that positions communities to maximize the value of future investments that will be required to make a transportation corridor resilient to future flooding. This includes prioritizing actions that balance flood risk and cost, as well as maximize the opportunity to create additional benefits for a community,
- Order-of-magnitude for future budgeting and grant writing efforts and/or STIP inclusion.

Project Description: As part of the “Community Planning for a Livable Future” Technical Assistance program, this project enables municipalities to access planning, transportation, and design expertise to identify transportation system vulnerabilities to climate change impacts and evaluate potential solutions, define multimodal transportation problems such as traffic control, intermodal connectivity and access, safety, parking, or other issue(s); explore alternatives; and create conceptual plans to support economic development and climate resiliency efforts in their communities. This project funds consultant services for providing data, assessment, and analysis to help Statewide Planning and the Towns of Barrington, Bristol, and Warren to develop a resilience plan for Route 114. RIDSP has

contracted with a consultant for technical review/evaluation of the problem and drafting a plan for the chosen project. In addition, RIDSP will rely on and coordinate with local municipal officials to schedule meetings with staff, relevant stakeholders, and the public. The consultants, in collaboration with the municipality, will develop a report with concept renderings that defines and evaluates alternatives and next steps for the municipality, and may provide the foundation for a STIP project application. Upon completion and subject to available staff and funding, RIDSP will also issue a new solicitation to RI municipalities for a new local transportation planning project.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$250,000 (\$150,000 FHWA; \$50,000 FTA; \$50,000 municipal match)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- The three municipalities, the RIDSP, and agency partners submitted their comments on the final draft of the Vulnerability Assessment report.
- The consultants drafted an Alternate Routes Analysis report that examines possible alternatives to Route 114 in instances of flooding or in an evacuation scenario. The report was sent to the rest of the Project Management Team (PMT) for review and comment.
- RIDSP and the consultants met with the RI Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) about the draft Alternative Routes Analysis and sent them the document for their review and comment.
- The draft Routes Analysis was reviewed by the Warren Fire, Police, and Publics Works Departments for comment.
- The PMT continued to meet monthly. RIDSP continued updating the [project website](#).
- The PMT started working on the upcoming public workshops to be held on October 21 and October 29, 2024, in Warren and Barrington, respectively, and online (Warren only).

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- The PMT held two public workshops in Warren and Barrington, and online (Warren only). Approximately seventy-five people attended both meetings and online (total).
- The PMT finalized the Alternative Routes Analysis report and submitted comments on the draft final plan.
- The PMT started planning two public presentations to be held in January 2025 in Warren and Bristol.
- The PMT continued to meet monthly, with RIDSP continually updating the [project website](#).
- This project is proceeding on time and on budget as outlined in the Work Plan.

Project 13.2: “Community Planning for a Livable Future” Technical Assistance program- City of East Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner: City of East Providence

Contact: Joshua O’Neill

Schedule for Implementation: Final plan FY2026

Products/Deliverables:

- A Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan for the City of East Providence. This project is expected to take 18 months and will be completed in the following Work Program year for FY2026.

Project Description: The Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning is working jointly with the City of East Providence to create a citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. East Providence was the winner of the 2023 Municipal Technical Assistance Program solicitation and as a result is getting the financial and staff assistance for this project. This Plan will enhance multimodal transportation opportunities throughout the city, create better connections to commercial corridors via other methods, and improve bicycle and pedestrian safety. Creating a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is important for improving safety, intermodal connectivity, and addressing equity by prioritizing active transportation options within low-income and EJ neighborhoods. Creating more walkable and bikeable neighborhoods also improves the quality of life for all residents, visitors, and people who work in the city, by activating neighborhood centers and creating vibrant public street life. The proposed plan would provide recommendations on where to add bicycle lanes, cross walks, sidewalks, bus shelters, and additional safety treatments citywide.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$200,000 (FHWA: \$120,000; FTA: \$40,000; and Local \$40,000)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- The contract for the East Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan was fully executed between the Division of Statewide Planning and the Toole Design Group in June of 2024.
- We held our virtual Kick Off meeting for the project on August 5th, 2024 with the project management committee and the Toole Design Group
- Since then, the Division of Statewide Planning has worked diligently with the consultant to provide various digital datasets for the Existing Conditions analysis of the Plan.
- We executed a legal agreement between the Division of Statewide Planning and RIDOT to provide municipal crash data to the Toole Design Group, we had Toole Design Group execute a Data Use Agreement (DUA) with the Eastern Transportation Coalition (TETC) to be able to access and use our INRIX data and RITIS platform for the project, and we provided basemap data from RIGIS as well as from the City of East Providence.
- We have held two additional monthly project management team meetings since August.
- We just held our first community engagement and outreach “Pop Up” event in East Providence with Division of Statewide Planning staff and staff from Toole Design Group and FHI Studios attending the annual “Witches Parade and Festival” in Riverside all day on Saturday, October 19th, 2024.
- Toole Design Group is currently working on finishing a Draft of our Stakeholder Engagement and Public Involvement Plan for the project as well as the review of prior pertinent plans.
- Toole Design Group is working with the East Providence Planning Department to schedule a series of virtual Stakeholders Interviews in the month of November.
- This project is proceeding on time and on budget as outlined in the Work Plan.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- We have continued our monthly project management team meetings, holding regular scheduled meeting from Oct-Dec of 2024.
- During this period our consultant, Toole Design Group completed Drafts of our “Stakeholder Engagement and Public Involvement Plan” and “Existing Plan Review” documents.
- We began our virtual Stakeholder Interview’s as part of our Phase 1 Public Outreach and Engagement in December.
- Interviews were conducted with City staff from Senior Services, Engineering Division, Police Department, Waterfront District, Housing Authority, and Recreation Department.
- This project is proceeding on time and on budget as outlined in the Work Plan.

Project 13.3 “Community Planning for a Livable Future” Technical Assistance Program- New project, TBD

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partners: TBD

Contact: Roberta Groch

Schedule for Implementation: TBD

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$200,000 (FHWA: \$120,000; FTA: \$40,000; and Local \$40,000)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- RIDSP staff met and agreed that, due to current workloads, a project solicitation to municipalities would be issued in the third quarter (January 2025).
- Staff discussed what the criteria for the next active transportation project would be, such as a small municipality, a rural community, and/or a municipality that has an environmental justice area.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff continued to discuss the next active transportation call for municipal projects, which will be issued in late winter/early spring 2025.

Activity 16 – State Data Center

Objective: As the Governor’s designated State Data Center – which is a partnership between each U.S. State and the Census Bureau – RIDSP makes census data available locally. Staff also manages the State's historic aerial photograph collection and the RIDSP map and document archives. This includes gathering, integrating, and providing demographic, economic, and social statistics for research, planning, and decision-making, and providing analysis, mapping, modeling to RIDSP staff, RI municipalities, state agencies, and other interested parties.

Special Tasks

Special Task 16a - Municipal Monograph Series

Municipal Monograph Series: Develop city and town monographs using 2020 Decennial Census Data, including Demographics & Housing Characteristics data.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff developed web map which links to individual municipal 2020 census and ACS housing and demographic profile for each municipality.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff reviewed map and links continued to edit web map and links to municipal profile in ArcGIS Online for publishing to RIDSP website in 3rd quarter.

Special Task 16b - Update the Urban Areas Map

Update the Urban Areas Map based upon new data from the 2020 Census.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Draft urban areas map was circulated for review, comments received, edits made by staff.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Received further comments from RIDOT and FHWA and incorporated changes.

Special Task 16c - GIS Data Delivery Standard

GIS Data Delivery Standard: Develop a GIS Data Delivery Standard for consultant-led projects. Mapping data is often delivered in a way that is not up to the standard for RIGIS to host online. GIS data received should be reviewed by the RIDSP Data Group for consistency with posting standards for criteria such as linear referencing, metadata requirements, etc. Establishing a standard delivery method for GIS data would save time and make data available faster for public use or use within other planning efforts. Deliverables for this special task would be a set of standard guidelines for data delivery during mapping related efforts.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff worked on drafting standard guidelines for GIS data delivery from vendors and for internal staff working on mapping projects.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff and reviewing draft standard guidelines to incorporate into data delivery/Scope of work for various vendor awarded contracts moving forward, as well as internal staff working on GIS related projects and mapping projects.

Projects

Project 16.1: Population Projections

Project Lead: RIDSP

Partners:

Contact: Vincent Flood

Schedule for Completion: Q1 FY2025

Products /Deliverables:

- Technical Paper with forecasts for statewide and municipal populations for all 39 cities and towns.

Project Description: Population projections assist planners with assessing future-built environment and natural resource needs, including land use demands, economic development, transportation options, appropriate housing, and sufficient water supply. Projections also are useful to social service agencies, libraries, school districts, developers, and entrepreneurs. This data will be a key product for future long-range planning efforts, including updates to Land Use 2025, the LRTP, and the Rhode Island Statewide Model. Other agencies involved in transportation and land use planning will also benefit from this data. The statewide population will use the cohort-component model and then use those projections to guide the local projections. Cities and towns will be asked for input on the forecasts as part of an outreach process.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$50,000 (\$32,500 FHWA; \$7,500 FTA; \$10,000 RIDSP)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Potential collaboration with OMB on existing contract with national vendor they use for statewide projections fell through, as vendor could not produce projections at the municipal level.
- Awaiting approval to move forward with RFP utilizing RIDOT purchasing procedures.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Awaiting approval to move forward with RFP utilizing RIDOT purchasing procedures.
- RIDOT believes that an MOU involving RIDSP, RIDOT, and the DOA Division of Purchases will be completed in early Q3.

Project 16.2: Employment Projections

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partners: TBD

Contact: Ben Jacobs

Schedule for Completion: 12 months: completion Q4 FY 2025

Deliverables: Employment projections white paper.

Project Description: Develop regional and sub-regional employment statistics and projections for the Division of Statewide Planning for use in updating the Rhode Island Statewide Model travel demand model (RISM), consistent with the methodology used in the most recent 2016 travel demand model update. The projections will take into account place of work and the supply of and demand for workers in Rhode Island as well as in municipalities. The employment projections will use five-year intervals, consistent with the same years used in the population projections starting with the 2020 base year and will include consultation with appropriate staff and state agencies and input from cities and towns. The projections will be beneficial for future long-range planning efforts, including updates to Land Use 2025, the LRTP, and the Rhode Island Statewide Model. Other agencies involved in transportation and land use planning will also benefit from this data.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$75,000 (\$48,750 FHWA; \$11,250 FTA; \$15,000 RIDSP)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- No progress this quarter due to staff conflicts.

Quarter 2 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Base data acquired.

Part II – Financial Reports

Statewide Planning
 Dept. of Administration
 Expenditures by Funding Source
 September FY 2025

Account Number	Account Name	FY 2024 Budget	YTD Budget	YTDExpense	Variance
1170102/1165101	Systems Planning	681,670	170,417.50	151,263	19,155
1165101	EFSB	14,559	3,639.75		3,640
	CBO	32,130	8,032.50	2,336	5,697
1171101	FTA	664,126	166,031.50	128,588	37,444
1170101	FHWA	1,830,668	457,667.00	465,936	(8,269)
	Sub Total	3,223,153	805,788	748,122	57,666
Contractual and Pass Thru Grants					
Match	OTHER	671,086	167,771.50		167,772 *
Match	URI	19,000	4,750.00		4,750 *
Match	RIPTA	90,000	22,500.00		22,500 *
Match	RIDOT	1,045,675	261,418.75	166,518	94,901 *
1165101	SWP	238,205	59,551.25	14,410	45,142
1171101	FTA	733,308	183,327.00	10,281	173,046
1170101	FHWA	1,482,928	370,732.00	337,337	33,395
	Sub Total	2,454,441	613,610	362,028	251,582
	Grand Total	5,677,594	1,419,399	1,110,150	309,248

* Match component not included in totals

**Statewide Planning
Expense Distribution - Breakout
Fiscal Year 2025
As of September 30, 2024**

		Total		1171101	1170101		1170102	1165101
611000 Regular Wages	0.652	430,074.70	92,647.85	83,769.59	252,134.83	1,522.42	59,958.68	32,653.44
616200 Family Medical Insurance Coverage	0.0012	792.42	170.53	154.18	464.91	2.80	98.91	71.62
619000 Family Medical Waiver Bonus								
620100 Payroll Accruals	0.1412	93,241.72	20,065.72	18,141.5]	54,704.79	329.70	11,638.12	8,427.60
620700 Employees Retirement- State Contribution	0.0008	528.28	113.69	102.78	309.94	1.87	65.94	47.75
621110 Social Security (FICA)	0.048	31,696.90	6,821.21	6,167.09	18,596.53	112.08	3,956.30	2,864.91
624110 Medical Insurance	0.0873	57,648.74	12,406.07	11,216.39	33,822.43	203.85	7,195.52	5,210.55
624120 Dental Care	0.0058	3,830.04	824.23	745.19	2,247.08	13.54	478.05	346.18
624130 Vision Care	0.0009	594.32	127.90	115.63	348.68	2.10	74.18	53.72
624210 Retirees Medical Insurance								
625200 Worker's Compensation Payment								
626100 Assessed Fringe	0.0253	16,706.91	3,595.35	3,250.57	9,801.92	59.08	2,085.30	1,510.05
626300 Retiree Health Insurance	0.0378	24,961.31	5,371.70	4,856.58	14,644.77	88.26	3,115.59	2,256.12
Total Personnel	1.0003	660,075.36	142,144.25	128,519.51	387,075.89	2,335.70	88,666.60	53,441.93
637100 Clerical Services								
633001 Training/ Education								
637300 Other Temporary Services								
63400 I Design/Surveying								
631200 Management Consultants								
634300 Surveyor Services								
634500 Other design,Engineering		7,189.72	7,189.72					
641001								
641300 Maintenance Repairs: Software								
641400 Maintenance Repairs: Office Equipment		456.00	114.00	68.40	273.60			
641600 Maintenance Repairs: Other Equipment		2,071.53			2,071.53			
643030 Food								
643110 Office Supplies: (Less than 5,000)		238.19			238.19			
643120 Computer Supplies		214.59			214.59			
643150 Program Supplies (Less than 5,000)								
643200 Dues/Fees		65,967.65	53.65		65,914.00			
643300 Subscriptions		24.61			24.61			
645310 Rent								
643410 Postage and Postal Services								
643420 Express Delivery								
643430 Freight								
643440 Central mailing								
643614 Other Advertising								
643611 Print Advertising		888.76			888.76			
643620 Printing- Outside Vendors								
643700 Miscellaneous Expenses		1,128.14	243.14		885.00			
643710 Staff Training		2,115.33	901.00		1,214.33			
634510 Electricity								
643801 Insurance								
660010 Building Renovations and Upgrades								
645510 Rental/Electric								
645310 Rental/Property								
646200 Mileage Allowance- Personal Cars		240.00			240.00			
646301 Out of State Travel								
646310 Out of State Transportation		1,378.35	616.94		761.41			
646320 Out of State Lodging		5,333.58			5,333.58			
646330 Out of State Registration								
646340 Out of State Other		700.00			700.00			
646400 Other Travel Costs		100.10			100.10			
648110 Central Telephone								
648200 Telephone Charges								
648112 ISF Overhead								
649120 Fees- Single Audit								
654130 Sub Awards		362,027.87	14,409.58	10,280.83	337,337.46			
647900 DOIT Billing								
66 I605 Furniture/Equipment								
66170 I Computer Equipment								
662150 Capital Lease								
699200 Authorized Red Balances								
Total Non Personnel		450,074.42	23,528.03	10,349.23	416,197.16			
Grand Total		1,110,149.78	165,672.28	138,868.74	803,273.05	2,335.70		

Statewide Planning
 Department of Administration
 Monthly Cost Accounting
 September 2024

Activity Number	Task Title	FY2025 Personel <u>Budget</u>	Total Personnel <u>Expended</u>	% of Budget (<u>Septem ber 25%</u>)
Activity 1	Management and Administration	760,504	169,468.33	22.28%
Activity 2	State Transportation Improvement Program	175,925	17,512.20	9.95%
Activity 3	State/Regional Transportation Operations, Management, and Planning Coord.	92,316	14,573.09	15.79%
Activity4	Transit Planning	33,376	1,306.27	3.91%
Activity 5	Freight Planning Implementation	66,970	23,921.10	35.72%
Activity 6	Transportation Planning, Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility	168,800	50,393.51	29.85%
Activity 7	Long Range Land Use and Transportation Planning	243,220	51,924.30	21.35%
Activity 8	Intergovernmental Coordination	102,588	27,288.83	26.60%
Activity 9	Planning Information and Education	358,508	69,763.07	19.46%
Activity 10	Public Information and Outreach	169,789	18,593.96	10.95%
Activity 11	Title VI and Environmental Justice	126,444	26,002.97	20.56%
Activity 12	Climate Change, Resiliency, Adaptation and Mitigation	118,469	24,859.98	20.98%
Activity 13	Support to Other State Agencies and Municipalities	144,597	17,675.49	12.22%
Activity 14	Special Projects and Activities Not Federally Funded			
Activity 15	Energy Facility Siting Board	14,559		0.00%
Activity 16	Census and Data	149,720	15,838.54	10.58%
ICAP	ICAP (Paid Leave - See Appendix D)	497,368	130,953.73	26.33%
Total		3,223,153	660,075.36	20.48%