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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**
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- **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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Issues with the STIP Viewer have been addressed, but an updated build needed to be made to sync the data in the Viewer with the Manager application that staff uses. This has also been addressed.
- The E-STIP Viewer has been posted to the website for public access as of March 2025. This launch will help us get the word out about the platform during the course of our STIP rewrite.
- We will share the link with the stakeholder group and in the newsletter during the public notice period of the STIP rewrite. It has already been presented to the TAC and we will bring it to the attention of the SPC during their April meeting.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- The E-STIP Public Viewer was launched as a part of the STIP rewrite. The link is public but continues to be updated with new project data as the STIP is being rewritten.
- In the meantime, staff from RIDOT have created a STIP mapping dashboard to bridge the gap between the E-STIP sync with new projects and the end of the program development.
- While this project is complete, it will require ongoing maintenance to keep the viewer up to date as project details are amended in the STIP and as the rewrite is being completed.
- The new E-STIP Viewer will be live in early August to supplement the existing viewer with the data from the last STIP.

### **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.

#### **Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)**

- Scoring was finalized prior to the February 1<sup>st</sup> platform launch date after quality control from RIDSP staff and seeking consistency with the LRTP.
- Note – the scoring criteria for SWIFT is used as an internal tool to help staff to review projects for readiness and consistency with the LRTP. The scoring itself is not a definitive decision-making tool for what projects ultimately make it into the STIP as there are several other factors at play, such as scheduling efficiency, asset conditions, and state priority. While we did our best to integrate these and other similar factors into scoring, data is limited and there will still need to be a manual review to some degree regarding final decisions.
- For the purpose of this UPWP project, the scoring criteria is completed but will be revisited as more data becomes available and we work to amend the platform for the next solicitation in 2029.

#### **Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)**

- This project was completed in Q3 but will be revisited in a few years in preparation of the next project solicitation and updated with newer data from the LRTP update.

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

E-S TIP 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

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff held a SWIFT application demonstration for applicants on January 30, 2025. This meeting was well attended, but the recording was distributed for applicants if they could not participate.
- A series of one-on-one meetings were also held with the municipal applicants, both prior to and during the solicitation period, to help anyone that may have specific questions.
- In addition to these training sessions, staff developed a step-by-step guide for applicants to follow through the online web service Scribe. The link to this guide can be found here: [SWIFT Step-by-step Guide](#).
- This project has been completed for this solicitation period but will be updated prior to the next solicitation in four years.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- This project was completed in Q3 but will be updated prior to the next STIP solicitation with any changes that are made to the process.

#### **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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- This project is complete.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- This project is complete. Staff will begin work on the next report in October 2025.

#### **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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 continued meeting bi-weekly to discuss progress of the STIP rewrite.
- The TAC was provided a STIP background presentation at the March meeting, including the draft schedule for completion. The SPC will see this presentation at their April meeting.
- RIDSP, with assistance from RIDOT and RIPTA, held the STIP solicitation for municipal project applications that went through March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff has reviewed projects internally and will meet with working group members to finalize project rankings and fill out the projects pool depending on asset conditions and readiness.
- The rewrite is continuing on time.

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#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- STIP working group has continued meeting bi-weekly to discuss progress of the STIP rewrite.
- Project rankings were developed by the project review team consisting of RIPTA, RIDOT, and RIDSP staff. While funding wasn't abundantly available for new projects, we were able to obtain consensus on several projects based on asset condition, risk, readiness, and opportunity to move new projects into the rewrite, slated mostly for the outyears.
- SPC saw an introduction presentation in April, followed by the first draft that was presented to the TAC at their May meeting and the SPC at their June meeting.
- Subsequently, a second draft of the program was completed by late June in preparation for public comment.
- The TAC authorized staff to hold a public hearing for the 2026-2035 STIP at their May meeting. Public hearings were scheduled for July and the public comment period will run from June 30 – July 30.
- This project is continuing, on time with the ultimate requirement of being completed by September 2025.

## 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 to 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 of getting 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.

Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff was able to coordinate municipal representatives for each city and town in the state and provided logins for project applications through SWIFT.
- Bugs have been primarily fixed and the platform was fully launched for utilization of a STIP solicitation for the upcoming STIP rewrite in February / March.
- Issues during the process have been recorded, and more are being tracked during the project review period.
- While the launch and use of the platform means the project has been completed, we will be entering into a maintenance and enhancement phase in the coming months to fix minor issues and brainstorm enhancements, although these will be worked on over the course of the coming years leading into the next rewrite in 2029.
- This project is entering into a maintenance and enhancement phase for the next UPWP, but was successfully launched, meaning a significant milestone has been achieved.

Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- The SWIFT platform was successfully deployed and utilized for managing STIP applications through the solicitation period that was held earlier this year.
- Staff from RIDOT, RIPTA, and RIDSP were able to utilize the platform for more efficient project review when analyzing applications for prioritization in the STIP rewrite, slated to be complete by the end of September 2025.
- As of the end of June, SWIFT was fully functioning and deployed. RIDOT continues to manage their project bundler which runs off the same host platform. The bundler is nearing completion, but needs about four extra weeks for full implementation.
- The next steps are to enter into maintenance and enhancement with ESRI for this project, but FY26 will demonstrate less of a workload being used on platform development as the deliverables for this project have been completed.

### 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.

##### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- As part of ongoing communications with the task force, a March date for engagement was established. This engagement entailed looking at nearby MPOs’ CMP’s and their respective performance measures section.
- The goal of the presentation was to get feedback from the task force to brainstorm ideas on the next rewrite’s performance measures. The discussion after the presentation served as a time to discuss whether certain metrics were providing any benefits to any of the agencies and stakeholders and whether these metrics may need to be removed or modified.
- Another goal of the presentation was to bring attention to the task force about the upcoming rewrite and how we may structure the CMP document differently to add more efficiency in the needed areas.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- To continue the ongoing goals of maintaining tasks related to the CMP, research was initiated on ways to make the next iteration of the CMP rewrite or update more efficient and also ways to add in additional sections or areas that would benefit the document.
- The research focused on the existing CMPs of other MPOs and how those documents were structured. A look into other supplements to the CMP, such as a CMP hub, were also researched. The data found in this research will be used for consideration in the next CMP rewrite.
- The findings from this research will be used to present at one of the congestion management task force calls later in the 2025 calendar year.

#### **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.

Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Future Conditions Assessment and initial screening of potential corridors complete.
- Tier 1 Evaluation substantially complete.
- Preparations for Tier 2 Evaluation underway with anticipated start in May 2025.

Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Tier 1 Evaluation completed
- Final preparations for Tier 2 Evaluation underway: underlying transit network, engineering assumptions and STOPS model calibration

**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 fare payment.

**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

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Data post-processing under way
- Final report in preparation

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Final report completed
- Final deliverables and data tables received

### **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

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Consultant acquired latest census data for incorporation into model
- Data Request for updating costing and ridership projections received mid-March 2025

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Underlying Transit Network confirmed for model
- Cost and Ridership Projections began

### **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)

- 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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Updated State of the System Report/Transit Demand Analysis substantially complete.
- Initial workshop on Funding Strategies with RIPTA staff. Consultants began preparations for assessment.
- Began working with RIPTA Planning on finalizing service inputs for ridership estimate update.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Cost and Ridership projections delivered to RIPTA for review.
- Funding strategies update underway for RIPTA review in August 2025.
- Recommendations booklet to begin revisions in July 2025.
- Benefits booklet data request being drawn up.

### 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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff corresponded with Amazon to tour their new Fulfillment Center in Johnston sometime in June or July for the next FAC meeting.
- Staff informed FAC of the Amazon freight tour and created a survey for members to make requests for Amazon.
- Specific details about the tour date/time and agenda are to come in early May.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Amazon requested delay of FAC tour from Summer to Fall
- Staff will correspond with Amazon to schedule tour date and time after August FAC meeting

### **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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- This task was completed in Quarter 1.
- There are no accomplishments or updates to report for Quarter 3.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- This task was completed in Quarter 1.
- There are no accomplishments or updates to report for Quarter 4.

### **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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff conducted research into best practices for parking cash-out programs and wrote the first draft of the memo.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff finished drafting a memo on best practices for parking cash-out programs.

### **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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Efforts to build the foundation for the TOD area study has begun, although limited time due to priorities with the development of the Long-Range Transportation Plan limited update with associated stakeholder engagements and STIP rewrite has taken precedence.
- The foundation for the TOD area study involves researching previous TOD area studies within the region and researching new areas since previous research was conducted and looking into any possible updates to existing areas that were previously studied. The goal at this point is to develop a list of study areas within Rhode Island and provide background info and identify possible opportunities for growth within those areas.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Through additional brainstorming and research, the primary focus of the TOD area research has now been focused on research on the immediate neighborhoods surrounding the Pawtucket/Central Falls train station (otherwise known as the Conant Threads Zone).

- This quarter, research has been done, and this project is now in the data gathering phase. The goal of this research is to build a TOD profile that highlights several aspects of the area around Pawtucket/Central Falls Station.
- Research for the profile includes providing info about proximity to Boston, Providence, and TF Green. TOD aspects are also provided in this profile such as walkability score, zoning allowances and prohibited uses, housing data, attractions within zone, background and history, etc.
- While this profile is still in the data gathering phase, preparation for the next phase was also considered. The next phase may entail providing maps/visualizations of area to provide better aesthetics to TOD profile.

## 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 IIJA/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

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff continued to meet bi-weekly with the consultant team.
- The consultant team shared the second draft with the project management team, and the team provided comments and edits on the second draft
- The consultant team worked with the project team to brainstorm a proposed amendment to the scope and budget of the project that includes running a pilot of proposed STIP projects through the proposed complete streets process, and amending the process as needed for the final draft of the plan.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff continued to meet bi-weekly with the consultant team.
- The consultant team worked jointly with staff to run initial steps of the pilot project with the STIP solicitation projects, testing the exceptions and needs criteria and narrowing down the potential pilot project selection.

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff wrapped up the second phase of community engagement, including the following activities:
  - Tri-County HEZ Steering Committee Meeting
  - Meeting with the Narraganset Indian Tribe
  - Freight Advisory Committee Meeting
  - 02907 HEZ Steering Committee Meeting
  - Cranston HEZ Steering Committee Meeting
  - Woonsocket HEZ Community Meal
  - Central Providence HEZ Collaborative Meeting
  - Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council Speaker Series
  - Washington County HEZ Steering Committee Meeting
  - Hosted a workshop with HEZ and community-based organization staff
- Staff also performed qualitative and quantitative data analysis on the comments received from these engagement events and finalized the public engagement summary.
- Staff drafted the methodology of the transportation equity analysis, and presented to the TAC on the engagement findings, draft methodology, and project progress.
- Staff presented to the Public Participation Task Force on the engagement methods used during the transportation equity analysis engagement
- Staff continued drafting several sections of the draft Plan, including Baseline Conditions, Performance Measures, Revenue Projections, the Planning Framework, Trends, Bike Mobility Plan Progress, and the main plan document.
- Staff continued to meet bi-monthly with the working group
- This project is proceeding on time and on budget.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff finished drafting most sections of the draft Plan, including the main plan document, Baseline Conditions, Trends, Compendium of Plans, Pool of Projects, Performance Measures and Target Setting, Public Participation Plan, Public Participation Summary, Environmental Analysis, Air Quality Conformity, Planning Framework, Transportation Opportunity Analysis, Comply with Act on Climate State Supplement, and the State Rail Supplement. Only a couple of sections are still in process: Regionally Significant Projects & Travel Demand Model, Transit Master Plan Update, Revenue Projections and Fiscal

Constraint.

- Staff executed the draft plan phase of community engagement, including the following activities:
  - Two virtual listening sessions
  - Two in-person public meetings
  - Presentation to the League of Cities and Towns
  - Presentation to the RI AARP Volunteers
  - Presentation to Paths 2 Progress
  - Presentation to the Transportation Advisory Committee
  - Presentation to the State Planning Council
  - Presentation to the Technical Committee
  - Air Quality Conformity Consultation meeting
  - E-mail consultation for the Environmental Analysis
- Staff opened a public comment portal on SmartComment with most of the draft LRTP documents.
- Staff held inter-governmental coordination meetings with all neighboring MPOs and State DOTs.
- Staff presented to the Public Participation Task Force on the engagement findings from Phases 1 and 2 and how those findings were applied to the draft document
- Staff drafted an online Hub site to share information from the LRTP in an easily accessible format
- Staff continued to meet bi-monthly with the working group
- 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.

Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff drafted single-source solicitation documents to move forward with product purchase.
- ETSS started the process of conducting data security advisory meetings to ensure compliance with state data management policies and goals.
- Vendor generated product samples for Rhode Island and shared with staff.

Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- IT Governance process completed by ETSS and given approval to move forward
- RIDOA received necessary documents from vendor
- Staff encountered issue with RIDOA Purchasing regarding solicitation but in process of being solved.

**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.

Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- CEDS has been approved as an updated State Guide Plan element.

Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- This task was completed in Quarter 3.
- There are no accomplishments or updates to report for Quarter 4.

**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.

Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Housing staff has presented to the State Planning Council for a third time in Q3.
- Department of Housing staff is using Division's SmartComment tool to solicit input on draft Housing Plan, which will be released to public in early Q4.
- Staff continues to coordinate with Housing staff.

Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- The draft of Housing 2030 was released to the public and is currently undergoing revision before submission to Statewide Planning staff in Q1 of FY2026.
- Statewide Planning staff has not been involved in any Housing Plan tasks in Q4.

## 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 overtime.

**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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Continued drafting of technical paper on municipal zoning.
- Began drafting of new technical paper on RI Court decisions and land use enabling laws.

- 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, Rivers Council, and RIAPA.
- Provided 2 SGP implementation reviews for consistency with *LU 2025* for: WRB (2)
- Continued efforts to develop background data. Continued correspondence with DOA Division of State Purchases (DOA DSP) regarding contractor selection and insurance details for LU 2050 data services RFP award.
- A new principal planner joined the LU Staff on Dec 2, 2024, bringing the Team total to 3 FTE. Time was spent on onboarding new staff this quarter and continues into next quarter. This is the smallest Team within the Division and *LU 2525* was completed by 5 full time planners along with other support and data staff.
- Land Use 2050 also awaits population projections from the Data Services Team, which are presently being competed in-house.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Continued drafting of technical papers on RI municipal zoning/enabling laws and RI Supreme Court decisions related to land use decisions/enabling laws.
- 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, Rivers Council, and RIAPA.
- Provided 6 SGP implementation reviews for consistency with *LU 2025* for: CCP (3) DOH (1) DEM (1) WRB (1)
- Initiated kick-off meeting In May with LU 2050 Data Services consultant, HR&A, Began information and outreach for Phase 1 of project with consultant. Provided consultant oversight on data collection for future land use maps, zoning classifications, municipal parcels and building permit counts data. Conducted 6 Bi-weekly check-in virtual meetings with HR&A for consultant oversight and product development decisions.
- Land Use 2050 also awaits population and employment projections from the Data Services Team which will be available in Q1 of FY2026.

#### 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.

Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Continued with regular working group communications
- Submitted comments on draft plan chapters 1-3
- Met with DSP transportation team to coordinate transit/recreation policies
- Announcement from the National Park Service just changed their policy for Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Rec Plans. They can now cover a 10-year time horizon.

Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- DELAY- The National Park Service just changed their policy for Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans. They can now cover a 10-year time horizon. RIDEM will be likely requesting an extension from NPS to enable us to convert the in-process SCORP to a 10-year plan.

**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

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Held Technical Advisory Group Meeting
- Held in-person Public Workshop and Virtual Public Listening Session
- Continued to meet with Consultant and review draft deliverables including:
  - Waste Characterization Study and Existing Conditions Report
  - Draft Vision, Goals, and Objectives
  - Future Forecasts

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Held 3 Focus Group Meetings
- Participated in multiple SWOT meetings
- Continued to meet with consultant and reviewed final deliverables including:
  - Waste Characterization Study and Existing Conditions Report
- Continued to meet with consultant and reviewed final deliverables including:
  - Draft Vision, Goals, and Objectives
  - Future Forecasts
  - SWOT deliverable
  - Draft Best Management Practice

### **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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- In February, State Planning Council approved mid-performance target adjustments to system reliability and bridge conditions which are reflected in the web dashboard, which is fully up to date.
- This project is ongoing.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- The dashboard continues to be kept up to date – no action was needed in the last quarter.
- 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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- CAMA Vendor Progress: Delayed – Waiting on Municipal Parcel Survey Results
- Municipal Parcel Survey: Met with Department of Housing, to collaborate on municipal outreach on parcel survey, verifying parcel contacts, and discussed CAMA information needs. Outreach to assist municipalities with completing survey was delayed due to STIP Solicitation & Project Review deadlines.
- Attended bi-monthly NSGIC Parcels and Land Records Workgroup meeting where states discussed parcel opportunities/challenges. The Rhode Island 2023 Geospatial Maturity Assessment (GMA) parcel Geodatabase (GDB) and RI

- Municipal Parcels Resource Map data was used to update the 2025 GMA GDB and the national NSGIC GMA Parcel Access Map.
- Continued quarterly review of the Municipal Parcels Resource Map and updated parcel year, map symbology, websites, and municipal GIS contact information as needed.
- Coordinating a Statewide Parcel Initiative meeting to include a presentation by CT GIS Office (GISO), on their Statewide parcel development.

Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- CAMA Vendor Progress: Preparing municipal parcel survey results to provide needed information to support the development of the RIGIS CAMA Extract. RI CAMA Extract Field list is being updated to include Suppression field, indicating if owner information should be hidden
- Municipal Parcel Survey: Outreach is ongoing to municipalities that have not completed the survey. Currently, 14 out of 39 municipalities have yet to submit their responses.
- Collaboration with Connecticut GIO: Working Group met with CT GIO office to discuss the CT Statewide Parcel layer development including CT legislation, grant funding, staff, and standards.
- NSGIC Participation: Attended bi-monthly Parcels and Land Records Workgroup meeting. Discussions included REGRID/Esri Living Atlas meeting minutes and national parcels dataset. Work is underway on drafting a “Best Practices for a Successful Parcel Program” document.
- Municipal Parcels Resource Map: Continued quarterly review for needed updates. A python script was developed to automate checking for broken Weblinks. Many weblinks were updated.
- Parcel Subcommittee Formation: A smaller parcel subcommittee has been formed to focus on data review, survey completion, researching apps and best way to handle multi-unit properties. In the first meeting, the team reviewed a municipal survey response with associated parcel data and discussed workflow standards to ensure consistency among reviewers.

**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.

Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Both Streetlight and RITIS updated data for 2024 and provided software updates
- RIDOT using data to inform State Rail Plan, STIP prioritization and continued monitoring of traffic on and around the Washington Bridge
- RIDSP staff continues 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 and RIDSP are holding discussions with vendors about updating subscriptions for 2025-2026
- This is an ongoing contract with new elements being actively added.

Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Streetlight data downloaded due to end of contract. We will not renew for next year because data is now taking too long to be relevant on the bicycle/pedestrian corridors.

- RIDOT using data to inform State Rail Plan, STIP prioritization and continued monitoring of traffic on and around the Washington Bridge
- RIDSP staff continues 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.
- New subscriptions for 2025-2026 signed and include signal analytics for Traffic.

## 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.

### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Bid accepted.

- Business from previous contract tied up.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Work gathering data begun.
- Conducted several data requests.

### 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.
  - o 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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

##### Data

- The RIDOT **Roads 2016 layer has been marked deprecated**. A note added to RIDOT Roads 2016 layer. “The RIDOT Roads dataset has been placed in mature status. The E911 dataset should be used in its place.”
- **Imagery Services: 2011 RIDEM Ortho** service was republished as new image services. ([https://maps.edc.uri.edu/arcgis/rest/services/Atlas\\_imageryBaseMapsEarthCover/2011\\_RIDEM/MapServer](https://maps.edc.uri.edu/arcgis/rest/services/Atlas_imageryBaseMapsEarthCover/2011_RIDEM/MapServer)) no longer accessible.
  - Spring 2011 SPF [https://maps.edc.uri.edu/rigis/rest/services/IMG/RI\\_201104\\_RGBI\\_6in\\_spf/ImageServer](https://maps.edc.uri.edu/rigis/rest/services/IMG/RI_201104_RGBI_6in_spf/ImageServer)
  - Spring 2011 WGS84: [https://maps.edc.uri.edu/rigis/rest/services/IMG/RI\\_201104\\_RGBI\\_6in\\_web/ImageServer](https://maps.edc.uri.edu/rigis/rest/services/IMG/RI_201104_RGBI_6in_web/ImageServer)
- Exploring incorporation of ESRI Living Atlas layers, specifically the **American Community Survey (ACS)** data. The idea is to leverage the visualization expertise of the Living Atlas Team and make these products discoverable within RIGIS HUB.

#### RIGIS Data: Updated Data

We 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.

- Dams (2019) - RIDEM
- E-911 (Fire) - hosted view layer, filtered on Site Type P7
- E-911 (Police) - hosted view layer, filtered on Site Type P6
- E-911 (Ambulatory) - hosted view layer, filtered on Site Type P9
  - NOTE: Filtered E-911 data above will update automatically with future E-911 data updates
- RIPTA Bus Routes 2025 – RIPTA
- RIPTA Bus Stops 2025 – RIPTA
- Stone walls – Statewide dataset now available.

#### **RIGIS Data: Format Updates**

- Improve communication of the [Deprecated Feature Services Notice](#) page by adding a link to the [crosswalk for deprecated and new feature services](#).
- Republished approximately 20 datasets in the modern feature service format and in RI State Plane Feet NAD83 to reduce reliance on hosted .zip file footprint. The underlying data has not changed.

#### **Map Collection Applications**

- Updated: 1981 Imagery Download Collection Application
- Updated: 1988 Imagery Download Collection Application
- Under development: [Draft Atlas Maps](#) (using Portfolio Instant App)
  - First draft shared with G. Hoxie-Quinn for comment and feedback. Map content themes modeled after specifications in the Comprehensive Plan Guidance document.
- A draft application, [Portfolio ACS Living Atlas Layers](#), has been created to explore the best way to share this with the RIGIS community.

#### **INFO Page:**

- Posted the updated RIGIS flyer for the Anniversary Map Gallery summer event.
- Shared Winter 2025 Newsletter
- Posted RIGIS Logo Contest Information
- Removed 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Map Gallery posting

#### **3DHP**

- Meeting: (C. LaBash) 3/20/25 New England HydroCOMM meeting featuring Kristen Jaeger from the USGS's Washington Water Science Center leading a discussion of streamflow permanence and stream initiation in headwaters with examples, use cases, mapping approaches, and 3DHP considerations for ephemeral streams. Mention of the crowd-sourced USGS FLOWPER (FLOW PERmanence) Survey123 mobile field app to provide standardized data collection to map the presence of flow in streams informing modeling efforts of streamflow permanence. Adam Benthem, USGS National Map Liaison updated the group on the status of the New England Regional 3DHP DCA submission as being on hold. Funding for existing projects
- Meeting: (C. LaBash) 3/13/25 telecon with Fugro and RIDOSP on prospects for RI baseline 3DHP development, enhancements and topobathy mapping towards alignment with the USGS National Map integrated 3D National Topography Model (3DNTM).

#### **Special Land Use Commission:**

- Reviewed and provided comments on draft legislative report for statewide GIS enhancements.

## Miscellaneous

- Meeting with CRMC E. Hall on how best to update CRMC data. (A. Mandeville)
- Enabled site translation on RIGIS HUB and INFO HUB

## Metrics:

- 17 datasets have been republished this quarter as SPF NAD83 feature services
- 9 new or updated datasets have been published
- 12 fulfilled technical assistance requests

## Meetings Attended:

- Quarterly Executive Committee meeting at William Hall Library 3/20/25 (A. Mandeville)
- Submitted one quarterly progress report.
- Submitted one quarterly technical assistance summary documenting 7 fulfilled requests.

## Quarter 3 Explanation of Project Delay

### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

#### Published feature layers

- BIO\_Natural\_HeritageAreas\_June2025 – dataset submitted by P. Jordan, RIDEM.
- HYDRO\_CUSP\_Shoreline\_2022\_spf: Continually Updated Shoreline Product (CUSP) - data pulled from NOAA website.
- FACILITY\_Licensed\_Food\_Markets: Licensed Food Markets, geocoded addresses from RI Department of Health licensee database – dataset submitted by G. Hoxsie-Quinn, RIDOA.
- FACILITY\_Colleges\_2025 – dataset submitted by F. Donnelly, Brown University.
- FACILITY\_Hospitals\_2025 - dataset submitted by F. Donnelly, Brown University.
- FACILITY\_Public\_Libraries\_2023 - dataset submitted by F. Donnelly, Brown University.
- FACILITY\_Schools\_pk12\_2025 - dataset submitted by F. Donnelly, Brown University. Image layers
- Winter 25/25 Imagery
  - RI SPF NAD83:  
[https://maps.edc.uri.edu/rigis/rest/services/IMG/RI\\_202412\\_RGB\\_3in\\_spf/ImageServer](https://maps.edc.uri.edu/rigis/rest/services/IMG/RI_202412_RGB_3in_spf/ImageServer)
  - WGS84 Web Mercator meters:  
[https://maps.edc.uri.edu/rigis/rest/services/IMG/RI\\_202412\\_RGB\\_3in\\_web/ImageServer](https://maps.edc.uri.edu/rigis/rest/services/IMG/RI_202412_RGB_3in_web/ImageServer)

Republished the following data as modern feature service format and in RI State Plane Feet NAD83 to reduce reliance on hosted .zip file footprint. The underlying data has not changed.

- BND\_Districts RI Senate 2016
- BND\_Districts RI House 2016
- BND\_Districts Congress 2016
- HYDRO\_CRMC Preserved wetlands
- HYDRO\_NarrBay Estuarine and Marine Wetlands\_Trends\_Analysis
- HYDRO\_NarrBay Estuarine Habitat
- HYDRO\_South Coastal Estuarine Habitat
- PLAN Land Use Adjacent to Wetlands
- SOILS Subaqueous soils sample points
- TRANS State Hiking Trails

- TRANS\_RIDOT Bike Paths

- 2 NOTICES of layer retirement were sent via the RIGIS google group.
- 76 feature services were unshared from the RIGIS HUB and are no longer available. These services are inaccessible to users but have not been completely removed from ArcGIS Online at this time. (6/26/25)

### 3DHP

- Provided editorial feedback to the RIGIS Coordinator on a draft 3DHP survey to be circulated among RI hydrographic data stakeholders.
- During April and May we reviewed draft JFA and Statement of Work for MA-RI cooperative Narragansett, Manhan, & Upper Hoosic 3DHP Elevation Derived Hydrography data development initiative.

### Outreach

- Added Spring Newsletter to Info RIGIS page
- Added Land Use 2020 symbology reference .pdf file to [Documents and Standards page](#).
- Added link to data page to Data and metadata submission
- Removed logo contest from Info RIGIS page
- Updated [Imagery Story Map](#) to include 2024 Spring and 2025 Winter aerial imagery.
  - Fixed links to point to new download apps created in FY 24 / FY25

### Enterprise System Administration

- Continued collaboration with URI ITS staff on mutual plan to transition locally hosted RIGIS services to Amazon AWS during calendar year 2025.
- Began evaluation of Esri ArcGIS Enterprise software version 11.5, released in May 2025.

### Miscellaneous

- Removed links pointing to Rhode Island town's GIS that were still discoverable outside of the Municipal Resources application. These results were showing up first in Google search results. These are not up to date.
- Provided details for NSGIC Geospatial Maturity Assessment survey for Elevation Theme and Hydrography Theme.

### Land Use 2050 – Rachel Goldsmith & Harman Dhodi

- Shared the process that the EDC has used to generate unique parcel ids among the 39 towns.
- Shared RIGIS metadata requirements and sample template to use for their data.
- Shared numeric town identifier to use with Zoning and Land use databases.

### Ready Set Rhody – Ian Conconnon, Stefan Bengtson, Ariel Sasser (Fuss & O'Neill)

- Established partnered collaboration between URI/EDC AGOL & Fuss & O'Neill AGOL
- Created a skeleton StoryMap, WebMap & Experience Builder for Fuss & O'Neill
- members to edit and build their applications.

### Metrics:

- 11 datasets have been republished this quarter as SPF NAD83 feature services
  - To date, 128 feature services have been republished.
- 7 new or updated datasets have been published
- 15 fulfilled technical assistance requests
- Website statistics per Google Analytics:

- RIGIS data clearinghouse (<https://www.rigis.org>)

- total users: 11,106
- sessions: 20,851
- page views: 66,624

- RIGIS information & resources website (<https://info.rigis.org>)

- total users: 1,002
- sessions: 1,158
- page views: 7,369

### Meetings Attended:

- Participated in New England Regional 3DHP meeting at MassGIS in Boston 4/22/25 (C. LaBash)
- RIDSP & URI/EDC 5/1/2025 (A. Mandeville, C. LaBash, G. Bonyng)
- Rhode Island Digital Government Summit 5/7/2025 (A. Mandeville)
- Data Distribution Working group 6/6/2025 (A. Mandeville)
- Ready Set Rhody 6/11/25, 6/23/25 (A. Mandeville)
- Land Use 2050 6/11/25 (A. Mandeville)
- Quarterly Executive Committee meeting at Warwick Central Library 6/12/25 (A. Mandeville)
- Submitted one quarterly progress report
- Submitted one quarterly technical assistance summary documenting ## fulfilled requests.

### 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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Conducted 1 meeting of the ACE to finalize content slides for new 1-hour update and updated 3-hour virtual workshops.
- Continued to conduct virtual training workshops for local officials by Zoom – trained a total of 132 participants from 23 communities
  - 1-hour mandated annual update: Delivered four 1-hour workshops for 79 participants from 23 communities
    - Jan 16 – 17 participants from 9 communities
    - Jan 23 - 19 participants from 12 communities
    - Feb 6 - 21 participants from 13 communities
    - March 19 – 22 participants from 12 communities
  - 3-hour mandated Introductory workshop – Delivered three 3-hour workshops for 53 participants from 23 communities
    - Jan 30 – 20 participants from 13 communities
    - Feb 27 - 15 participants from 5 communities
    - March 27 - 18 participants from 11 communities
- Received 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.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Conducted 1 meeting of the ACE to begin planning for 2<sup>nd</sup> annual in person Rhode Island Local Officials Training Summit (RILOTS)
  - Researched venues, space availability and accessibility.
  - Working to reserve the Crowne Plaza, Warwick, RI for November 15 ,2025.
- Continued to conduct virtual training workshops for local officials by Zoom – In 2025, from Quarter 2 to Quarter 4 - trained a total of 238 participants from 32 communities
  - Delivered three 1-hour workshops for 1-hour mandated annual update training
    - April 8<sup>th</sup> – 21 participants from 14 communities
    - May 16<sup>th</sup> - 16 participants from 11 communities
    - June 6<sup>th</sup> - 19 participants from 13 communities
    - June 26<sup>th</sup> – 19 participants from 8 communities
  - Delivered two 3-hour workshops for mandated 3-hour Introductory workshop training
    - April 29<sup>th</sup> - 23 participants from 15 communities
    - May 30<sup>th</sup> - 9 participants from 7 communities
- Received signature of RIHPHC on amendment to existing CA for HDC training with National Alliance.
- Continued to work with URI NEMO on developing online stormwater training opportunities.
- Waiting on URI CRC/DEM for work on updating the [PrepRI](#) webpage concerning coastal resilience education.
- Completed the [2025 Annual Legislative Summary](#) and began working on updated content for delivering training for 1-hour annual update remote training for local officials in next UPWP.

#### 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, Geo Event 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 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter by ESRI to give overview of the Enterprise Agreement and how to get the most out of it

Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Enterprise Agreement 101 course planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter by ESRI to give overview of the Enterprise Agreement has been delayed.
- Staff has been attending regular meetings with ESRI and RIDOT staff on training needs and resources.

Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff continues to iron out licensing availability, training needs and available ESRI resources through the Enterprise Agreement

**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 multi patch 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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Meeting with USGS GPSC contractor, Fugro and the RI partnership team to go through pilot data delivery feedback. Discussed 2D building detection process and accuracy thresholds. Went through LiDAR point cloud vegetation height classification and the resulting low number of points in Class 3 – low vegetation (0 – 3 ft).
- Fugro reviewed and adjusted vegetation classification macros and provided examples of their being able to include more points into Class 3 low vegetation (0 – 3 ft). They are applying these adjustments project-wide and are on track to meet the scheduled delivery milestones.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- URI EDC drafted LiDAR apps to show during the Rhode Island Digital Government Summit in early May.
- Received the Data Validation (Lot 3) delivery (424 GB) on a portable 2 TB WD My Passport SATA hard drive storage unit from Fugro on 30 April consisting of statewide 2D building footprints, 3D building extraction layer, vector contours 1 ft interval, digital surface model (DSM) and additional LiDAR point cloud classifications for vegetation height low (class 3' 0-3ft), medium (class 4; 3-16 ft) high (class 5, > 16 ft) and buildings (class 6). All data were transferred to local storage and transferred storage unit to RIGIS coordinator for RIDOSP archive.
- Met with the RI USGS National Map Liaison, Adam Benthem and Molly Boughan, USGS National Geospatial Technical Operations Center to discuss whether USGS would serve the RI statewide enhanced LiDAR point cloud with additional vegetation and building classifications through the National Map geospatial data clearinghouse.
- discovered about ¼ of the 461,312 records of attribute fields in the Building\_Models\_3D multipatch layer had entirely blank text fields and numerical fields with values of 0. Brought this to the attention of Fugro and they acknowledged the oversight and indicated they will work to send over a revised/corrected dataset.
- Created new landing page for [Statewide Lidar Enhancements](#)
- Created [Inspection Validation of LiDAR Enhancement Products App](#): The application was designed to allow the RIGIS community to flag areas for inspection. Comments logged here will be shared with Fugro for further inspection

## 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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- RIDSP and Commerce review submissions for the request for proposals for “Ready, Set, Rhody” in January and chose a consultant. A contract was signed, and the project kick-off was scheduled for April 2025.
- RIDSP staff issued a new call for municipal projects using the resilience funding from the EC4, with a deadline of April 4.
- RIDSP staff continues to work with the RIIB on review of applications submitted by municipalities for resiliency project implementation grant funding.
- RIDSP staff assisted the RIDEM with choosing consultants for the RI Climate Action Strategy, the next step in the implementation of the Act on Climate. A kickoff meeting was held for the project and listening sessions were scheduled.
- This project is proceeding on time and on budget as outlined in the Work Plan.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- The project kickoff meeting was held, and regular bi-weekly management meetings are continuing.
- GIS data from the twelve “Main Street”-type small downtown areas in the state have been collected. Base maps were created as a start to the vulnerability assessments.
- Public listening sessions for the *RI Climate Action Strategy* have been held. Modelling is being performed by the consultant team.
- RIDSP has chosen a new municipal project using resilience funding from the EC4: the Town of Narragansett will receive a municipal ordinance review to identify opportunities for incorporating standards into municipal regulations and other planning instruments to increase resilience against repetitive flooding.
- 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.

Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- RIDSP, the RIIB, and the Cumberland Planning Department finalized the consultant’s memo on the results of their review of Cumberland’s ordinances, regulations, and policies.
- Core project management team meetings continued to be held.
- The ordinance review memo was distributed to Town officials and project partners.
- Another meeting with project partners was held on February 26, which was advertised via an article in a local newspaper and an announcement in the mayor’s email newsletter.
- A public meeting was held on March 19 in Cumberland; approximately twenty people attended.
- This project is proceeding on time and on budget as outlined in the Work Plan.

Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- RIDSP, the consultants, and the Cumberland Planning Department reviewed draft language for Cumberland’s ordinances, regulations, and policies, specifically for Special Flood Hazard Areas and Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination.
- Core project management team meetings continued to be held.
- 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.

Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- The PMT held two public presentations in Warren and Bristol, and online (Warren only). Approximately forty-five people attended both meetings and online (total).
- The PMT finished work on the final plan.
- The PMT ended its monthly meetings, updated the [project website](#) to include the final plan, and concluded the project in February 2025.
- This project proceeded on time and on budget, as outlined in the Work Plan.
- This project has been completed.

Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- This project has been completed 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- We have continued our monthly project management team meetings, holding regular scheduled meetings from Jan-Mar of 2025.
- During this period our consultant, Toole Design Group completed a Draft of our “Existing Conditions Report” for review and comment by the Project Management Team.
- Virtual Stakeholder Interview’s continued as part of our Phase 1 Public Outreach and Engagement in the months of January and February.
- Public Workshop #1 was held at the East Providence Weaver Public Library on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Attendance was good as we interacted with about 50 East Providence residents as well as members of the East Providence City Council and the Mayor at this “Open House” style workshop. Feedback about the Existing Conditions of the bike and pedestrian network in East Providence was solicited from workshop participants.
- The Project management Team has begun discussing the project goals, policies, and potential performance measures for the Plan at a recent monthly meeting.
- The Project Management Team has also begun planning for two additional “Pop Up Events” to be held outdoors in the month of May and June as part of Phase 2 of our Public Outreach and Engagement for the Plan.
- As of the beginning of April 2025 we have now received seven invoices from Toole Design Group in the amount total of **\$47,850.00** and have paid all seven invoices for a total expense to date of **\$47,850.00** for the project. The contract amount is **\$190,000 total.**
- This project is proceeding on time and on budget as outlined in the Work Plan.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- We have continued our monthly project management team meetings, holding regular scheduled meetings from April-June of 2025
- As planned, we held two public engagement “Pop Up Events” as part of Phase 2 of our Public Outreach and Engagement for the Plan.
- These events were the “Pop-Up Event” held at Borealis Coffee Company along the East Bay Bike Path in Riverside on Sunday June 14, 2025, from 10:00am to 1:00pm where we discussed the *East Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan* and our Draft bike and pedestrian network recommendations with about 40-45 city residents throughout the event.

- The second event was the “Pop-Up Event” held at the Crescent Park “Concerts in the Park” event on Thursday July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm where we discussed our Draft bike and pedestrian network recommendations with another 30-40 city residents throughout the event.
- The team began reviewing Draft “Programs and Policies” recommendations for the Plan as provided by Toole Design Group as well as well as beginning discussion of Strategic Improvement Plan projects methodology and approach.
- As of July 2025, we have now received ten invoices from Toole Design Group in the amount total of **\$86,375.57** and have paid all ten invoices for a total expense to date of **\$86,375.57** for the project. The contract amount is **\$190,000** total.
- 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.

Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- RIDSP staff issued a project solicitation call to municipalities in March 2025, to be open or one month.
- The extra criterion for the municipal transportation planning project was for projects that will enhance local economic development and retain/attract businesses.
- The due date for municipal proposals is April 4.

Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- The Town of Lincoln was chosen to receive technical assistance for active transportation to enhance economic development.
- Staff worked with the Lincoln Town Planner and Town Engineer to create a scope of work and request for proposals (RFP) to hire a consultant to assist with the project.
- Due to the implementation of a new state purchasing system which has delayed the RFP from going out to bid, the timeline has fallen behind. It is anticipated that the RFP will be issued in July 2025.
- This project is proceeding on budget.

**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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- ArcGIS Online web app showing municipalities with links to Census Bureau Profiles was published and edits made.
- Monograph concept transitioned to an Almanac concept and staff has begun work on a statewide version and a municipality version

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff continued to develop draft state and municipal almanacs utilizing Census data and ESRI ArcGIS applications.

### **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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Task complete

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Task Complete

### **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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff continues to review draft standards guidelines.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Draft GIS Data Delivery Requirements were created for contracts that contain GIS data deliverables for transportation related projects to ensure the data's compatibility with Linear Referencing System (LRS)-based transportation networks.
- RIDOA staff presented draft document to RIDOT GIS staff for feedback.
- Created a GIS Standards Teams Channel with members from RIDOA and RIDOT GIS staff and provided a shared copy of the Draft GIS Data Delivery Requirements for review and comments.

## 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.

#### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Decision has been made to not go out to complete this project utilizing internal staff time and no additional cost.

#### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff developed draft projections utilizing past projections methodologies. Preliminary review of draft projections was started with plans for editing and further review by DSP planning areas to take place in the first quarter of FY 26.

## 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.

### Quarter 3 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Forecasting process started

### Quarter 4 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Draft results completed at municipal level
- Work begun on allocation to TAZ level

## Part II – Financial Reports



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

Account Number	Account Name	FY 2024 Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Expense	Variance
1170102/1165101	Systems Planning	681,670	681,670	766,817	(85,147)
1165101	EFSB	14,559	14,559	6,991	7,568
	CBO	32,130	32,130	28,036	4,094
1171101	FTA	664,126	664,126	587,220	76,906
1170101	FHWA	1,830,668	1,830,668	1,941,890	(111,222)
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,223,153</b>	<b>3,223,153</b>	<b>3,330,954</b>	<b>(107,801)</b>

Contractual and Pass Thru Grants

Match	OTHER	671,086	671,086	254,000	417,086 *
Match	URI	19,000	19,000	5,260	13,740 *
Match	RIPTA	90,000	90,000		90,000 *
Match	RIDOT	1,045,675	1,045,675	488,806	556,869 *
1165101	SWP	238,205	238,205	49,801	188,404
1171101	FTA	733,308	733,308	221,933	511,375
1170101	FHWA	1,482,928	1,482,928	1,367,888	115,040
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,454,441</b>	<b>2,454,441</b>	<b>1,639,622</b>	<b>814,819</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5,677,594</b>	<b>5,677,594</b>	<b>4,970,576</b>	<b>707,018</b>

\* Match component not included in totals

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

		Total		1171101	1170101		
611000 Regular Wages	0.652	1,912,748.11	421,417.54	382,618.57	1,085,880.92	4,556.83	18,274.26
616200 Family Medical Insurance Coverage	0.0012	3,584.84	775.62	704.21	2,063.00	8.39	33.63
619000 Family Medical Waiver Bonus		-	-	-	-	-	-
620100 Payroll Accruals	0.1412	421,816.62	91,264.04	82,861.57	242,746.60	986.85	3,957.55
620700 Employees Retirement- State Contribution	0.0008	2,389.90	517.08	469.47	1,375.33	5.59	22.42
621110 Social Security ( FICA)	0.048	143,393.75	31,024.60	28,168.24	82,520.09	335.47	1,345.34
624110 Medical Insurance	0.0873	260,797.38	56,426.00	51,230.98	150,083.42	610.14	2,446.84
624120 Dental Care	0.0058	17,326.74	3,748.81	3,403.66	9,971.18	40.54	162.56
624130 Vision Care	0.0009	2,688.63	581.71	528.15	1,547.25	6.29	25.23
624210 Retirees Medical Insurance		-	-	-	-	-	-
625200 Worker's Compensation Payment		-	-	-	-	-	-
626100 Assessed Fringe	0.0253	75,580.46	16,352.55	14,847.01	43,494.97	176.82	709.11
626300 Retiree Health Insurance	0.0378	112,922.58	24,431.88	22,182.49	64,984.57	264.18	1,059.46
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>1.0003</b>	<b>2,953,249.01</b>	<b>646,539.82</b>	<b>587,014.34</b>	<b>1,684,667.34</b>	<b>6,991.10</b>	<b>28,036.41</b>
637100 Clerical Services		-	-	-	-	-	-
633001 Training / Education		-	-	-	-	-	-
637300 Other Temporary Services		-	-	-	-	-	-
634001 Design/Surveying		-	-	-	-	-	-
631200 Management Consultants		-	-	-	-	-	-
634300 Surveyor Services		-	-	-	-	-	-
634500 Other design,Engineering		30,964.88	30,964.88	-	-	-	-
641001		-	-	-	-	-	-
641300 Maintenance Repairs: Software		-	-	-	-	-	-
641400 Maintenance Repairs: Office Equipment		1,368.00	342.00	205.20	820.80	-	-
641600 Maintenance Repairs: Other Equipment		-	-	-	-	-	-
643030 Food		45.00	45.00	-	-	-	-
643110 Office Supplies: (Less than 5,000)		3,375.92	600.00	-	2,775.92	-	-
643120 Computer Supplies		2,107.79	421.56	-	1,686.23	-	-
643150 Program Supplies ( Less than 5,000)		-	-	-	-	-	-
643200 Dues/Fees		75,528.40	892.00	-	74,636.40	-	-
643300 Subscriptions		1,200.16	-	-	1,200.16	-	-
645310 Rent		-	-	-	-	-	-
643410 Postage and Postal Services		2,081.93	2,081.93	-	-	-	-
643420 Express Delivery		-	-	-	-	-	-
643430 Freight		-	-	-	-	-	-
643440 Central mailing		-	-	-	-	-	-
643614 Other Advertising		-	-	-	-	-	-
643611 Print Advertising		3,420.45	-	-	3,420.45	-	-
643620 Printing- Outside Vendors		-	-	-	-	-	-
643700 Miscellaneous Expenses		10,088.84	1,440.01	-	8,648.83	-	-
643710 Staff Training		7,257.31	2,654.00	-	4,603.31	-	-
634510 Electricity		-	-	-	-	-	-
643801 Insurance		-	-	-	-	-	-
660010 Building Renovations and Upgrades		-	-	-	-	-	-
645510 Rental/Electric		13,087.08	3,926.12	-	9,160.96	-	-
645310 Rental/Property		100,900.92	30,270.27	-	70,630.65	-	-
646200 Mileage Allowance- Personal Cars		1,712.12	4.20	-	1,707.92	-	-
646301 Out of State Travel		-	-	-	-	-	-
646310 Out of State Transportation		3,717.24	616.91	-	3,100.33	-	-
646320 Out of State Lodging		11,340.02	-	-	11,340.02	-	-
646330 Out of State Registration		(674.65)	-	-	(674.65)	-	-
646340 Out of State Other		2,925.00	-	-	2,925.00	-	-
646400 Other Travel Costs		483.25	-	-	483.25	-	-
648110 Central Telephone		-	-	-	-	-	-
648200 Telephone Charges		588.92	588.92	-	-	-	-
648112 ISF Overhead		18,969.11	10,969.11	-	8,000.00	-	-
649120 Fees- Single Audit		-	-	-	-	-	-
654130 Sub Awards		1,639,621.83	49,800.52	221,932.85	1,367,888.46	-	-
647900 DOIT Billing		65,400.46	29,754.38	-	35,646.08	-	-
661605 Furniture/Equipment		-	-	-	-	-	-
661701 Computer Equipment		13,531.32	4,706.26	-	8,825.06	-	-
662150 Capital Lease		8,286.12	-	-	8,286.12	-	-
699200 Authorized Red Balances		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Non Personnel</b>		<b>2,017,327.42</b>	<b>170,078.07</b>	<b>222,138.05</b>	<b>1,625,111.30</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>4,970,576.43</b>	<b>816,617.89</b>	<b>809,152.39</b>	<b>3,309,778.64</b>	<b>6,991.10</b>	<b>28,036.41</b>