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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

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

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Activity 5 – Freight Planning Implementation

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Activity 6 – Transportation Planning and Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility

- **Special Task 6a - TOD Area Study**
- **Special Task 6b.- State Guide Plan 611, Moving Forward RI 2050, Long-Range Transportation Plan Update**
- **Project 6.1: Complete Streets Plan / Design Guidelines**
- **Project 6.3: Pedestrian Infrastructure Inventory**

Activity 7 – Long-Range Land Use & Transportation Planning

- **Special Task 7a – Developing State Housing Plan – Housing 2030**
- **Project 7.4: State Guide Plan 121: Land Use 2050**
- **Project 7.5: State Guide Plan: Ocean State Outdoors: Rhode Island State Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)**
- **Project 7.6: State Guide Plan: Rhode Island Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan**

Activity 9 – Planning Information and Education

- **Special Task 9a - Statewide Parcel Initiative**
- **Special Task 9b – Municipal Boundary Edits – GIS**

- **Special Task 9c –Transportation Performance Management Dashboard**
- **Project 9.1: Vehicle Probe Transportation Dataset and Eastern Transportation Coalition**
- **Project 9.2: Transportation, Air Quality Modeling**
- **Project 9.4: Environmental Data Center Partnership - RIGIS Geospatial Database**
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- **Special Task 11a – ADA Assessment**

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 – City of East Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan**
- **Project 13.2 “Community Planning for a Livable Future” Technical Assistance Program- Complete Streets Study of The Neighborhoods of Saylesville and Lonsdale**

Activity 16 – State Data Center

- **Special Task 16a - Municipal Almanac Series**
- **Special Task 16b - GIS Data Delivery Standard**
- **Project 16.1: Population Projections**
- **Project 16.2: Employment Projections**

Part II – Financial Reports

Activity 2 – State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

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

Special Tasks

Special Task 2a - 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.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- The FFY 2026-2035 STIP Rewrite was brought to the Transportation Advisory Committee in August 2025 and was recommended for adoption by the State Planning Council, who voted to adopt the program at their September 11, 2025, meeting.
- STIP 26-35 was forwarded to the Governor's office for approval on September 16th for concurrence and was then forwarded to our federal partners for approval. FHWA and FTA submitted the approval of the STIP rewrite on September 18th, 2025.
- The adoption and federal approval of STIP 26-35 means this project is complete.
- Staff stands ready to review and amend the STIP on an as-needed basis.

Special Task 2b- Update STIP MOU for Amendment Procedures

Conduct an update to the STIP MOU for amendment procedures.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- RIDOT, RIPTA, and RIDSP staff decided to focus on completing the STIP 26-35 rewrite before shifting to the review and amendment of the MOU.
- Now that the rewrite has been completed, staff will discuss changes and edits to the MOU in the coming months.

Projects

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

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: RIDOT

Contact Person: Mason Perrone

Schedule for Completion: This project is now under a maintenance and enhancement contract.

Products/Deliverables:

- SWIFT Application enhancements and maintenance program; E-STIP Manager and Viewer database management.

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. While the SWIFT platform has been completed and deployed, we

will now work on maintenance and enhancement of the platform to make improvements that resulted from the STIP Solicitation held in 2025. Other elements of this project such as scoring criteria and municipal guidance will be amended as needed for the next iteration of STIP solicitation.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$320,750 (\$8,000 RIDSP; \$144,375FHWA; \$8,000 FTA; \$160,375 RIDOT)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- In July of 2025, the period of performance for the existing ESRI SWIFT contract was extended to the end of 2025 for final changes to be made under the existing cost agreement.
- RIDOT and ESRI are continuing conversations about future development needs which will be housed under a new contract, with the remaining work under the current contract focused on support and deployment.
- RIDOT and RIDSP plan to meet with ESRI to discuss longer term maintenance agreements with this service moving forward.
- RIDOT and RIDSP staff continue to work with PMG to integrate the newest data into STIP manager and viewer after the approval of the 2026-2035 STIP in September 2025. These services were running in a staging environment until the end of FFY 2025 so edits could still be made to the 2022-2031 STIP concurrently as STIP 26-35 was being 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)

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.

- In replacement of a 2025 annual report, conduct research for developing the next rewrite of the 2020 CMP final plan for 2026 in consultation with the Congestion Management Task Force. This entails researching updates to the core structure of the CMP to make the document potentially more efficient in conveying congestion management best practices and data. The aim is to omit any congestion data and/or areas of focus from previous plans that may not be beneficial to stakeholders, while providing new data where applicable. CMP GIS StoryMap Update: Update the congestion management online *ESRI* hosted ArcGIS StoryMaps utilizing 2024 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)

- Congestion Management Task Force Meeting was held on 7/15/2025. Presentation was on new strategies to be potentially modeled for carbon reduction (RIDOT presentation).
- 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 ways to add in additional sections or areas that would benefit the document.

- Research and data gathering was initiated where other MPO's and congestion management agency's congestion management processes were investigated. The goal was to investigate how each organization's CMP was structured and what/how to information was presented. The overarching goal was to take some ideas from the research and consider making changes for the next CMP rewrite.
- The findings for this research will be used to present at the final congestion management task force meeting for calendar year 2025.

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. The 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 RIPTA)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Tier 2 Evaluation completed (detailed analysis of two potential Bus Rapid Transit corridors and two potential Light Rail corridors).
- Technical Working Group meeting held 9/30/2025.
- Preparing for stakeholder outreach to select a Local Preferred Alternative.

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): –\$129,402 (\$79,402FTA; \$50,000 RIPTA)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Report complete.
- Final payment to vendor 7/10/2025.
- Preparing to submit final reimbursement request to Division of Statewide Planning.

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: 18 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)

- Cost and Ridership Projections in process.
- Project paused to enable focus on RIPTA budget and service reduction process.

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: 18 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)

- Funding strategies update in progress
- Preparing to begin work on benefits document
- Project paused to enable focus on RIPTA budget and service reduction process

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

Conduct 2-3 freight tours/events at key freight facilities to educate municipalities on an increased understanding of freight trends and give opportunities for the Freight Advisory Committee to witness freight in action. 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)

- Staff has coordinated possible tours with Amazon & JF Moran Trucking within the coming months.
- Amazon has delayed a tour of the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Johnston several times, but staff anticipates a tour taking place sometime this fall or early winter.
- Staff will explore other tour possibilities, including the Newport & Narragansett Bay Railroad.

Projects

Project 5.1: Freight and Goods Movement Plan Update with Statewide Truck Parking Assessment Appendix

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: RIDOT

Contact Persons: Asher Eskind and Benny Bergantino

Products / Deliverables

- Updated and Compliant Statewide Freight and Goods Movement Plan
- Statewide Truck Parking Assessment as an Appendix to the Plan
- Freight Commodity Flow Analysis and Freight Forecast Study
- Executive Summary

Project Description: Rhode Island's Freight and Goods Movement Plan was developed to address the MAP-21 and FAST Act requirements to address freight mobility within a statewide multimodal infrastructure network. The Plan was approved by FHWA on August 18, 2022 and will expire on August 18, 2026. This project will fulfil the new IIJA/BIL requirement that the Plan must be updated every four years. This update will include all the required elements of a State Freight Plan as required by 49 U.S.C. § 70202 to ensure that Rhode Island maintains eligibility for the National Highway Freight Program formula funds. All additional requirements from the passage of IIJA/BIL, along with any directives provided through Executive Order, will be incorporated into this State Freight Plan update. We will also update the required freight investment plan to include a project list as required by 49 U.S.C. § 70202 (b).

The Plan update will be completed by a combination of staff work and contractor assistance in consultation with the Freight Advisory Committee and other public and private sector stakeholders. The contractor assistance will primarily include work to update the State of Rhode Island Freight Commodity Flow and Freight Forecast Study, the Statewide Truck Parking Assessment, and assistance with any related data and mapping. Additionally, we will include an item for the consultant to provide grant writing assistance for freight ITS infrastructure implementation.

Freight Commodity Flow and Freight Forecast Study

Requirements for state freight commodity flows come directly from 49 U.S.C. § 70202 (b) (11). The Freight and Goods Movement Plan catalogued commodity flows by mode coming into, leaving, passing through, and circulating within Rhode Island. Quantities were expressed in both current terms and estimations for 2050 flows. The update uses the same planning horizon, with more recent figures for commodity flows by mode.

State Truck Parking Assessment Appendix

MAP-21 and the FAST Act enacted Jason's Law which identified requirements for states to identify, monitor, and improve parking for trucks and to address the shortage of long-term truck parking and improve safety for trucks parking along the National Highway System.

The Freight and Good Movement Plan identified truck parking demand constraints within Rhode Island highlighting the state's current efforts to monitor truck parking spaces along with the need to address existing and future growth challenges. The Plan identified the need to better understand the supply and demand of Rhode Island's existing truck parking infrastructure, the systems gaps, future needs statewide, and to add expanded capacity for parking and services if feasible. To this end, a Statewide Truck Parking Assessment will be added as an Appendix to the update of the Freight and Goods Movement Plan.

The Truck Parking Assessment will build upon the findings from the 2022 Truck Parking Study advancing the key objectives of documenting truck parking supply, demand factors, improvement opportunities, statewide needs, projects for prioritization, and performance metrics. The Assessment will include the following analyses:

- The capability of the State, together with the private sector in the State, to provide adequate parking facilities and rest facilities for commercial motor vehicles engaged in interstate transportation.

- The volume of commercial motor vehicle traffic in the State; and
- Any areas within the State with a shortage of adequate commercial motor vehicle parking facilities, including an analysis (economic or otherwise, as the State determines to be appropriate) of the underlying causes of such a shortage.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$350,000 (\$30,000 RIDSP; \$100,000 FHWA; \$20,000 FTA, \$200,000 RIDOT)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Freight Plan Update RFP, which will also include the added Statewide Truck Parking Assessment Appendix and updated Freight Forecast for Rhode Island, has been completed and will be solicited to vendors by purchasing.
- Staff has begun updating of the main body of the Freight Plan.

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 - 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 or provide information on the current state of the areas surrounding the rail stations. 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 as 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)

- The primary focus of the TOD area research conducted was on research on the immediate neighborhoods surrounding the Pawtucket/Central Falls train station (otherwise known as the Conant Thread Zone).
- This quarter continued research has been done within 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 was continued for the profile that included providing information 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.
- Data gathering for the socioeconomic profile of this area was conducted. This research focused on income per capita, housing data, occupation, degree attainment, and other social characteristics for all of the census tracts within ½ mile of Pawtucket Central Falls Station.

Special Task 6b.- State Guide Plan 611, Moving Forward RI 2050, Long-Range Transportation Plan Update

State Guide Plan 611, [Moving Forward RI 2050](#), Long-Range Transportation Plan Update - 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. The LRTP will be designed to satisfy federal regulations related to a long-range statewide transportation plan and a metropolitan transportation plan. This is the final year of a 2.5-year planning process. Staff will continue work to finalize the updated elements of the LRTP in-house in Q1 of FY26 and submit the final document for approvals during Q1 and Q2.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff finished making changes to the plan based on the first draft phase of community engagement and finalized all sections of the final draft plan.
- Staff executed the final draft plan phase of community engagement per requirements for public hearings and public comment periods for state guide plan elements, including the following activities:
 - 20-day notice of public hearing posted
 - One virtual listening session
 - One in-person public hearing
 - Presentation to the Transportation Advisory Committee of the draft public hearing report and plan
 - Presentation to the State Planning Council of the draft public hearing report and plan
- Staff opened a 31-day public comment portal on SmartComment with all final draft LRTP documents.
- Staff continued drafting an online Hub site to share information from the LRTP in an easily accessible format.
- Staff began meeting with an inter-agency implementation group to prepare for plan implementation.
- Staff continued to meet bi-monthly with the working group
- This project is proceeding on time and on budget.

Projects

Project 6.1: Complete Streets Plan / Design Guidelines

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: RIDOT, RIPTA

Contact Persons: Mason Perrone and Liza Farr

Schedule for Completion: 2.5 years, with completion expected by the end of FY 26

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 planning funding is being set-aside for this project 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 CompleteStreets.
- 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.

- Pilot implementation of the draft Complete Streets process recommendations on a selection of projects. The findings from this pilot will inform the final recommendations.

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): \$113,884 (\$17,099 RIDSP; \$86,785 FHWA; \$10,000 FTA) *

** 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.
- The consultant team began sharing the third draft with the project management team, and the team provided comments and edits on the third draft
- Staff and the consultant team met with municipalities and RIDOT on the selection of pilot projects
- The consultant team worked on the design and cost estimation steps of the pilot projects.

Project 6.3: Pedestrian Infrastructure Inventory

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: Municipality (TBD), RIDOT

Contact Persons: Mason Perrone, Asher Eskind

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 to estimate the impacts of specific types of complete streets elements.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$100,000 (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 is currently in conversations with RIDOT on a possible agreement to bundle this project into the State’s aerial imagery contract.
- We should have more information on the potential contract agreement in the next quarter.

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 – Developing State Housing Plan – Housing 2030

Updating State Guide Plan Housing Elements 421, [State Housing Plan 2000](#) & 423, [Rhode Island Five Year Strategic Housing Plan 2006-2010](#) is underway by the Department of Housing. Housing 2030 is anticipated to come before the SPC for hearing and approval in Q1 and Q2 of FY 2026.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Met with Executive Office of Housing staff to discuss timeline for adopting Housing 2030 as the State Guide Plan element for housing.
- Prepared materials and met with Housing staff; appeared at the Statewide Planning Council meeting in September 2025 to request a public hearing for Housing 2030.
- Scheduled a public hearing to accept comments on Housing 2030 for October 30, 2025.
- Opened SmartComment portal to accept comment on Housing 2030.

Projects

Project 7.4: State Guide Plan 121: Land Use 2050

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

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

Contact Persons: Nancy Hess, Paul Gonsalves

Schedule for Implementation: This is the sixth year of a seven-year planning process to be continued to FY26 and FY 27.

Deliverables for FY 26:

- New ArcGIS File Land Use geodatabase complying with RIGIS Metadata standards for:
- 1 technical paper

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](#). The current Plan for conservation and development is *Land Use 2025: State Land Use Policies and Plan*, SGP Element 121. This Plan, adopted in 2006, deals with how we use the land in the State. It is the overarching SGP Element that integrates the wide range of topics and policies of the State and drives policies in 15 other Elements. *Land Use 2025* has served the State of Rhode Island well as the framework for conservation, growth, development, and long-range land use and transportation planning. This Project will provide for a sustainable updated state plan 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. The intent of the Update is to use data to inform and guide decision-makers by using existing and creating contemporary goals and policies for land development, transportation, and conservation for the next twenty-five years to 2050.

The project will continue work to complete a series of technical papers on background data for updating the Plan. Work will be accomplished through Staff's oversight of consulting services specializing in land use data development and mapping and public engagement practices for developing land use policy. This is an extension of an ongoing process to develop new sources of background land use data to update *Land Use 2025*. Tasks are split into tasks described below.

- Updating the existing technical paper Technical Paper 148, Inventory of Local Zoning Ordinances and Land Development Regulations.
- Initiating a technical paper discussing the impact of legal decisions since the adoption of *Land Use 2025* by the Rhode Island Court System on land use and land use education.
- Developing new digital geographic information services (GIS) data on municipal zoning, future land use, and building permits for all 39 cities and towns for posting in the Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS) Data Catalog.
- Publishing a technical paper consisting of a time series analysis of the new spatial digital information describing the status of Rhode Island's Changing Landscape by analyzing land use trends between 1988 and 2020.

In FY27 staff will focus on developing a full preliminary draft and after extensive outreach and public participation the draft will be presented to the State Planning Council for review, multiple public hearings and eventually adoption through the Council's formal adoption process for the SGP.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$275,325 (\$55,00 RIDSP; \$179,025FHWA; \$41,300 FTA;)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Continued drafting updates to technical papers on zoning ordinances and legal decisions of the Rhode Island Court System
- Initiated kick off meeting and began work with consultants on developing new land use related GIS data
 - Presented Phase 1 work on new statewide geospatial land use datasets and data collection results to the State Planning Council on Sept. 11, 2025
 - Conducted 6 virtual check in meetings for consultant oversight on municipal data collection, development and stakeholder outreach
 - Coordinated consultant stakeholder outreach and virtual office hours for municipal and GIS stakeholders on data collection and overall synthesis into statewide layers
 - Identified 6 priority stakeholder policy areas of concern as a result
 - Continued consultant oversight for data cleaning and documentation and summary technical report preparation of Phase 1
- Continued background research for emerging topics through webinars on Extreme Heat & Workforces, land Uses by Right, Flood Risks and Data Driven Approaches, Realtime Urban Flood Monitoring, and Community Crafted Trails Systems

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

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: DEM

Contact Person: Paul Gonsalves

Schedule for Implementation: FY 24 -25-26 (year 3 of 3 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 through 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. Changes at the Federal level have extended the timeframe of the SCORP from 5 to 10 years, extending the planning process an additional year into FY 2026.

Project Cost (other than staff time): none.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Reviewed and submitted comments on DRAFT 5 chapters of the plan.
- The Federal (National Park Service) guidance on SCORPs has changed, and they are now required on a ten-year basis, as opposed to five-year updates.
- Extension request, based on timeframe of plan, pending.

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

Project Agency Lead: RIRRC

Partner Agencies: RIDEM, Resource Recovery (RIRRC)

Contact Persons: Caitlin Greeley, Meredith Brady

Schedule for Implementation: FY 24 -25-26

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): \$342,000 RIDEM through EPA SWFR Grant; \$250,000 Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC) funds. Total Project Funds (all Other) \$592,000

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Held Technical Advisory Group Meeting.
- Completed Public Workshop.
- Completed Virtual Listening Session.
- Worked with Consultant and Project Management Team to integrate stakeholder feedback into draft deliverables.
- Worked with Consultant and Project Management Team to develop and review draft deliverables.

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 - 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. – GIS

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Statewide Parcel Initiative: Met with RI Office of Energy Resources to discuss the Statewide Parcel Initiative, including the pending CAMA Extract and Parcel Survey Results.
- Collaboration with Executive Office of Housing (EOH): Collaboration included providing EOH with parcel data already collected while EOH assisted with municipal outreach and data collection. So far, 37 parcel datasets and 34 surveys have been collected.
- CAMA Vendor Progress: Preparing municipal parcel survey results to provide needed information to support the development of the RIGIS CAMA Extract. Shared draft CAMA Extract fields with EOH to make sure it meets their parcel needs.
- Parcel Schema Reports: RIEMA assisted by creating a Parcel Schema Report python script to analyze parcel data schemas and identify unique text field values when less than 50. The script was further enhanced with additional features such as character count, GDB selection, and result location. These reports help with partially completed surveys and evaluating utility field values to provide feedback to vendors developing the CAMA Extract.
- Municipal Parcel Survey: Outreach is ongoing to municipalities that have not completed the survey. Provided Teams meetings with the following municipalities to help them complete the survey and answer any questions: South Kingstown, Portsmouth, Lincoln, and Jamestown. Currently, 5 out of 39 municipalities have yet to submit their responses.
- NSGIC Participation: Attended 2 bi-monthly Parcels and Land Records Workgroup meetings. Included a working meeting to assist with drafting a NSGIC “Best Practices for a Successful Parcel Program” document as well as reviewed the latest draft of the “State Geospatial Maturity Assessment”.
- Municipal Parcels Resource Map: Continued quarterly review for needed updates. Updated many parcel years based on Municipal Survey results and parcel data collected.

Special Task 9b – Municipal Boundary Edits – GIS

Municipal Boundary Edits – GIS

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff began initial steps in reviewing and identifying municipal boundary areas in the RIGIS dataset that are inaccurate.

Special Task 9c –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 dashboard is currently up to date.
- Staff will look to edit this as performance measures are adopted. The next scheduled change is in December/January for the highway safety performance targets. The dashboard will be updated in February with the approval data.
- This is an ongoing project.

Projects

Project 9.1: Vehicle Probe Transportation Dataset and Eastern Transportation Coalition

Project Agency Lead: RIDOT

Partner Agencies: RIDSP

Contact Persons: 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 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. 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): \$986,313 (\$45,000 RIDSP; \$392,657 FHWA; 81,000 FTA; \$165,717RIDOT; \$301,939 OTHER)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Probe data is used by RIDOT to help monitor real-time congestion on the Washington Bridge, which is posted on the RIDOT website for travelers through the area.
- Daily emails from INRIX give traffic-control device information, including top intersection control delays in various roadways across the state, including 4-week averages. More than 707 intersections are in the report.
- RIDOT's Traffic Management Center (TMC) and its consultants continue to use RITIS/NPMRDS system to report performance measures relating to the TMC.
- Access is being granted to two more Traffic Safety personnel for reporting and a real-time traffic monitoring.
- Both RIDOT and RIDSP continue to attend TETC executive board meetings and weigh in on special projects, mileage-based user fees, freight management and other policies and priorities undertaken by the Coalition.

Project 9.2: Transportation, Air Quality Modeling

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: RIDOT, RIPTA, RIDEM

Contact Persons: Ben Jacobs, Vin Flood

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

Products/Deliverables:

- RISM & air quality modeling process for data requests
- General model tech support and maintenance
- Review and Update TAZ and roadway layers
- Incorporate census data to update model base year to 2020
- Incorporate results of travel survey, RIPTA and Amtrak reports, and any other data pertinent to travel demand
- Calibrate and Validate model against data from HPMS, MS2, RIPTA and Amtrak data, and any other observational data depicting how the travel system was used in the years 2018-2022
- Training, and Report

Project Description: This ongoing task includes data inputs/outputs, enhancements, and updates to the RISM for the roadway network. This includes a major update to bring the model up to base year 2020 using recent Census data as well as data from travel surveys and on-board data from RIPTA. Other updates will include quality of life tweaks to the interface, refreshing the truck model, reviewing basic geographies, and addressing seasonality in the RISM. This will be done while continuing to deliver data requests and assisting DEM and RIDOT with required data reporting

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$399,405 (\$39,941 RIDSP; \$259,464 FHWA; \$100,000 RIDOT)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Conducted preliminary data gathering operations including population and employment projections.
- AECOM made early efforts to update the TAZ layer to reflect changes to census geography in the 2020 census.

Project 9.4: Environmental Data Center Partnership - RIGIS Geospatial Database

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: URI ED

Contact Person: Hoxsie-Quinn

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 will 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. Additionally, 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)

- In Q1, URI-EDC has hosted Spring 2025 Imagery, distributed a notice to inform users of services that are deprecated and slated to be removed on 10/31/2025, created a crosswalk document to help users navigate deprecated materials, published available LiDAR products as services, completed validation of 2022 Statewide LiDAR derivative products, and assisted with Land Use 2050.

Project 9.5: Rhode Island Local Official Training -Transportation and Land Use Planning

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: Advisory Committee for Education (ACE), RIHPHC, URI NEMO, URI CRMC, RIDEM

Contact Persons: Nancy Hess, Paul Gonsalves, Isabelle Gillibrand

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 relevant transportation topics
- A centrally held meeting
- Annual Evaluation Report
- Meeting(s) of the ACE

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 26 this task will include:

- Continue to provide an introductory 3-hour workshop highlighting the responsibilities of the MPO and enabling authorities for municipal boards.
- Continue to provide a virtual one-hour continuing education course updating land use planning responsibilities and adopted legislative enabling changes for the municipal boards.
- Continue to provide an in person centrally held meeting for the municipal boards. (Expenses requested this UPWP - \$20,000)
- 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 2025 UPWP - \$60,000 and \$20,000 requested in this UPWP).
 - Work with URI CRC and RIDEM to develop an online course concerning extreme weather events for planning board members. Upgrade the Existing PrepRI webpage to URI Brightspace Engage learning platform for self-directed training like stormwater/flooding training. (Funding requested in FY 2025 UPWP -\$75,000 and \$20,000 requested in this UPWP.)
- Begin work with DOA ETSS regarding software for creating new online self-directed training for providing alternative method for 3-hours introductory training requirement and future annual update trainings. (Funding requested this UPWP -\$60,000.) Reference: Cybersecurity training at State of RI.
- 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 annually and review an [annual report](#) with the ACE for necessary program adjustments.

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

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Initiated work to revise introductory 3-hour and 1-hour workshops to reflect RI General Assembly 2025 land use enabling law changes.
- Began planning for conducting 2nd Annual RI Local Officials Training Summit (RILOTS) – an in person centrally held meeting for local historic, planning and zoning officials.
 - Conducted 3 meeting of the ACE for development of the Summit agenda & technical content
 - Contacted Crowne Plaza for site availability and worked with Plaza on contract price for use/services
 - Worked with Accounts Manager for Sole Source vender status for Crowne Plaza for DOA Division of Purchasing purposes
 - Began research on possible Summit handouts for participants
- Continued work with Partner agencies to provide other mandated education:
 - Discontinued partnership with RIHPHC for lack of performance on RIHPHC behalf relating to conducting Historical District CAMP training – will include more HDC materials into RILOTS
 - Continued work with URI Nonpoint Source Education Municipal Officials (NEMO) for developing an online, two-hour stormwater / flooding training for municipal planning boards using the URI Brightspace Engage learning platform
 - Beta tested initial course content and procedures
 - Set activation date for November 1, 2025
- Waiting on URI CRC to replace retired staff to begin updating the existing PrepRI webpage to the URI Brightspace platform for planning board members.
- Shifted work for creating new online self-directed training for providing alternative method for 3-hours introductory training requirement to URI NEMO and executed updated Cooperative Agreement to do such.

Project 9.6: ESRI Enterprise Agreement with RIDOT

Project Agency Lead: RIDOT

Partner Agencies: RIDSP

Contact Person: Vin Flood

Schedule for Completion: Ongoing Annual Project

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

- ArcGIS Online/Pro and Extensions: 3D Analyst, Data Reviewer, Geostatistical Analyst, Network Analyst, Publisher, Schematics, Spatial Analyst, and Workflow Manager
- ArcGIS Enterprise: Advanced and Standard
- ArcGIS GIS Server: Advanced and Standard
- ArcGIS Enterprise Additional Capability Server: Image Server, GeoEvent Server

Project Description: An enterprise agreement (EA) is a multi-year contract designed to simplify the purchase of Esri software and licenses. EAs help achieve objectives and improve services for users and consumers This project maintains 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. The EA will remain in effect for three years (2025-2027) and grant RIDOT/RIDSP uncapped access to the ESRI products listed above.

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

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff continues to utilize licensing, and training provided and made available ESRI resources through this Enterprise Agreement.

Project 9.7: LIDAR Products

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: RIDOT

Contact Person: Garth Hoxsie-Quinn

Schedule for Implementation: FY26

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 generates 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.

3DHP is part of the 3D National Map Topography Model (3DNTM) and is the first systematic remapping of the Nation’s surface water since the original program concluded (1947-1992). Using the 2022 LiDAR data, two pilot areas were selected. The Lower Blackstone River is being done as part of a New England-wide initiative through the Data Collaboration Announcement (DCA), and the Narragansett Bay Watershed is being done in conjunction with the State of Massachusetts.

Project Cost (other than staff time): Combined with 9.7.5

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

LiDAR deliverables have been received, are under review and will be uploaded the RIGIS clearing house in the near future.

Project 9.7-5: RIDSP Geospatial Data Platform Needs

Project Agency Lead: DOA (RIDSP)

Partners Agencies: RIDOT, RIDEM, EMA, E911 DOA (DCAMM)

Contact Persons: Vin Flood, Hoxsie-Quinn

Schedule for Implementation: FY26 and annually moving forward

Product/Deliverables:

- **RISE Management and Coordination (\$40,000) – (Potential buy-in from RIDOA (DSP & DCAMM), DEM, RIDOT, EMA, E-911)**

Project Description: Develop and provide geospatial architecture for RISE (Rhode Island State Enterprise) and data needed to support transportation and other planning area activities for RIDSP work tasks and projects and for the benefit of other state agencies, local governments, and other data users. The Rhode Island State Enterprise (RISE) is a collection of statewide geospatial data that is used by multiple state agencies. As part of a modernization of technology, RISE will be rebuilt/migrated from on-premises servers to cloud storage within the RIDOT AWS/CyberTech Environment.

Project Cost 9.7 & 9.7.5 Combined (other than staff time): \$81,388 (\$8,000 RIDSP; \$28,674 FHWA; \$16,667 FTA; \$26,712 RIDOT; \$ 1,335 OTHER)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- RIDSP continues to meet with partner agencies on this need.

Activity 11 – Title VI Compliance and Comprehensive Community Consequences Analysis

Objective: To ensure accessible participation and prevent discrimination in the MPO planning processes so that all residents of the State are treated fairly. Ensure that all provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 are implemented. To ensure that all groups of people are considered in designing actions, plans, programs, and projects of the MPO.

Special Tasks

Special Task 11a - ADA Assessment

Coordinate with RIDOT and engage municipalities in an assessment of municipal compliance with the ADA. These municipal ADA Assessments are meant to gauge whether municipalities are in compliance with RIDOT Section 504 Regulations in 49 CFR Part 27 and if they are not, provide assistance, training or resources needed to incrementally move municipalities closer to compliance. According to the ADA Title II, all State and local governmental agencies shall provide access to its facilities, programs, and services for persons with disabilities. As part of the ADA regulation requirement, a self-evaluation shall be conducted to ensure local governments identify the facilities, programs, and services that need modification or relocation to provide access and equal opportunities for people with disabilities within their jurisdiction. For state and local governments that employ 50 or more individuals an ADA Transition Plan is required and must be in place for recipients of U.S. Department of Transportation financial assistance (Section 504 regulations in 49 CFR Part 27).

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- In August/September of 2025 RIDSP distributed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Municipal Compliance Survey to gauge whether or not municipalities are in compliance with RIDOT Section 504 Regulations in 49 CFR Part 27. Additional efforts to obtain responses are underway.

Activity 12 –Resiliency, Adaptation, and Mitigation

Objective: To identify transportation-related infrastructure including roads, bridges, and ports, as well as natural resources, threatened by extreme weather and coastal hazards to identify strategies and actions for promoting adaptation and mitigation in order to strengthen resilience to the effects of extreme weather; identify transportation system vulnerabilities to extreme weather 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 extreme weather and associated issues, concerns, costs, and necessary regulatory and statutory changes.

Projects

Project 12.1 -Community Resilience and Planning

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: RIIB, RI municipalities

Contact Person: 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 extreme weather 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, 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 the systems in a local community.

Project Cost (Other than staff time): \$100,000 (\$100,000 OTHER)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- The "Ready Set Rhody" project management team (consisting of RIDSP and Commerce RI staff) continued to hold bi-weekly internal meetings and meetings with the consultant.
- The consultant team and the project team continued to work on the vulnerability assessments for the twelve "Main Street" business areas, including vulnerable infrastructure and economic vulnerability.
- The team issued a survey to the municipal planners of the Project areas regarding the status of their relevant GIS layers.
- Two virtual public meetings were held on September 22, 2025, and October 7, 2025, for small businesses to learn about what they can do to be more prepared and more resilient.
- Public listening sessions for the RI Climate Action Strategy continue to be held.
- RIDSP staff partnered with the RI Infrastructure Bank to issue a request for proposals to find a consultant to work on the new municipal project for the Town of Narragansett. Proposals were reviewed and a consultant was chosen.
- Work continues on finalizing a contract with the consultant.
- 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 Agencies: Town of Cumberland

Contact Person: 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 extreme weather 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 extreme weather impacts to public infrastructure, private property, natural resources, and human safety and welfare.

Project Cost (Other than staff time): \$100,000 (\$100,000 OTHER)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Continued to hold monthly meetings of the Project Management Committee with the consultant.
- Reviewed final draft of changes to ordinances/regulations related to Landscaping, Land Development Regulations, Parking, Floodplains, Zoning, and design standards.
- Consultant and Town Planner appeared before the Cumberland Planning Board to listen to concerns and answer questions from the members.
- Scheduled a public meeting for October 22, 2025, to present the final drafts of the ordinance changes.

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. Provide 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- City of East Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: City of East Providence

Contact Person: 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): \$169,885 (\$101,931 FHWA; \$33,977 FTA; \$33,977 OTHER)

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- We have continued our monthly project management team meetings, holding regular scheduled meetings from July - October of 2025.
- As planned, we held a public engagement workshop at the Weaver Public library on Thursday, October 16th from 6:00 to 8:00pm as part of Phase 2 of our Public Outreach and Engagement for the Plan.
- This event was held at the library in order to present our “Proposed Concepts Designs” for 1st Street, Juniper Street, and Mercer Avenue bike and pedestrian improvements projects as part of the Plan. Our priority projects and bike and pedestrian network maps were also presented at this public workshop. We had roughly 10 -15 residents at this workshop.
- Within the next week, Toole Design Group will be sending us the First Draft of the entire East Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan for review by Division of Statewide Planning and East Providence staff.
- We expect that we will hold a final “Public Workshop” which will be an official presentation of the Plan Draft at a meeting of the East Providence City Council in either November or December of 2025.
- We expect the Plan will be substantially complete in Q2 of FY2026.
- As of October 2025, we have now received fourteen invoices from Toole Design Group in the amount total of **\$143,880.75** and have paid all fourteen invoices for a total expense to date of **\$143,880.75** 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 13.2: Community Planning for a Livable Future” Technical Assistance Program- Complete Streets Study of The Neighborhoods of Saylesville and Lonsdale

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: Town of Lincoln

Contact Person: Josh O’Neill

Schedule for Implementation: TBD

Project Description: The Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning is working jointly with the Town of Lincoln to create a Complete Streets Study for The Neighborhoods of Saylesville and Lonsdale, which will build on and further analyze safety issues identified in the Town’s recently completed Safe Streets for All draft Safety Action Plan. This study will create concept designs for new bike paths along local streets, improved intersection connections to increase safety and enhance pedestrian usage, and sidewalk improvements to support access to local businesses and safe streets for residents.

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

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- The procurement process began for this project when the Draft RFP, which was worked on jointly between the Division of Statewide Planning and the Town of Lincoln Planning Department, was sent to the Division of Purchases in June of 2025 for review and posting. The Division of Purchases finally posted the RFP to our state bid board “Ocean State Procures” on July 30, 2025, for a 30-Day period.
- Purchasing opened the bids on August 28, 2025, and four (4) qualified consultant firms submitted proposals for the planning project. The four firms were: Beta Group Inc., Bowman Consulting Group Ltd., Toole Design Group LLC., and Pare Corporation.
- The Division of Statewide Planning convened a Technical Review Committee of staff from DSP, RIDOT, and RIPTA to review and score the consultant proposals.
- The Technical Committee Review process was completed on September 29th, 2025, and the highest scoring, and thus recommended consultant firm for the project is the Toole Design Group. The Division of Statewide Planning sent our Technical Review Committee Memo to Purchasing on September 29th and began Drafting contract materials for the project in October.
- The Division of Purchasing informed DSP staff recently that we need to bring our recommendation of Toole Design Group for the project to the Purchasing “Architectural and Engineering” (A&E) review committee for an approval vote at their next meeting on November 13th, 2025. This had delayed the procurement process a bit longer than we had expected.
- Following the A&E committee approval, we expect a final contract execution for the project between Division of Statewide Planning and the Toole Design Group in November of 2025.
- Project Kickoff will likely occur in December.

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 Almanac Series

Municipal Almanac Series: Develop city and town almanacs using 2020 Decennial Census Data, and ACS Estimates including Demographics & Housing Characteristics data.

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Staff continues to develop draft state and municipal almanacs utilizing 2020 census and census ACS Estimates for use in ESRI ArcGIS applications such as Storymaps and Dashboards.

Special Task 16b - 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)

- The shared copy of the Draft GIS Data Delivery Requirements is being reviewed for comments and feedback from RIDOT and other stakeholders.

Projects

Project 16.1: Population Projections

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies:

Contact Persons: Vincent Flood, Ben Jacobs, Meredith Brady

Schedule for Completion: Q1 FY2026

Products /Deliverables:

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

Project Overview: 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): \$0

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Draft Projections created and reviewed initially by transportation staff and vendors for use in the LRTP.
- Further edits performed including replacing ACS population figures with Census intercensal population estimates and will be distributed to city and town planners for review and feedback in 2nd Quarter.

Project 16.2: Employment Projections

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies:

Contact Person: Ben Jacobs

Schedule for Completion: Q1 FY2026

Deliverables: Employment projections white paper.

Project Overview: 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): \$0

Quarter 1 Accomplishments (or explanation of project delay)

- Settled on projection methodology at state and municipal levels, for both population and employment forecasts.
- Conducted projections at state and municipal levels, conducted limited outreach with internal stakeholders.
- Presented preliminary results to State Planning Council.

Part II – Financial Reports

Statewide Planning
 Dept. of Administration
 Expenditures by Funding Source
 September FY 2026

Account Number	Account Name	FY 2026 Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Expense	Variance
11246/11247	Systems Planning	723,051	180,762.75	169,837	10,926
1171101	FTA	710,705	177,676.25	157,013	20,663
1170101	FHWA	1,900,421	475,105.25	469,079	6,026
	Sub Total	3,334,177	833,544	795,930	37,615
Contractual and Pass Thru Grants					
Match	OTHER	577,251	144,312.75		144,313 *
Match	URI	19,000	4,750.00		4,750 *
Match	RIPTA	90,000	22,500.00		22,500 *
Match	RIDOT	652,804	163,201.00	108,169	55,032 *
11246/11247	SWP	243,040	60,760.00	34,394	26,366
11251	FTA	535,096	133,774.00	49,703	84,071
11250	FHWA	1,704,161	426,040.25	311,080	114,961
	Sub Total	2,482,297	620,574	395,177	225,398
	Grand Total	5,816,474	1,454,119	1,191,106	263,012

* Match component not included in totals

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Expense Distribution - Breakout
Fiscal Year 2026
As of September 30, 2025

Account #	Total	11246/11247		11250	11251
		SPP/Gas Tax	Match Total		
610000 Regular Wages	460,825.98	98,564.15		263,697.68	93,163.97
611000 Defined Contribution Plan - Employer Contribution	4,699.57	1,022.36		2,654.85	965.01
611000 Employer Cost Of Employee Dental Insurance	3,610.90	773.16		2,064.58	725.26
611000 Employer Cost Of Employee Medical Insurance	103,583.03	22,150.65		59,281.73	20,818.73
611000 Employer Cost Of Employee Vision Insurance	567.27	121.78		323.71	113.11
611000 ERSRI Retirement Plans - Employer Contribution	142,466.72	30,472.04		81,522.64	28,801.54
611000 FICA - Employer Cost	33,232.03	7,110.93		19,010.17	6,717.78
613000 AFB Fund Assessment	13,365.47	2,859.33		7,646.81	2,701.36
613100 State Emp Retiree Health Ins Contributions	14,872.79	3,182.10		8,508.59	3,006.69
Total Personnel	777,223.76	166,256.50		444,710.76	157,013.45
620000 Management & Advisory Services	-				
620000 Training Consultants	87.36	-		87.36	
631000 Telephone - Cellular And Mobile	147.24	73.62			
640000 Building/Machinery Supplies	937.00	468.50			
640000 Computer and Software Supplies	9,001.98	-		9,001.98	
640000 Food	-	-			
640000 Office Supplies	1,792.92	-		1,792.92	
640000 Printing Services	-	-			
641000 Dues and Fees	10,952.83	1,117.00		8,718.83	
641000 Subscriptions (not software)	134.20	-		134.20	
642000 Postage and Postal Services	-	-			
643000 Print Advertising	-	-			
643000 Television Advertising	-	-			
644000 Single Audit Fees	-	-			
644100 Staff Tuition Reimbursement	-	-			
645000 Equipment Rental	-	-		2,071.53	
646000 Travel	3,537.92	121.38		3,295.16	
647450 Telecomm ISF Charges	-	-			
647500 Records Center ISF Charges	-	-			
647900 Internal Agency ETSS Charges	-	-			
654000 Sub-award Payments	429,570.52	34,394.01		311,079.57	49,702.93
661000 Computer Equipment	2,866.44	1,800.00		(733.56)	
Total Non Personnel	459,028.41	37,974.51		335,447.99	49,702.93
Grand Total	1,191,106.14	204,231.01		780,158.75	206,716.38