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Preface

Rhode Island General Law [§ 42-11-10](#) established a Statewide Planning Program, which is overseen by the State Planning Council (SPC) and is staffed by the Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning (RIDSP). The Division prepares and maintains plans for the physical, economic, and social development of the State, encourages their implementation, and coordinates the actions of state, local, and federal agencies, and private individuals within a framework of development goals and policies of the State. In addition to overseeing the Statewide Planning Program, the State Planning Council is designated by statute as the single Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the State.

Mission Statement: The Division of Statewide Planning promotes and encourages best practices for the balanced growth and development of the State of Rhode Island by:

- Connecting agencies, communities, and organizations.
- Guiding land use, water resources, and transportation choices.
- Promoting continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive application of planning principles, along with data-driven analysis, to create and implement State, regional, and local plans.

Our goal is to ensure balanced, sustainable, and resilient development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future.

Under the direction of the SPC/MPO, this document was prepared in cooperation with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. The contents of this work program reflect the views of the staff of the RIDSP who are responsible for the opinions, findings, and conclusions presented herein. The contents do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, or the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority.

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Section I: Background

Purpose and Authority

A Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is an annual statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area. A UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, time frames for completing the work, the cost of the work, and the source(s) of funds. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to develop UPWPs to govern work programs for the expenditure of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) planning funds. This UPWP describes the transportation planning activities and projects that the Rhode Island MPO and its partners expect to conduct over the next State Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30), totaling \$6,687,855 from various funding sources. It serves as the basis by which FHWA and FTA urban transportation planning funds are spent in the region. Additionally, the UPWP serves as a management tool for scheduling, budgeting, and monitoring the planning activities of the Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning (RIDSP), and participating entities. As a management tool for the RIDSP staff to the MPO, it describes work projects, partnerships, and deliverables for the RIDSP.

This UPWP is intended to implement state policy as outlined in the [State Guide Plan \(SGP\)](#), particularly Elements 611, [Moving Forward: Rhode Island 2050](#), Long Range and Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and 121, [Land Use 2025](#), Rhode Island's State Land Use and Polices Plan. This work program forms a holistic transportation planning process unique to Rhode Island. Rhode Island's government structure provides significant advantages. The MPO, the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA), and the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) all cover the same geographic area, forming an optimal continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) transportation planning process. Transportation planning requirements for statewide and metropolitan planning organizations are set by federal legislation and rules issued by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). This UPWP complies with all requirements set forth in federal regulations for MPOs. Allocations of funding are compliant with the Federal planning requirements and include allocations for State priorities related to transportation and land use planning.

Unified Planning Work Program

The Division is continuing the process started in 2023 of streamlining and improving the overall format of the UPWP, as recommended by our federal partners in 2022. The FY2027 UPWP follows the template created over the last few years. Tasks have been streamlined and consolidated. Outdated references and redundancy of tasks have been eliminated. Some of the information and additional detailed explanations provided in the past are now referenced with links to the appropriate page on the [Division's Website](#). It also addresses findings and recommendations from the [Transportation Management Area 2026 MPO Certification Review Report](#).

In FY2025, standardized sections of the work program were moved to a [UPWP Quick Links section of the website](#). This document is meant to summarize only the key details of project level work. It removes ongoing tasks, appendices, and information that can be housed on the website and updated more regularly.

In this FY2027 work program, the table of abbreviations is being moved to the beginning of the document to make the work program itself easier for readers to digest, even without technical expertise. As part of the FY2027 UPWP, staff will be working to improve project and expenditure tracking and reporting.

Frequently Used Acronyms of the UPWP

CRMC = Coastal Resources Management Council

EFSB = Energy Facility Siting Board

FFY = Federal Fiscal Year (October 1 – September 30)

FHWA = Federal Highway Administration

FRA = Federal Railroad Administration

FTA = Federal Transit Administration

FY = Fiscal Year (State Fiscal Year: July 1 – June 30)

L RTP = State Guide Plan 611, *RI Moving Forward 20240*, Long-Range Transportation Plan

MPO = Metropolitan Planning Organization

MBTA = Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority

RIDEM = Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

RIDOH = Rhode Island Department of Health

RIDOT = Rhode Island Department of Transportation

RIEMA = Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

RIGIS = Rhode Island Geographic Information System

RIIB = Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank

RIPTA = Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

RIDSP = Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning (Department of Administration)

SGP = State Guide Plan

SPC = State Planning Council

STIP = State Transportation Improvement Program (also see “TIP”)

TAC = Transportation Advisory Committee

TAP = Transportation Alternative Program

TETC = The Eastern Transportation Coalition

TIP = Transportation Improvement Program (also see “STIP”)

UPWP = Unified Planning Work Program

USDOT = United States Department of Transportation

USGS = United State Geological Survey

WRB = Water Resources Board

Section 2: Planning Priorities and Projects

Activity Areas, Tasks, and Projects

Following this introductory section of the document, Section 2 details each activity included in the FY 2027 UPWP, along with an objective for each activity, the tasks needed to implement the activity, and any specific projects that will be undertaken to advance the objective.

Ongoing tasks, short term projects, and long-term projects are described in the UPWP to better indicate whether work is part of our core functions or undertaken as a time-limited method to achieve a specific goal or objective. The intent is to make the distinction between ongoing tasks and discrete projects with additional details and transparency relative to project management. This has helped to simplify quarterly reporting requirements by focusing on the status of projects as opposed to reporting on ongoing regular tasks.

- **Ongoing Tasks** continue from year to year, as part of the routine processes necessary to achieve a given activity's objective. They do not have funding, other than staff time, allocated to them and there isn't a specific schedule or deliverable, aside from meeting the statutory and regulatory responsibilities of RIDSP/the MPO. These are now included in the UPWP Quick Links posted on our website.
- **Special Tasks** may resemble ongoing tasks, as they are also undertaken by staff and do not have a separate budget. However, these tasks have an internal schedule and will result in a product or deliverable. Their progress can be followed from quarter to quarter in our reports.
- **Projects** have specific schedules, budgets, and deliverables that can be identified upfront: they may or may not involve grants or payments to partners for accomplishing the tasks. These are typically multiyear projects, with a broader scope and specific technical expertise.

Activity 1 – Management and Administration

Objective: To ensure that the transportation planning process is in conformity with any and all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and guidance; to ensure the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Governor’s Office, and other stakeholders are informed of pending or adopted legislation that may impact or increase management and administration responsibilities; to effectively manage and administer the Statewide Planning Program and functions of the MPO; to maintain a workforce that is well-trained, versed in current topics and trends, active in professional organizations, and prepared to lead stakeholders on key land use and transportation planning issues facing the State; and to maintain a collaborative performance management system through performance measures, targets, and metrics.

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. Process amendments and adjustments to the STIP according to the STIP MOU. Implement State Guide Plan 611, [Moving Rhode Island Forward 2050](#).

Special Tasks

- a. Develop STIP Social Opportunity Data Hub. Staff will develop an online Data Hub designed to house a new comprehensive community consequences analysis dataset, some of which was previously contained in the Transportation Equity Benefit Analysis, or TEBA. This new dataset will utilize information housed in part with the Rhode Island Data Platform to establish a new baseline for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project analysis and mapping. Moreover, this initiative will facilitate the presentation of datasets highlighted in the Rhode Island Data Platform within the STIP. In addition to the STIP, this new data hub could be used to house information from our Long-Range Transportation Plan and other planning efforts undertaken by the Division. The end product will be an ESRI based mapping application housing STIP project data overlaid with various datasets for quick reporting and reference.
- b. Conduct an update to the STIP MOU for amendment procedures.

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.

This project combines the maintenance agreement with PMG for upkeep of the E-STIP Manager and Viewer, which also covers minor enhancements per Statement of Work 4.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$200,000 total; \$100,000 RIDOT, \$5,000 RIDSP, \$90,000 FHWA and \$5,000 FTA

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, we 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 2050](#).

Special Tasks

- a. Congestion Management Process & Plan (CMP) - Annual reporting efforts are currently being paused as the CMP undergoes a rewrite – detailed in Project 3.1. However, work will continue on the following special tasks:
 - CMP GIS StoryMap Update: Update the congestion management online *ESRI* hosted ArcGIS StoryMap utilizing the latest datasets available.
 - With the acquisition of INRIX Signal Analytics and Congested Corridors Dashboard in 2025, staff will explore an update to our congested corridors information as an ongoing effort until the subscription ends.

Projects

Project 3.1: Congestion Management Process/Plan Update

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: RIDOT; Congestion Management Task Force

Contact Person: Roberto Echevarria

Schedule for Completion: Q4 FY2028.

Products/Deliverables:

- Congestion Management Process/Plan

Project Description: Update the Congestion Management Process (CMP) to better identify the causes of recurring congestion, continue to have an emphasis on multimodal travel, and make better use of travel time data as well as performance measures. The updated CMP will analyze the State’s transportation network and identify congested corridors and its causes and strategies to minimize congestion. The plan will be used to guide the investment of future funding into the State’s overall transportation system through a program of recommended short, medium, and long-term capital improvements to reduce congestion on the roadways. It will also evaluate strategies for both their anticipated and experienced effectiveness. This plan will reach across all modes of transportation and seek to make modal connections and improvements consistent with sound land use planning

in an effort to increase overall mobility, modal choice, and safety for residents, businesses, employees, and visitors while decreasing traffic congestion and its negative impacts on our environment, economy, and quality of life. The updated CMP will advance the goals of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (Moving Forward RI 2050) and strengthen the connection to the State Transportation Improvement Program.

FY 27 Tasks by Quarter:

Quarter 1

- Execute an MOU with RIDOT
- Develop outline for new plan

Quarter 2

- Begin data gathering phase for CMP by RIDSP/RIDOT/RIPTA staff where applicable
- Begin first draft of CMP with updated text and data RIDSP staff where applicable
- Continue regular meetings of the Congestion Management Task Force (CMTF)

Quarter 3

- Develop draft scope of work / work plan and/or RFP for consultant support
- Continue regular meetings of the CMTF

Quarter 4

- Finalize RFP for consultant support
- Release RFP for consultant support
- Identify preferred consultant and execute a contract

FY 28 Tasks by Quarter:

Quarter 1

- Identify preferred consultant and execute a contract
- Hold project kick off meeting
- Begin next phase of development for the CMP with consultant taking on needed areas of plan
- Continue regular meetings of the CMTF

Quarter 2

- Continue development of the CMP Plan
- Continue regular meetings of the CMTF

Quarter 3

- Complete a final draft of the CMP Plan that is approved by the CMTF.
- Continue regular meetings of the CMTF.

Quarter 4

- Present the CMP Plan to the Transportation Advisory Committee and State Planning Council for information.
- Continue regular meetings of the Congestion Management Process Plan to plan for implementation.

Project Cost (other than staff time): Staff time only for FY2027; TBD for FY2028 UPWP

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.

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](#) was adopted as the transit element of the 2020 LRTP, *Moving Rhode Island Forward 2040*. This plan identifies two corridors with 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, has undertaken 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 RICAP) This component has been fully paid and is no longer included in the funding tables for the FY2027 UPWP

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 27

Phase II: Survey – Q2 FY27

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. RIPTA will also use the resulting data to enhance agency communications, analyze trends in ridership and passenger characteristics, and inform transit planning projects, grant development, and agency programs and policies. The survey results will also be used to help validate and calibrate the Rhode Island Statewide Model.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$200,000 (\$160,000 FTA; \$40,000 RIPTA)

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): None, this project has principally been completed.

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): None, this project has principally been completed.

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

- a. 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.

Projects

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

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: RIDOT

Contact Person: 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 Cost (other than staff time): \$320,000 (\$20,000 RIDSP; \$80,000 FHWA; \$220,000 RIDOT)

Project Description: This project will continue updating Rhode Island’s Freight and Goods Movement Plan which was developed to address the MAP-21 and FAST Act requirements to address freight mobility within a statewide multimodal infrastructure network. The current Plan was approved by FHWA on August 18, 2022, and will expire on August 18, 2026. This project will fulfil the new IJJA/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 IJJA/BIL 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 continue to utilize 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.

After staff completes updating the body of the Plan (excluding contractor assisted appendices), a preliminary draft will be presented to the State Planning Council (SPC) for review and request for holding public hearings throughout the State to initiate the SPC State Guide Plan adoption process.

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.

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 2050](#).

Special Tasks

- a. TOD Area Study – Identify areas of the state that may be in various stages of TOD. These stages may range from prospective areas that show potential for TOD growth, to areas that have existing TOD design elements with established transit networks. Once an area is identified, then the next step would be to conduct research, which may entail building a complete TOD profile for that given area or research on specific elements such as parking studies, market analysis, examining allowable and prohibited uses per zoning, etc.
- b. State Guide Plan 611 – GIS Hub. State Guide Plan 611, Moving Forward RI 2050, Long Range Transportation update, completed November 13th, 2025 aims to have the main components of the plan integrated into a GIS hub. This hub will be a web-based location that will include a summary and interactive maps from Rhode Island's LRTP. The summary includes the purpose of the LRTP, public engagement considerations, 25-year transportation vision for RI, needs assessment, progress made to-date, key initiatives, and implementation. The interactive maps will show the LRTP's pool of projects throughout the state and a story map for each of the goal areas and objectives of the plan. Completing this hub will increase transparency for all stakeholders involved with transportation across the state and transform a large, comprehensive document into a more accessible and digestible format for the public.

Projects

Project 6.1: Complete Streets Plan / Design Guidelines

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: RIDOT, RIPTA

Contact Person: Mason Perrone and Roberto Echevarria

Schedule for Completion: 2.5 years, with completion expected by Q1 of FY27

Products/Deliverables:

- State of Rhode Island Complete Street Plan & Design Guidelines

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

- Research state and national best practices for policies and tools for implementing Complete Streets.
- Development of statewide complete streets goals, policies, and vision.
- Recommended municipal complete streets policy.
- Recommendations to build state and municipal capacity to implement Complete Streets approaches and to strengthen relations between state transportation offices, municipalities, and the community.
- Complete Streets design guidelines for various communities by various street types including street active zones (sidewalks), bikeways, and intersections.
- Collect economic, crash, bus, and usage data on infrastructure projects that include significant complete streets elements to identify benefits.
- Create Complete Streets prioritization methodology for project selection.
- 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): \$426,556 (\$221,245 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.*

Project 6.2: 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 FY27.

Deliverables: Statewide Pedestrian Infrastructure Inventory (FY26), Statewide Pedestrian Infrastructure Inventory – Year 2 (FY27), Pedestrian Infrastructure Progress Memo (FY27)

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): \$109,000 (FHWA PL Funds) * *Project includes required 2.5% Federal Planning Funds from FY 25 and FY 26 which do not require a state match.*

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.

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 seventh year of an eight-year planning process to be continued into FY28.

Deliverables:

- RFP developed for consultant services to begin robust public outreach efforts in 2027.
- Consultant procured in FY27

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 2050](#). 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.

Work will be accomplished through staff development of an RFP and procurement of a consultant to engage in a robust public outreach program, as well as establishment of a working group composed of key stakeholders. Tasks achieved in FY2026 described below.

- Stage 1, Municipal Data Collection, focused on collecting, cleaning, and standardizing (where available) municipal parcels, zoning, new 2025 land use, and future land use maps (FLUM) data from all 39 municipalities. The goal of this stage was to create a consistent, statewide dataset that will support policy analysis, planning, and visualization, enabling Rhode Island to plan for growth, conservation, and infrastructure needs in a unified manner. The complete methodology on data collection, the data and the Metadata is described in the Technical Paper 170 - Data Collection Methodology. [Technical Paper 170 – Data Collection Methodology](#)
- Stage 2, Land Use Change and Suitability Analysis, involved taking the datasets from the 1st stage to conduct a land use change and suitability analysis. The goal of the analysis was to identify locations suitable for growth and or conservation to guide future land use planning initiatives to be conducted, notably in the update of the land use State Guide Plan Element #121. The Technical Paper 171 - Land Use Change and Suitability Study describes the steps undertaken for the analysis. An [ESRI Story Map](#) was created to summarize and allow users to interactively explore and visualize the findings in greater detail. [Technical Paper 171 – Land Use Change and Suitability Study](#)

After extensive outreach and public participation to be conducted by a selected consultant(s) in FY 27, a preliminary draft will be presented to the State Planning Council in FY 28 for review, multiple public hearings and eventually adoption through the Council’s formal adoption process for the SGP.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$300,000 (\$60,000 FHWA; \$20,000 FTA; \$20,000 DSP; \$200,000 Other) * *Other Funds to be acquired through partner agencies and actively seeking grants from available sources to support plan development.*

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 -25-26-27

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 – *These funds are projected to be expended by the close of FY2026, but the adoption of the plan will take place in FY2027, so in an abundance of caution we are maintaining the project within the FY27 UPWP.*

Activity 8 – Intergovernmental Coordination

Objective: Ensure intergovernmental coordination on issues of transportation, land use, housing, and economic

development relevant to the MPO. Provide guidance to state, municipalities, and other agencies to ensure plans and actions are consistent with, and help to implement, the SGP.

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

- a. 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
- b. Municipal Boundary Edits – GIS
- c. 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 2050, 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.

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 output produced has 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):

- Vehicle Probe Dataset: \$901,313 (\$45,000 RIDSP; \$40,000 FTA; \$215,438 FHWA; \$298,937 RIDOT; \$301,939 OTHER)
- The Eastern Transportation Coalition (TETC) Membership: \$85,000 (\$20,000 FTA; \$48,000 FHWA; \$17,000 OTHER)

Project 9.2: Transportation, Air and Greenhouse Gas 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 & GHG 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
- Produce Population, Household, and Jobs projections at years 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, 2045, and 2050
- 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, MBTA, and Amtrak data, and any other observational data depicting how the travel system was used in the years 2018-2022
- Quality of life improvements to user interfaces and report templates
- Training and Report

Project Description: This ongoing project 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): \$350,541(FHWA- \$226,000; SWP – \$35,541, RIDOT- \$89,000

Project 9.4: Environmental Data Center Partnership - RIGIS Geospatial Database

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: URI EDC

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): \$115,000 (\$20,000 – DSP; \$61,250 FHWA; \$14,750 FTA; \$19,000 URI)

[Project 9.5: Rhode Island Local Official Training -Transportation and Land Use Planning](#)

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

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

Contact Persons: Nancy Hess, Paul Gonsalves, Isabelle Gillibrand

Products/Deliverables

- Several educational workshops
- Self-guided online training courses for
 - o Mandated annual Updates
 - o Stormwater /flooding
 - o Resilience/SLR topics
- A centrally held meeting
- Annual Program Syllabus & 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 27 this task will include:

- Continue to provide introductory 3-hour training highlighting the responsibilities of the MPO and enabling authorities for municipal boards.
- Continue to provide virtual one-hour training updating land use planning responsibilities and activities of the MPO.
- Continue to provide an in-person centrally held meeting for the municipal boards.
- Continue to work with Partner agencies and others to provide other mandated education:
 - Continue work with URI Nonpoint Source Education Municipal Officials (NEMO) through a cooperative agreement to improve the newly launched [Rhode Island Official’s Online Stormwater Training for Planning Boards](#) using the URI Brightspace Engage learning platform.
 - Continue work with URI CRC and RIDEM to develop an online course concerning resiliency and sea level rise (SLR) for planning board members using the URI Brightspace Engage learning platform.
- Evaluation – continue to evaluate the training conducted for information regarding understanding of materials and identifying additional training needs. Summarize the training conducted received annually and review an annual report

with the ACE for necessary program adjustments. In FY27, a report on progress will need to be provided to the General Assembly.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$115,300 (RIDSP \$23,200; FHWA \$74,700; FTA \$17,400)

Project 9.6: ESRI Enterprise Agreement with RIDOT

Project Agency Lead: RIDOT:

Partner Agencies: RIDSP, RIEMA, RI E911, RIDEM

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
- ArcGIS Monitor
- Enterprise Advantage Program

Project Description: Maintain and expand the Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) to provide for the licensing and deployment of certain ELA Products, delivery of ELA Maintenance, and provision of ESRI User Conference registrations. An ELA 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 lead and partner agencies 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)

Project 9.7 Part 1: LIDAR Products

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: RIDOT

Contact Person: Garth Hoxsie-Quinn

Schedule for Implementation: FY27

- **Product/Deliverables:3D Hydrography Program**
 - **Baseline**
- **3D Hydrography Program enhancements**
 - **Reach-Scale Catchment**
 - **Automated Bankful**
 - **Base Capture Specs (features smaller than 3DHP specs)**
 - **Stream Attribute**
 - **Wetlands (National Wetlands Inventory Update)**
 - **Land Cover**

○ **Stormwater Network Integration (dependent on existing data)**

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 and use it to create exceptionally precise three-dimensional information about a specific area and its characteristics.

In FY 25, derivative products from the 2022 Statewide LiDAR for Rhode Island project were developed. RIGIS and RIDSP are collaborating to use this high-resolution elevation data to generate elevation-derived hydrography and associated enhancements as part of the 3D Hydrography Program (3DHP). This will create the first systematic remap of the Nation's surface water networks since the original program concluded (1942-1997).

This statewide baseline and associated enhancements will facilitate the efforts to promptly and proactively mitigate the extent of future storm damage by managing flood risk, erosion, landslide potential, and water quality. These data will also improve transportation planning, public safety, environmental protection, watershed management, floodplain management, and stormwater management. The precision of this data is ideal for transportation and land use planning programs for more resilient civil engineering design.

Funding has been secured for the Baseline, Reach-Scale Catchments, Automated Bankful, Base Capture Specs, and Stream Attributes.

Project Cost (other than staff time): This project has been partially funded in FY26 through capital funds from the Water Resources Board for data development (\$137,108). The remaining cost is \$378,157

Project 9.7 – Part 2: 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: FY27 and annually moving forward

Product/Deliverables:

- **RISE Management and Coordination (\$60,000) – (Potential buy-in from RIDOA (DSP & DCAMM), DEM, RIDOT, EMA, E-911)**
- **ESRI Advantage Program (TBD)**

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 (other than staff time): \$81,388 (\$8,000 DSP; \$16,667 FTA; \$28,674 FHWA; \$26,712 RIDOT; \$1,335 Other)

Activity 10 – Public Information and Outreach

Objective: Maintain and expand public outreach and participation feedback engagement processes. Make available an array of

transportation and land use planning related information. Promote public participation in planning processes by providing timely and user-friendly information to the public This Activity will be closely coordinated with all other activities in the program.

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.

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.

Special Tasks

- a. Assist the Office of Energy Resources and RIDEM with the implementation of climate policies and plans.
- b. Assist the Office of Energy Resources, the RIDEM, and the EC4 with development and implementation of plans necessary to fulfill state and federal mandates around emissions reduction, extreme weather patterns and analysis, and data-driven strategies to advance improved environmental outcomes.
- c. Participate in the Ocean State Clean Cities Coalition Partnership to support the development of refueling service and/or maintenance facilities for alternative fuel vehicles in the Ocean State

Projects

Project 12.1 -Community Resilience and Planning

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: RIIB, RI municipalities (Cumberland 25/26 and Narragansett 26/27)

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.

Cumberland (25/26) – Inland Flooding and Associated Issues
Narragansett (26/27) – Coastal Flooding and Associated Issues

Products/Deliverables:

Recommendations to the Town for bylaws 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 final product will include suggested language.

Project Description: This project offers funding for RIDSP to hire a consultant and partner with the towns 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): \$200,000 (Other [EC4 funding]) Staff is looking into additional sources of funding to implement future work through this award-winning project.

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.

Special Tasks

- a. State Facility Planning: Provide technical planning advice to the Department of Administration Division of Capitol Assets Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) for master planning efforts concerning capital projects for the use and or redevelopment of state-owned land and facilities.

Projects

Project 13.2: Community Planning for a Livable Future
FY26/27 - Technical Assistance Program- Complete Streets Study of The Neighborhoods of Saylesville and Lonsdale
FY27/28 - TBD

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: Town of Lincoln, TBD

Contact Person: Josh O’Neill, Roberta Groch

Schedule for Implementation: Cumberland Beginning in FY26 and completion in FY27; Future Project 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.

We have also included \$100,000 in funding for FY27 to begin to develop another project, which will require additional matching resources: this project may also connect to work being done under Activity 12.

Project Cost (other than staff time): \$360,000 (DSP \$40,000; FHWA: \$126,000; FTA: \$62,000; and Other \$32,000)

Activity 14 – Special Projects and Activities Not Federally Funded

Objective: Provide planning support to projects and opportunities on topics of state concern that are not eligible for federal FHWA funding.

Activity 15 – Energy Facility Siting Board Review

Objective: Provide the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) with advisory opinions on proposed projects including power plants, substations, power lines, storage and transport facilities, and other structures subject to the Board's review so that projects can be designed to maximize consistency with the SGP. The Associate Director serves, by statute, as a member of the EFSB. Staff time spent on reviews is reimbursed by the Board.

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

- a. Municipal Almanac Series: Develop city and town almanacs using ArcGIS Business Analyst demographic mapping software, 2020 Decennial Census Data, and most recent ACS Estimates including Demographics & Housing Characteristics data.
- b. 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.

Projects

Project 16.2: Employment Projections

Project Agency Lead: RIDSP

Partner Agencies: TBD

Contact Person: Ben Jacobs

Schedule for Completion: 12 months from Population Projection Completion: estimated Q2 FY 2027

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

Section 3: Resources

Available Federal Funding

The following are estimates of federal funds assumed to be available in FY 2027 to support the work program. In most cases, a state match is required. Expenditures of these funds by activity and project and their associated matches are presented in the tables at the end of this Section.

Federal Highway Administration Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds: \$ 3,199,757*

* Includes projected balance (as of July 1, 2026) of remaining FFY 2026 grant amounts and anticipated FFY 2027 grant amounts.

Federal Transit Administration Metropolitan Planning (5303) funds: \$ 1,562,970**

** Includes projected balance (as of July 1, 2026) of remaining FFY 2026 grant amounts and anticipated FFY 2027 grant amounts.

TABLE 5.1 FY 2027 ACTIVITY AND PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES BY PERCENTAGE

ACTIVITY AREA	PERSONNEL AND OPERATING	Total	FUNDING SOURCES											
			RSP	FHWA	FTA	RIDOT	RIPTA	URI	EFSB	OTHER				
Activity 1	Management and Administration	100%	20%	50%	30%									
Activity 2	State Transportation Improvement Program	100%	20%	60%	20%									
Activity 3	State/Regional Transportation Operations, Management, and Planning Coord.	100%	20%	60%	20%									
Activity 4	Transit Planning	100%	20%	20%	60%									
Activity 5	Freight Planning Implementation	100%	20%	50%	30%									
Activity 6	Transportation Planning, Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility	100%	20%	70%	10%									
Activity 7	Long Range Land Use and Transportation Planning	100%	20%	65%	15%									
Activity 8	Intergovernmental Coordination	100%	40%	50%	10%									
Activity 9	Planning Information and Education	100%	20%	65%	15%									
Activity 10	Public Information and Outreach	100%	20%	70%	10%									
Activity 11	Title VI Compliance and Comprehensive Community Consequences Analysis	100%	20%	60%	20%									
Activity 12	Resiliency, Adaptation and Mitigation	100%	20%	60%	20%									
Activity 13	Support to Other State Agencies and Municipalities	100%	30%	60%	10%									
Activity 14	Special Projects and Activities Not Federally Funded	100%	100%											
Activity 15	Energy Facility Siting Board	100%											100%	
Activity 16	State Data Center	100%	20%	50%	30%									
ICAP		100%	22%	57%	21%									
PROJECT	CONTRACTUAL AND PASS THRU GRANTS	Total	RSP	FHWA	FTA	RIDOT	RIPTA	URI	EFSB	OTHER				
2.1	E - STIP Software Improvements (continuing)	100%	10%	40%			50%							
4.2	Transit Surveys & Data Acquisition(continuing)	100%			80%		20%							
5.1	Freight and Goods Movement Plan (continuing)	100%	7%	25%			68%							
6.3	Ped Infrastructure Inventory(continuing)	100%	20%	80%										
7.4	State Guide Plan: Land Use 2050: RI's Plan For Land Use and Transportation (continuing)	100%	7%	20%	7%									66%
9.1	Vehicle Probe Dataset and Eastern Transportation Coalition (continuing)	100%	5%	27%	6%	30%								32%
9.2	Transportation and Air Quality Modeling (continuing)	100%	10%	65%		25%								
9.4	Environmental Data Center Partnership - RIGIS Geospatial Database(continuing)	100%	17%	53%		13%		17%						
9.5	RI Local Official Training- Transportation and Land Use Planning(continuing)	100%	20%	65%	15%									
9.6	ESRI Enterprise Agreement with RIDOT (continuing)	100%	20%	65%	15%									
9.7	RIDSP Geospatial Data Platform Needs (continuing)	100%	10%	35%	21%	32%								2%
12.1	Community Resilience Technical Assistance (continuing)	100%												100%
13.2	Community Planning for a Livable Future(continuing)	100%	12%	35%	17%									36%

	Management and Admin	TIP	FY 2027 TIME DISTRIBUTION (HOURS)																ICAP
			Activity 1	Activity 2	Activity 3	Activity 4	Activity 5	Activity 6	Activity 7	Activity 8	Activity 9	Activity 10	Activity 11	Activity 12	Activity 13	Activity 14	Activity 15	Activity 16	
	TOTAL	1100	35	120	20	50	35	35	35	35	170	35	50	20	20	35	20	20	280
MEREDITH BRADY	1820	340	500	120	100	320	20	20	20	20	1070	10	10	20	20	20	20	20	280
MASON PERRONE	1820	200	230	100	50	750	10	10	10	400	140	400	30	30	20	20	20	20	280
VACANT - SUPERVISING PLANNER	1820	150	100	50	100	620	30	30	30	415	100	415	250	200	20	20	20	20	280
ASHER ESKIND	1820	150	20	50	50	180	100	20	20	20	570	35	200	50	50	35	35	105	300
BENNY BERGANTINO	1820	150	250	330	100	450	30	30	30	980	30	200	200	20	20	35	35	100	280
ROBERTO ECHEVARRIA	1820	500	35	50	30	30	800	385	385	170	30	170	35	35	350	305	90	100	280
NANCY HESS	1820	100	35	30	15	30	30	15	15	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	100	280
PAUL GONSALVES	1820	455	120	30	30	30	120	300	300	1070	5	1070	300	300	305	305	90	100	280
ISABELLE GILLIBRAND	1820	120	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	280
ROBERTA GROCH	1820	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	280
JOSHUA ONEILL	1820	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	280
CAITLIN GREELEY	1820	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	280
ABBEY DAHL	1820	420	300	30	200	200	35	35	35	35	35	35	250	200	21	14	14	35	280
VIN FLOOD	1820	70	300	30	200	200	35	35	35	35	35	35	250	200	21	14	14	35	280
CHRISTINA DELAGEBAZA	1820	35	75	30	200	200	35	35	35	35	35	35	250	200	21	14	14	35	280
BEN JACOBS	1820	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	280
GARTH HOXSIE-QUINN	1820	1540	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	320
PAUL CAPOTOSTO	1820	1540	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	280
LORI CASSIN	1820	1540	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	280
MARIA MIGNANELLI	1820	1540	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	280
JACKSON STARR - CBO	270	270																	
	TOTAL HOURS	36,670	9,160	1,690	805	695	1,575	2,470	2,860	2,270	3,895	806	595	1,654	1,440	20	90	1,115	5,660

TABLE 5.3 FY 2027 PROJECTED COSTS BY ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING SOURCES

ACTIVITY	PERSONNEL AND OPERATING	TOTAL	RISP	FHWA	FTA	RIDOT	RIPTA	URI	EFSB	OTHER
Activity 1	Management and Administration	\$ 906,826	\$ 181,365	\$ 453,413	\$ 272,048					
Activity 2	State Transportation Improvement Program	\$ 151,260	\$ 30,252	\$ 90,756	\$ 30,252					
Activity 3	State/Regional Transportation Operations, Management, and Planning Coord.	\$ 68,339	\$ 13,668	\$ 41,003	\$ 13,668					
Activity 4	Transit Planning	\$ 58,824	\$ 11,765	\$ 11,765	\$ 35,294					
Activity 5	Freight Planning Implementation	\$ 129,094	\$ 25,819	\$ 64,547	\$ 38,728					
Activity 6	Transportation Planning, Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility	\$ 204,410	\$ 40,882	\$ 143,087	\$ 20,441					
Activity 7	Long Range Land Use and Transportation Planning	\$ 258,784	\$ 51,757	\$ 168,209	\$ 38,818					
Activity 8	Intergovernmental Coordination	\$ 208,650	\$ 83,460	\$ 104,325	\$ 20,865					
Activity 9	Planning Information and Education	\$ 361,669	\$ 72,334	\$ 235,085	\$ 54,250					
Activity 10	Public Information and Outreach	\$ 80,407	\$ 16,081	\$ 56,285	\$ 8,041					
Activity 11	Title VI Compliance and Comprehensive Community Consequences Analysis	\$ 53,901	\$ 10,780	\$ 32,341	\$ 10,780					
Activity 12	Resiliency, Adaptation and Mitigation	\$ 152,434	\$ 30,487	\$ 91,460	\$ 30,487					
Activity 13	Support to Other State Agencies and Municipalities	\$ 133,448	\$ 40,034	\$ 80,069	\$ 13,345					
Activity 14	Special Projects and Activities Not Federally Funded	\$ -								
Activity 15	Energy Facility Siting Board	\$ 34,153							\$ 34,153	
Activity 16	Census and Data	\$ 122,814	\$ 24,523	\$ 61,307	\$ 36,784					
ICAP		\$ 531,887	\$ 117,015	\$ 281,900	\$ 132,972					
		\$ 3,456,700	\$ 750,222	\$ 1,915,552	\$ 756,773				\$ 34,153	
	<i>Sub Total</i>									
PROJECTS	CONTRACTUAL AND PASS THRU GRANTS	TOTAL	RISP	FHWA	FTA	RIDOT	RIPTA	URI	EFSB	OTHER
2.1	E - STIP Software Improvements (continuing)	\$ 200,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 80,000		\$ 100,000				
4.2	Transit Surveys & Data Acquisition(continuing)	\$ 200,000			\$ 160,000		\$ 40,000			
5.1	Freight and Goods Movement Plan (continuing)	\$ 320,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 80,000		\$ 220,000				
6.3	Ped Infrastructure Inventory(continuing)	\$ 109,000	\$ 21,800	\$ 87,200						
7.4	State Guide Plan: Land Use 2050: RI's Plan For Land Use and Transportation (continuing)	\$ 300,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 20,000					\$ 200,000
9.1	Vehicle Probe Dataset and Eastern Transportation Coalition (continuing)	\$ 986,314	\$ 45,000	\$ 263,438	\$ 60,000	\$ 298,937				\$ 318,939
9.2	Transportation and Air Quality Modeling (continuing)	\$ 350,541	\$ 35,541	\$ 226,000		\$ 89,000				
9.4	Environmental Data Center Partnership - RIGIS Geospatial Database(continuing)	\$ 115,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 61,250	\$ 14,750			\$ 19,000		
9.5	RI Local Official Training- Transportation and Land Use Planning(continuing)	\$ 115,300	\$ 23,200	\$ 74,700	\$ 17,400					
9.6	ESRI Enterprise Agreement with RIDOT (continuing)	\$ 60,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 39,000	\$ 9,000					
9.7	RIDSP Geospatial Data Platform Needs (continuing)	\$ 81,388	\$ 8,000	\$ 28,674	\$ 16,667	\$ 26,712				\$ 1,335
12.1	Community Resilience Technical Assistance (continuing)	\$ 200,000								\$ 200,000
13.2	Community Planning for a Livable Future(continuing)	\$ 360,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 126,000	\$ 62,000					\$ 132,000
		\$ 3,397,543	\$ 265,541	\$ 1,126,262	\$ 359,817	\$ 734,649	\$ 40,000	\$ 19,000	\$ -	\$ 852,274
	<i>Sub Total</i>									
	TOTAL	\$ 6,854,243	\$ 1,015,763	\$ 3,041,814	\$ 1,116,590	\$ 734,649	\$ 40,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 34,153	\$ 852,274

Notes:
 1) Continuing items include any balance remaining on existing contracts as of 5/17/18. 2) RISP - RI Statewide Planning 3) FHWA - Federal Highway Administration 4) FTA - Federal Transit Administration
 5) RIDOT - RI Department of Transportation 6) RIPTA - RI Public Transit Authority 7) CDBG 8) URI EDC University of RI Data Center 9) EFSB - Energy Facility Siting Board 10) Other - Other Participant Match Contributions

Appendices

Appendix A: Indirect Cost Allocation Plan

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Appendix A

Indirect Cost Allocation Plan

Purpose of this Document

This Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (ICAP) is prepared to satisfy the requirements of Title 2, Grants and Agreements, Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Introduction

The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) is the designated recipient of all FHWA funds for the State of Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority is the designated recipient for all FTA funds for the State of Rhode Island with the exception of:

- Section 5303, Metropolitan Planning Program funds.
- Section 5304, Statewide Transportation Planning funds (which are apportioned to the Metropolitan Planning Program).
- Section 5307, Urbanized Area Formula funds, and
- Section 5309, Capital Investment Grants for rail which are apportioned to RIDOT.

FTA Section 5303 and 5304 funds are transferred to FHWA and then to RIDOT through a consolidated planning grant. The Rhode Island Department of Administration, Division of Statewide Planning (RIDSP) is the designated sub-recipient to RIDOT for all Metropolitan Planning Funds from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). As the pass-through entity of USDOT Metropolitan Planning Funds, RIDOT is the monitoring agency for the RIDSP Indirect Cost Allocation Plan.

Methodology

Although certain central services, such as motor pools, computer centers, purchasing, accounting, etc., are eligible indirect costs, the only indirect cost RIDSP assigns as a part of this ICAP is Paid Leave. Paid Leave includes all personal, vacation, and sick leave discharged by an employee. Except for employees with scheduled extended family leave and employees with very high rates of leave accrual, all employees are budgeted eight weeks of paid leave per year, which is based on the historical experience of annual paid leave discharge. The actual Indirect Cost Allocation (Paid Leave) is calculated within thirty days of the close of the State Fiscal Year. The Indirect Cost Allocation is calculated by using the actual paid leave hours discharged by each individual employee during the previous fiscal year, July 1 to June 30, and their individual salary and fringe rate. The Paid Leave *actual* totals are then compared to the Paid Leave *budgeted* totals in the UPWP*. Any difference requiring an end-of-year adjustment will be made with the next request for reimbursement submitted to RIDOT.

* For more detail, please see the three worksheet tables listed in Section III, Resources.

- Table 5.1: FY 2026 Activity and Project Funding Sources by Percentage
- Table 5.2: FY 2026 Time Distribution, and
- Table 5.3: FY 2026 Projected Costs by Activity and Funding Sources.
- Table 5.4: FY 2026 Project List with Spending Details

Appendix B

Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan

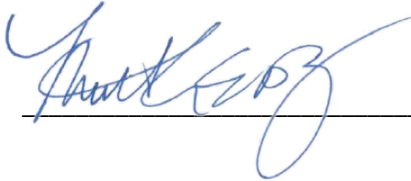
This is to certify that I have reviewed the cost allocation plan submitted herewith and to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. All costs included in this proposal dated June 11, 2026, establish cost allocations or billings for July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 are allowable in accordance with the federal award(s) to which they apply. Unallowable costs have been adjusted for by allocating costs as indicated in the cost allocation plan.
2. All costs included in this proposal are properly allocable to federal awards on the basis of a beneficial or causal relationship between the expenses incurred and the federal awards to which they are allocated in accordance with applicable requirements. Further, the same costs that have been treated as indirect costs have not been claimed as direct costs. Similar types of costs have been accounted for consistently.
3. I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.

Governmental Unit: RI Department of Administration - Division of Statewide Planning and State Planning Council /
Metropolitan Planning Organization (SPC/MPO)

Name of Official: Meredith E. Brady
Title: Associate Director & Secretary of SPC/MPO

Signature: _____



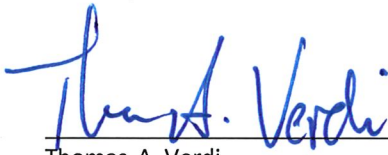
Date of Execution: June 11, 2026

Appendix C

MPO Self-Certification

In accordance with Title 23 CFR 450.336, the Rhode Island State Planning Council sitting as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the State of Rhode Island hereby certifies the FHWA and FTA that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements set forth in:

- a. 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart.
- b. In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93.
- c. Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR Part 21.
- d. 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity.
- e. Section 1101(b) of the SAFETEA-LU (pub. L. 109-59) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects.
- f. 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity on federal and federal-aid highway construction contracts.
- g. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et. seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38.
- h. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance.
- i. Section 324 of Title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender.
- j. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.



Thomas A. Verdi
Acting Chair, MPO

6-11-2026

Date



Meredith E. Brady
Secretary, MPO

June 11, 2026

Date

Appendix D

RIPTA FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program

The unified planning work program of RIPTA for FY 2027 will address short and long-range planning concerns, incorporating planning needs identified by the staff and Board of Directors of RIPTA. These tasks will be accomplished by RIPTA staff, supplemented by outside consultants as needed.

Short-Range Transportation Planning

RIPTA will engage in ongoing short range transportation planning activities such as:

- Design of transit operations appropriate to available funding levels
- Review of existing transit operations and planning of route adjustments
- Tracking of operating and support statistics for planning and performance measurement
- Implementation of the *Transit Forward RI* master plan (TMP), including development of new transit services and service expansion initiatives together with associated fleet, human resources, ROW infrastructure, and financial planning
- Improvements to Flex and Ride paratransit service including expansion of on-demand pilot to all Flex zones, and exploring potential to improve Ride service through a single unified microtransit/paratransit vendor
- Ongoing enhancement of technology applications such as CAD AVL, APC, HASTUS scheduling, transit signal priority, and real-time information/wayfinding/messaging for use in scheduling, performance monitoring, and customer communications
- Review of potential service and fare changes to assess impacts on minority and/or low-income riders, pursuant to Title VI rules.
- Monitoring of performance of zero-emission vehicles
- Coordination between transit operations and planning functions
- Ongoing updating and improvement of communications materials such as system maps, schedules, and website
- Review and evaluation of new transit markets and opportunities
- Solicitation of feedback from fixed route and paratransit customers and agency partners
- Engagement in inclusionary planning and clear communication regarding civil rights of riders
- Coordinated planning with human services agencies and transportation providers
- Coordination with RIDOT and municipalities on roadway construction projects
- Evaluation of critical transit support functions for efficiency and effectiveness, such as paratransit service and maintenance systems

Short-Range Planning FY27		
Federal	Local	Total
\$879,110	\$219,778	\$1,098,888

Long-Range Transportation Planning

RIPTA will initiate, review, implement and/or support long-term transit and multimodal transportation strategies and investments. Planned efforts include:

- Oversight and direction of *Transit Master Plan* (TMP) implementation efforts in partnership with service planning and project management staff, RIDOT and the RI Division of Planning staff, and municipal and regional planners, stakeholders, and elected leadership
- Prioritization of TMP short, mid, and long-range projects into the design, financing, and construction process
- Per the TMP, preparation for major capital investments, including alternatives analysis, public engagement, selection of locally preferred alternatives, and environmental review in accordance with NEPA
- Per the TMP, planning and evaluation related to expansion or realignment of the statewide transportation network, development of funding plans, and preparation of applications for competitive grants for their continued development and/or implementation
- Coordination with RIPTA Finance on the preparation of competitive grant applications such as fleet replacement, state-of-good repair of facilities, improvements toward enhancing the quality of the rider experience, progression and other identified agency priorities or initiatives.
- Planning and design of transit services and facilities, such as bus, trolley, ferry, bus rapid transit, light rail, park and ride, circulator, and other modes as appropriate, pursuant to the Transit Master Plan, Transit Asset Management Plan, or other planning/prioritization efforts as appropriate.
- Development of mobility hub plans and/or implementation guidelines addressing hubs at the regional, community, and village/neighborhood scale
- Assistance in the establishment of transit-supportive land use policies, both statewide and local/municipal, and participation in the preparation of Transit Oriented Development plans in association with bus hub and intermodal center design and development, housing planning and development initiatives, and other efforts as appropriate
- Implementation of RI's 2023 *Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan*, including provision of staff leadership to the statewide Human Services Transportation Coordinating Council and rollout of a statewide travel training network
- Preparation of fleet plans addressing vehicle size, type, fueling technology, and associated infrastructure needs
- Climate variability planning with focuses on fleet, energy, passenger and administrative facilities, infrastructure resiliency, emissions reduction, and long-term cost savings
- Participation in statewide and local sustainability, resiliency, and civil rights efforts such as EC4 and consolidated data platforms.
- Development and tracking of performance standards in conjunction with RI's *Long Range Transportation and Congestion Management Plans* and RIPTA's *Transit Asset Management Plan*
- Development, evaluation, and revision of service models and transit development plans for key transit centers and developing markets throughout the State
- Coordination with RIDOT and municipalities on the design and implementation of transit priority deployments including dedicated rights-of-way, signal prioritization, bus on shoulder, queue jumps, etc.

- Development and implementation of a bus stop improvement program, including partnerships with RIDOT and municipalities focusing on bus stop siting, design, and bicycle-pedestrian and ADA safety and accessibility improvements
- Coordination with RIPTA Short-Range Planning and Communications on the development and implementation of a systemwide bus stop signage update to improve clarity and wayfinding at bus stops
- Planning and coordination of commuter and special mobility services such as mobility on-demand/dynamic scheduling initiatives, maintenance of community transportation webpages, and development of mobility management programs and resources
- Data collection, analysis, modeling, and reporting, including administration of rider surveys and origin-destination analyses, and data-sharing and collaboration with RIDOT and other partner organizations
- Collaborative congestion management and transportation system management planning with the RI Division of Planning and RIDOT, including work related to implementation of the state's *Congestion Management Plan* and ongoing participation in the state's Congestion Management Task Force
- Travel demand management planning and best practices research, identification of potential Transportation Management Association (TMA) partnerships, and planning related to development of a statewide mobility network
- Coordination of development and initial implementation of an agency-wide strategic plan
- Fare policy support and fare study coordination
- Participation in Rhode Island's transportation planning process, including membership on the Transportation Advisory Committee and the State Planning Council, maintenance and updating of Rhode Island's State Management Plan, development and publication of a transit program of projects in the Transportation Improvement Program consistent with the recommendations of the Transit Master Plan, and ongoing assistance in implementing the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan
- Coordination with state economic development leadership to ensure maximum leveraging of transit investment for job growth and economic benefit
- Development and ongoing analysis of fleet decarbonization scenarios in connection with existing and proposed service growth as recommended in the TMP
- Ongoing planning of agency operational, maintenance, and customer facilities
- Development/scoping activities to ensure that proposed projects are well-defined and able to be executed by Project Management staff
- Ongoing as-needed support for municipalities in pursuit of SS4A funds
- Coordination with other state agencies in support of state level plan implementation activities, including the RI Statewide Safety Action Plan developed through the SS4A project

Long-Range Planning FY27		
Federal	State	Total
\$666,074	\$166,518	\$832,592

Appendix E - FY2027 UPWP - RIDOT SPR Tables

FHWA Participation Cost By Project And Expenditure Classification

Appendix A.1 - Ver. 06-08-2026												
PART I - FISCAL YEAR 2027 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027) [SPR Part A, SPR-347]												
FHWA PARTICIPATION COST BY PROJECT AND EXPENDITURE CLASSIFICATION (Federal funds plus state match)												
Task No.	Task	Personnel	Contractual Services	Equipment & Supplies	Travel & Training	Other Expenses	Payments to Other State Agencies	FY 2025 SPR Funds Budget	Federal Share	State Share	Funding from Other Sources	Total
10	ADMINISTRATION											
10-01	2022-10-01 OCR - ADA Transition Planning		\$ 1,200,000.00					\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 960,000.00	\$ 240,000.00		\$ 1,200,000.00
10-03	2022-10-03 RIDOT State Transportation Employment Program (STEP)		\$ 559,200.00					\$ 559,200.00	\$ 447,360.00	\$ 111,840.00		\$ 559,200.00
10-25	2025-10-25 OCR - OI/ISS Program, Outreach & Leadership Development		\$ 86,580.00					\$ 86,580.00	\$ 69,264.00	\$ 17,316.00	\$ 32,459.00	\$ 119,039.00
10-30	2026-10-30 Small Business Development Program		\$ 200,000.00			\$ 50,000.00		\$ 250,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 250,000.00
10-40	2024-10-40 Right-of-Way Asset Support Services and GIS Database Development		\$ 250,000.00					\$ 250,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 250,000.00
20	PLANNING											
20-02	2022-20-02 AIS - GIS Software and Equipment		\$ 1,280,195.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 25,000.00			\$ 1,380,195.00	\$ 1,104,156.00	\$ 276,039.00	\$ 151,848.00	\$ 1,532,043.00
20-07	2022-20-07 PLAN - eSTIP Software Development		\$ -				\$ 160,375.00	\$ 160,375.00	\$ 128,300.00	\$ 32,075.00	\$ 160,375.00	\$ 320,750.00
20-08	2022-20-08 PLAN - Planning Studies On-Call		\$ 2,000,000.00			\$ 500,000.00		\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ 2,040,000.00	\$ 510,000.00		\$ 2,550,000.00
20-09	2022-20-09 PLAN - Travel-Time Data / RITIS *		\$ 617,875.65		\$ 25,000.00			\$ 642,875.65	\$ 514,300.52	\$ 128,575.13	\$ 368,437.83	\$ 1,011,313.48
20-10	2022-20-10 TAMP - Transportation Asset Management Plan		\$ 500,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,000.00			\$ 575,000.00	\$ 460,000.00	\$ 115,000.00		\$ 575,000.00
20-11	2022-20-11 GRANT - Grant Application Support and Related Tasks		\$ 1,000,000.00					\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 1,000,000.00
20-20	2023-20-20 AIS - Document Scanning Management		\$ 650,000.00	\$ 25,000.00				\$ 675,000.00	\$ 540,000.00	\$ 135,000.00		\$ 675,000.00
20-23	2023-20-23 PLAN - Bicycle Planning, Studies & Technical Assistance	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 50,000.00				\$ 550,000.00	\$ 440,000.00	\$ 110,000.00		\$ 550,000.00
20-24	2023-20-24 PLAN - Complete Streets		\$ 250,000.00					\$ 250,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 250,000.00
								\$ -				
25	TRANSIT PLANNING											
25-01	2022-25-01 Transit - Transit Planning		\$ 252,700.00		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 150,000.00		\$ 427,700.00	\$ 342,160.00	\$ 85,540.00		\$ 427,700.00
25-02	2024-25-02 Transit - Rail Plan		\$ 850,000.00		\$ 25,000.00			\$ 875,000.00	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 175,000.00		\$ 875,000.00
25-10	2025-20-10 Transit - FTA Transit Intermodal Facilities Assessment		\$ 500,000.00					\$ 500,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 100,000.00		\$ 500,000.00
30	ENGINEERING											
30-01	2022-30-01 NRU - Support RIDOT Natural Resources Programs	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00			\$ 1,580,000.00	\$ 1,264,000.00	\$ 316,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 1,745,000.00
30-02	2022-30-02 TS - Statewide Crash System FY2022	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00					\$ 1,235,000.00	\$ 988,000.00	\$ 247,000.00		\$ 1,235,000.00
30-03	2022-30-03 TS - State Traffic Commission FY2022	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 400,000.00					\$ 600,000.00	\$ 480,000.00	\$ 120,000.00		\$ 600,000.00
30-04	2022-30-04 TS - Traffic Data Collection, Management, & Analysis	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 1,483,071.00		\$ 1,750.00			\$ 1,604,821.00	\$ 1,283,856.80	\$ 320,964.20		\$ 1,604,821.00
30-15	2023-30-15 - Development of Management Plans & Procedures for the RI Scenic Roadway Board	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 61,000.00	\$ 48,800.00	\$ 12,200.00		\$ 61,000.00
40	PROJECT MANAGEMENT											
20-05	2022-20-05 Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS)	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00			\$ 530,000.00	\$ 424,000.00	\$ 106,000.00		\$ 530,000.00
20-06	2022-20-06 Pavement Asset Management Systems	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00			\$ 1,050,000.00	\$ 840,000.00	\$ 210,000.00		\$ 1,050,000.00
40-01	2022-40-01 CRU - Cultural Resources Services	\$ 318,000.00	\$ 290,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 7,000.00			\$ 616,200.00	\$ 492,960.00	\$ 123,240.00		\$ 616,200.00
40-02	2022-40-02 Educational Advancement & LTAP **		\$ 700,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 250,000.00		\$ 985,000.00	\$ 788,000.00	\$ 197,000.00	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 1,195,000.00
		\$ 1,523,000.00	\$ 17,019,621.65	\$ 257,200.00	\$ 283,750.00	\$ 950,000.00	\$ 160,375.00	\$ 20,193,946.65	\$ 16,155,157.32	\$ 4,038,789.33	\$ 1,086,119.83	\$ 21,280,066.48
	Total SPR Part I											

FHWA Participation Percent Cost By Project And Expenditure Classification

Appendix A2 - Ver. 06-03-2026													
PART I - FISCAL YEAR 2027 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027) [SPR Part A: SPR-347]													
FHWA PARTICIPATION COST BY PROJECT AND EXPENDITURE CLASSIFICATION (Federal funds plus state match)													
Task No.	Task	Personnel	Contractual Services	Equipment & Supplies	Travel & Training	Other Expenses	Payments to Other State Agencies	FY 2025 SPR Funds Budget	Federal Share	State Share	Funding from Other Sources	Total	Percent Fed Share
10	ADMINISTRATION												
10-01	2022-10-01 OCR - ADA Transition Planning		\$ 1,200,000.00					\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 960,000.00	\$ 240,000.00		\$ 1,200,000.00	80.00%
10-03	2022-10-03 RIDOT State Transportation Employment Program (STEP)		\$ 559,200.00					\$ 559,200.00	\$ 447,360.00	\$ 111,840.00		\$ 559,200.00	80.00%
10-25	2025-10-25 OCR - OIT/SS Program, Outreach & Leadership Development		\$ 86,580.00					\$ 86,580.00	\$ 69,264.00	\$ 17,316.00	\$ 32,459.00	\$ 119,039.00	58.19%
10-30	2026-10-30 Small Business Development Program Database Development		\$ 200,000.00		\$ 50,000.00			\$ 250,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 250,000.00	80.00%
20	PLANNING												
20-02	2022-20-02 AIS - GIS Software and Equipment		\$ 1,280,195.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 25,000.00			\$ 1,380,195.00	\$ 1,104,156.00	\$ 276,039.00	\$ 151,848.00	\$ 1,532,043.00	72.07%
20-07	2022-20-07 PLAN - e-STEP Software Development						\$ 160,375.00	\$ 160,375.00	\$ 128,300.00	\$ 32,075.00	\$ 160,375.00	\$ 320,750.00	40.00%
20-08	2022-20-08 PLAN - Planning Studies On-Call		\$ 2,000,000.00		\$ 50,000.00	\$ 500,000.00		\$ 2,550,000.00	\$ 2,040,000.00	\$ 510,000.00		\$ 2,550,000.00	80.00%
20-09	2022-20-09 PLAN - Travel-Time Data / RITIS *		\$ 617,875.65		\$ 25,000.00			\$ 642,875.65	\$ 514,300.52	\$ 128,575.13	\$ 368,437.83	\$ 1,011,313.48	50.85%
20-10	2022-20-10 TAMP - Transportation Asset Management Plan		\$ 500,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,000.00			\$ 575,000.00	\$ 460,000.00	\$ 115,000.00		\$ 575,000.00	80.00%
20-11	2022-20-11 GRANT - Grant Application Support and Related Tasks		\$ 1,000,000.00					\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 1,000,000.00	80.00%
20-20	2023-20-20 AIS - Document Scanning Management		\$ 650,000.00	\$ 25,000.00				\$ 675,000.00	\$ 540,000.00	\$ 135,000.00		\$ 675,000.00	80.00%
20-23	2023-20-23 PLAN - Bicycles Planning , Studies & Technical Assistance		\$ 500,000.00	\$ 50,000.00				\$ 550,000.00	\$ 440,000.00	\$ 110,000.00		\$ 550,000.00	80.00%
20-24	2023-20-24 PLAN - Complete Streets		\$ 250,000.00					\$ 250,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 250,000.00	80.00%
25	TRANSIT PLANNING												
25-01	2022-25-01 Transit - Transit Planning		\$ 252,700.00		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 150,000.00		\$ 427,700.00	\$ 342,160.00	\$ 85,540.00		\$ 427,700.00	80.00%
25-02	2024-25-02 Transit - Rail Plan		\$ 850,000.00		\$ 25,000.00			\$ 875,000.00	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 175,000.00		\$ 875,000.00	80.00%
25-10	2025-20-10 Transit - FTA Transit Intermodal Facilities Assessment		\$ 500,000.00					\$ 500,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 100,000.00		\$ 500,000.00	80.00%
30	ENGINEERING												
30-01	2022-30-01 NRU - Support RIDOT Natural Resources Programs	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 25,000.00			\$ 1,580,000.00	\$ 1,264,000.00	\$ 316,000.00	\$ 163,000.00	\$ 1,743,000.00	72.52%
30-02	2022-30-02 TS - Statewide Crash System FY2022	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00					\$ 1,235,000.00	\$ 985,000.00	\$ 247,000.00		\$ 1,235,000.00	80.00%
30-03	2022-30-03 TS - State Traffic Commission FY2022	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 400,000.00					\$ 600,000.00	\$ 480,000.00	\$ 120,000.00		\$ 600,000.00	80.00%
30-04	2022-30-04 TS - Traffic Data Collection, Management, & Analysis	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 1,483,071.00		\$ 1,750.00			\$ 1,604,821.00	\$ 1,283,856.80	\$ 320,964.20		\$ 1,604,821.00	80.00%
30-15	2023-30-15 - Development of Management Plans & Procedures for the RI Scenic Roadway Board	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 61,000.00	\$ 48,800.00	\$ 12,200.00		\$ 61,000.00	80.00%
40	PROJECT MANAGEMENT												
20-05	2022-20-05 Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS)	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00			\$ 530,000.00	\$ 424,000.00	\$ 106,000.00		\$ 530,000.00	80.00%
20-06	2022-20-06 Pavement Asset Management Systems	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00			\$ 1,050,000.00	\$ 840,000.00	\$ 210,000.00		\$ 1,050,000.00	80.00%
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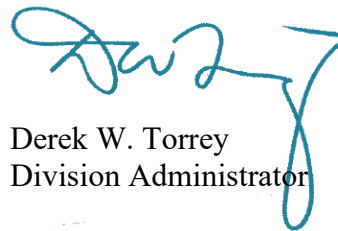
Dear Ms. Brady:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the FY27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for State Fiscal Year 2027, approved by the State Planning Council on June 11, 2026. The UPWP documents planning work proposed for the State Fiscal Year from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, and details the estimated cost to perform the work.

Based upon our review, we approve the work program for FTA 5303 and FHWA Metropolitan Planning funds, to be administered as a consolidated planning grant. Funds shall be administered in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 and 23 CFR Part 420. Please note that this approval is made by my office on behalf of both FHWA and FTA.

Work beginning July 1, 2026, is hereby authorized by this approval and subject to the availability of funds. Should you have any questions regarding this FY 2027 UPWP approval, please contact me or Michael D'Alessandro at 401-330-5229 or michael.dalessandro@dot.gov.

Sincerely,



Derek W. Torrey
Division Administrator