



State of Rhode Island

Department of Administration – Division of Statewide Planning
Department of Transportation

Self-Certification of Rhode Island's FFY 2022-2031 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

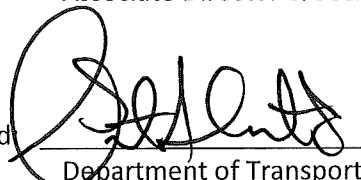
The State Planning Council, Metropolitan Planning Organization for the State of Rhode Island, which the Rhode Island Department of Administration's Division of Statewide Planning is staff to, is responsible along with its partners for the metropolitan planning process, and the Rhode Island Department of Transportation is responsible for carrying out the statewide transportation planning process with its partners. This planning process was carried out for the FFY 2022-2031 STIP in accordance with the following requirements:

1. The planning process in Rhode Island is conducted in a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive manner in accordance with all factors required of state and metropolitan plans and programs in 23 USC 134, 49 USC 5303, 23 CFR Part 450/49 CFR 613, and 23 USC 135 and 49 USC 5304. The process and products include all plans and programs support related to the following:
 - a. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) - Public Law 114-94.
 - b. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d-1), Older Americans Act 42 USC 6101, 49 CFR 21, 23 USC 324 and 49 USC 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age.
 - c. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq.), Sec. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38, relating to discrimination against individuals with disabilities.
 - d. Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 23 CFR 230 and 49 CFR 26 relating to equal employment opportunities and involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises.
 - e. The Clean Air Act (42 USC 7504 and 7506), as amended, and 40 CFR 93 relating to nonattainment areas and compliance of transportation projects with the State Implementation Plan.
 - f. Executive Order 12898 – Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations.

2. Project Selection – All projects are drawn from and/or are fully consistent with applicable elements of the Rhode Island State Guide Plan and 2020 Long Range Transportation Plan – Moving Forward RI. The State Transportation Improvement Program presents a ten-year program of funding for transportation projects from federal fiscal year 2022 to 2031. All projects in the fiscally constrained years of the STIP (FFY 2022-2025) are eligible for funding authorization. Projects listed in FFY 2026-2031 are shown for information.
3. Fiscal Constraint – Project costs in the STIP are limited to amounts less than federal funding authorization levels anticipated through FFY 2025; that is, they reflect funds reasonably expected to be available to implement selected projects.
4. Air Quality Conformity – All state and metropolitan planning programs, plans, and projects conform to the purposes of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and support relevant provisions of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Air Quality.
5. Public Participation – Adequate public notice and reasonable opportunity for public review and comment has been provided to citizens, public agencies, municipalities, employee representatives of transportation and other affected agencies, freight transportation and other private providers of transportation, representatives of the disabled, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle facilities, and other interested parties, including those traditionally underserved by the existing transportation system. The public participation process conducted as part of the FFY 2022-2031 STIP is in conformity with the State Planning Council’s Public Participation Plan and State Planning Council Rules & Procedures. The State has followed published and adopted procedures for public involvement throughout the statewide transportation planning and programming process.

I hereby certify that the FFY 2022 – FY2031 STIP has met all of the above requirements.

Signed:  Date: September 9, 2021
Department of Administration
Division of Statewide Planning
Associate Director & Secretary of the State Planning Council

Signed:  Date: 9/9/21
Department of Transportation
Director