

# Project Prioritization Cover Sheet

## Transportation Improvement Program



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PROJECT PRIORITIZATION	<b>Project Prioritization</b> <i>please use an additional sheet if necessary</i>			
	Priority	Listed in TIP 2013-2016		Project Name
		Yes	No	
	1	X		Kingston Station Maintenance (Interior Restoration)
	2	X		Railroad Museum project (Interpretive Features)
	3	X		Railroad Signal Tower

CERTIFICATION	<b>Applicant Certification</b>	
	The information provided on this application is in accordance with local regulations and ordinances.	
	Applicant	Jack Doyle Vice President
	Signature	Date 12/28/2015



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Dec. 28, 2015

Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program  
One Capitol Hill, Smith Street  
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RE: Project Submittal for 2017 – 2025 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Attached please see information on three projects the Friends of Kingston Railroad Station, Inc. wishes to have considered for inclusion in the 2017 – 2025 TIP. All three are in the current (2013 – 2016) TIP and RIDOT has expended considerable staff time already on all three projects. We believe these projects will significantly enhance the travelling experience for rail travelers, RIPTA riders, and users of the South County Bike Path. They also will provide environmental and economic benefits, especially for the tourism segment of the economy.

If you have questions about these projects, please contact: Everett Stuart, 401-447-0727 or [evstuart@verizon.net](mailto:evstuart@verizon.net) who is our contact person for these projects.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Jack Doyle  
Vice President, Friends of Kingston Railroad Station, Inc.

**Kingston Station Interior Restoration and Interpretive Features and  
Kingston Station Signal Tower**

**Kingston Station Interior Restoration and Interpretive Features**

*Note:* In recent years as RIDOT worked on the planning phase of the following two projects the coordinated nature of the two has become more evident. Both involve work on the interior of the station, in the same time frame, and enhance each other.

**1.) Interior Restoration:** (titled “Kingston Station Maintenance” in the 2013 – 2016 TIP)

*Scope of Work:* Restoration exclusively within the interior of the Station to include, restroom renovations; ADA modifications of the doorway between the south and north waiting rooms; restoration of existing original benches; the addition of work corrals; installation of Wi-Fi [for technology charging stations]; installation of interior storm windows; installation of reproduction period lighting in the Ticket Master’s office; full depth refinishing of wood flooring in the north waiting room and top-coat polyurethane of wood flooring in the south waiting room; restoration of faux bois painting to the interior side of the exterior doors; and repainting of the interior walls throughout the building.

*Project Benefits:* In federal fiscal year 2015 Amtrak served 157,547 passengers at Kingston Station making it a major gateway to both South County and tourism rich Aquidneck Island. In addition, hundreds of people used the RIPTA service and bikeway facilities associated with the station. This project will improve the visitor’s experience, helping to boost the economy of the area. Environmental benefits include energy conservation from the installation of storm windows on the existing large single pane windows and from the expanded use of energy efficient rail transit by travelers. Amtrak’s current construction of a third track and full length high level platforms complements this project’s improvements.

**2.) Museum (Interpretive Features):** (titled “Railroad Museum” in the 2013 – 2016 TIP)

*Scope of Work:* The Project will provide for the design and installation of encased displays of interpretive exhibits from the Friends of Kingston RR Station collection of railroad related historic artifacts, as well as the display of interpretive panels highlighting a FOKS selected topic. Rail travelers and visiting members of the public will learn of the role railroads and Kingston Station had in the development of South County and Rhode Island.

*Project Benefits:* This project complements the above improvements by education travelers and visitors about the role railroads played in the development of the region and the state. The interpretive displays will add to the travel experience, including for those people waiting for a train or bus to arrive. Families using the bike path will have added destination value at the station, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

## Kingston Station Signal Tower

### **3.) Kingston Station Signal Tower** (titled "Railroad Signal Tower" in the 2013 – 2016 TIP)

*Scope of Work:* The project will provide for restoration of existing tower exterior in its current location. Restoration to include exterior painting, replacement windows, exterior stair case, electric service, utility sleeve, external period light, safety lighting, a short path leading to the front door, an interpretive panel detailing the history and function of the Signal Tower.

*Project Benefits:* The wooden signal tower is part of a historic transportation landscape and complements the station. While it is no longer in active use by the railroad, exterior restoration of the tower will ensure its place in this landscape. It also will preserve the potential for future use of the tower's interior for alternative use in the future. The location of the signal tower, adjacent to the recently expanded parking for the station, affords the opportunity to easily provide security lighting for the currently under lite parking area.



# Town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island

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December 18, 2015

Mr. Everett Stuart, Treasurer  
Friends of Kingston Railroad Station, Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Stuart:

The South Kingstown Town Council conducted a Public Hearing on December 14, 2015 for the purpose of reviewing the State's existing Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as well as proposals for new projects, and to provide the opportunity for comment from the general public on transportation infrastructure needs in South Kingstown and the State as a whole. As part of this Public Hearing, there was discussion and input received on three existing projects in the current TIP which are under the aegis of the Friends of Kingston Station:

- Kingston Station Maintenance
- Railroad Museum Project
- Kingston Station Signal Tower

Friends representative Frank Heppner addressed the Council during the Public Hearing and discussed the status of these projects and provided your organization's perspective on the continuing need for these projects to proceed and be continued in the TIP for Federal Fiscal Years 2017-2025. The Town agrees that the heritage of Kingston Station and viability of this multi-modal hub is of great importance, both locally and regionally, and is of the view that these projects will serve to honor the heritage of Kingston Station and improve the functional aesthetic of the facility. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Town Council's motion concerning the forthcoming TIP submittal contained the following language with regard to these projects: "the Council urges the SPC (State Planning Council) to include positive consideration of proposals for projects by the Friends of Kingston Station ...".

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please don't hesitate to contact this office directly.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Alfred  
Town Manager

cc: Karen Scott, Assistant Chief, RI Statewide Planning Program