

Vision Workshop

South Kingstown – 1/23/18 Providence – 1/24/18 Newport – 1/31/18



Long Range Transportation Plan Bicycle Mobility Plan

January Vision Workshops



Stations

Station 1 – Why are you here?

A brief introduction to today's workshop, purpose, and goals.

Station 2 – Vision for the future...

Step through the vision, goals, and objectives of the Long-range Transportation Plan and help us make improvements. Collaborate with others and make your edits here or leave us comments.

Station 3 – Bicycling in the future...

Review and prioritize the goals and needs of the Bicycle Mobility Plan.

Station 4 – You're the Governor

Fearing losses in funding, your help is needed to come up with new funding ideas.

Station 5 – Path to No Where

Which bicycle network gaps should we close first?

Station 6 – Thank you!

Thank you for joining us here today! Return your scorecard here to enter the raffle.

Station 1 – Why are you here?





Purpose

- Learn about the vision, goals and objectives for each plan
- Provide comments and feedback
- Help inform the next steps for the Longrange Transportation Plan – Future Scenarios
- Help identify sources of bicycle improvement funding
- Help prioritize bicycle gaps and needs statewide





What is your Vision?

Grab a pen and help us improve our Long-range Transportation Plan vision. Collaborate with others and make your edits here or leave us comments.

"Provide more opportunities to connect people and places in a safe, efficient, and sustainable manner. The goals for Rhode Island's transportation system are achieved through innovation, forward-thinking policies, and short- and long-range funding strategies."

Common themes:

- Remove/revise the phrase "Provide more opportunities ... '
- Enhance public transit and biking/walking options and choices
- Incorporate "all ages and all abilities", provide transportation to serve all citizens
- Key words: safe, efficient, timely, collaboration, resiliency, partnerships, sustainable, accessible, affordable, multimodal, health, economy
 - Theme: key words describing the indirect impacts of transportation



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Provide more opportunities to This Plan envisions a multimodal transportation network that connects people, places, <u>and goods</u> in a safe and <u>resilient</u> manner <u>by</u> providing effective and affordable transportation choices that are supportive of healthy communities, provide access to jobs and commercial centers, and promote a sustainable and competitive Rhode Island economy. The goals for Rhode Island's transportation system are achieved through innovation, forward-thinking policies, and short- and longrange funding strategies.



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Active, Health, Walkable Environmental Justice, Equity Connectivity for all people

Safe, Reliable, Resilient, Efficient

Right-size: Maintenance, Stransportation
Enhance ped/bike/transit

Provide a sense of place

Promote
Environmental
Sustainability

Safe, Multimodal, Intermodal,

Unify, Remove Barriers,

Walkable, Bikeable, Land Use,

Expand Transit

Support Economic Vibrancy



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Write a word you think of for each Long-range Transportation Plan goal.

Climate Change, GHGs, AQ, Open Space, Environmental Health, Trail Connectivity, EVs,

Green Infrastructure

Safe, Reliable, Resilient, Efficient

Jobs, Tourism, Economic Opportunity, Reduce Congestio

Options



Write a word you think of for each Long-range Transportation Plan goal.

Active, Health, Walkable

Environmental Justice, Equity

Connectivity for all people

(include mobility-limited)

Provide a sense of place

Climate Change, GHGs, AQ,

Open Space, Environmental

Health, Trail Connectivity, EVs,

Green Infrastructure

Safe, Reliable, Resilient, Efficient Right-size, Maintenance, Enhance ped/bike/transit

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improve health (through transportation)	
expand transportation choices	
reduce car travel (number of trips, length of trips)	
improve connections to jobs, services, necessities	
reduce traffic congestion	
grow tourism (through transportation)	
support social equity	





...improve health (through transportation)

...expand transportation choices

- Designing Complete Streets
- Expanding dedicated bike, pedestrian, transit facilities and networks
 - Expand education about sharing the road
 - Improve trip frequency on transit
- Invest in electric vehicles
 ...reduce trappic congestion



..grow tourism (through transportation)





...improve health (through transportation)

...expand transportation choices



reduce car travel (number of trips, length of trips.)

- Connect modes (transit, bikes, park-n-ride)
- Remove barriers to biking (example: bridges)



- Promote transit orientated design
- Provide funding needed to improve RIPTA and transit services
- Provide alternatives to close the first mile/last mile gap
- Expand transit options during off peak travel (evenings, weekend)
- Expand transit choices (expand rail, ferry)











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improve connections to jobs, services, necessities...

- Improve transit services (frequency)
- Education
- Raise the cost of driver (gas tax, VMT tax)
- Limit parking within city centers
- Incentivize ridesharing and transit
- Focus on expanding capacity for transit and bike modes, not automobiles

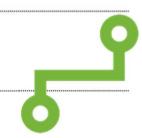




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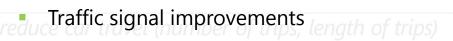
- Improve transit connections to central business districts
- Specifically Improve connections from Cranston to Pawtucket
- Create bus only lane on freeways
- Create routes between Newport and Jamestown and routes connecting Washington County
- Install and maintain more bike racks in Central Business Districts





...improve health (through transportation)

- Increase cost of driving (gas tax, VMT tax)
- Create a statewide rail service



- More dedicated lanes for transit and bikes
- Congestion Pricing, carbon tax
- Improve/expand bus stop and bike rack locations

...reduce traffic congestion

...grow tourism (through transportation)

...support social equity





...improve health (through transportation)

- Expand opportunities to use transportation as a feature: ferry rides as sight seeing, bike paths as scenic attractions
- Increased wayfinding/signage to key attractions
- Bike parking at key attractions
- Transit service to key attractions
- Improve connections to jobs, services, necessities
 Improved connectivity to TF Green Airport
- Provide affordable options

...grow tourism (through transportation)







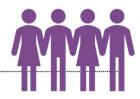
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- Appropriate maintenance and snow removal statewide
- Expand rural connectivity trips, length of trips)
- Provide transportation for mobility-limited populations
- Provide transportation choices that are affordable
- Close first mile/last mile gaps

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- Top 3 Trends:
 - Increased demand for biking/walking
 - Increased impacts of climate change/extreme weather
 - Increases in commuting and utility bike trips (non-recreation)



What does the future hold?

Future Scenarios In the year 2040...

Fix It First

- The transportation network is working toward (has not achieved) a state of good repair
- The impacts of cimate change require additional protections for critical transportation assets
- Current travel and land use trends remain the same
- Traffic congestion continues to grow

Transportation Choice

- Attractive alternative transportation choices and connections decrease demand for cars and increase demand for transit, bixes, and ridesharing
- The mobility-limited population continues to grow rapidly requiring new transportation options to meet needs
- Expanded transportation choices shift priorities away from personal vehicles

Get Moving

- Housing density increases as residents choose to live in urban areas and growth centers
- Demand for walkable/bike able cities and suburbs continues to grow
- Bicycle travel for commuting and utility trips becomes common

Tech-Ready

- Data infrastructure and availability improves travel ease and efficiency
- Cities and growth centers are becoming "smarter" with better management of transportation and travel needs
- The transportation network is prepared for or already serving connected/autonomous vehicles

Help us identify a 5th future scenario. Choose 3 trends that you think we should consider.

20	Increased housing density (more people living in the cities)
5	Travel options and choices remain the same (car, bus, bike, and so on)
12	Driverless cars (or much smarter automobiles) are on the road
32	Impacts of climate change/extreme weather have increased in severity/frequency
3	Decreased housing density (fewer people living in the cities)
29	Increased number of people using bikes for commuting and utility trips
5	Data improves travel ease and efficiency
14	The transportation network continues to work toward (has not reached) a state of good repair
15	We have more options than today to efficiently travel/commute (car, bike, bus, ferry, and so on)
12	Through data, cities are smarter, which makes travel within the cities easier and traffic is better managed
47	Demand for walkable/bikeable neighborhoods and centers has increased



Where do we begin?

Help us prioritize the objectives of the LRTP by selecting your **top 2** and **bottom 2** objectives.



Connect People & Places

Preserve the Transportation Network

Promote Environmental Sustainability

Support Economic Vibrancy

	Improve individual and community health	8	1	
	Foster social equity	15	3	
	Support compact and connected communities	22	0	
	Reduce Travel Congestion	3	9	********
1	Expand connectivity through car-free options	21	1	
	Improve regional connectivity	12	3	
	Achieve a state of good repair	8	1	
	Enhance transportation network resiliency	1	10	
	Enhance transportation safety	9	0	
	Reduce vehicle miles traveled	4	11	
	Reduce transportation greenhouse gas emissions	10	0	
	Create a network of open space, trails, and paths	14)	3	
	Expand connections to jobs and growth centers	21	1	
	Improve access to national/global freight markets	2	21	
	Make investments supportive of tourism	5	15	
	Reduce transportation costs for people and goods	6	18	
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Trends

- Strong support for connectivity
 - Within communities
 - For car-free options
 - To growth centers/ jobs
- Little support for economic development (freight and tourism)
- Little support for reducing transportation costs
- No mention of technology

Bicycle Mobility Plan Vision

Bicycling is safe, fun and practical in the Ocean State.

Implementation of the Bicycle Mobility Plan has made Rhode Island the most bikeable state in New England. Bicycling is fully integrated into the state's and municipalities' policies, programs and improvement projects, creating a network of paths and streets that safely connect our cities, towns, villages and regions. Bicycle projects are designed to encourage people of all ages and abilities to choose bicycling for both transportation and recreation.

Comments

- Why only New England?
- Additional network elements: neighborhoods, attractions
- Expand "all ages and abilities" to include income levels and skills



Prioritization

How should we prioritize bike projects? Which **2** criteria are the most important?

	Less Important	Modestly Important	Very Important	Top 2 Criteria
Connectivity: Project helps to connect the state's bicycling network of existing shared use paths and bike lanes	1	4	40	35
Multimodal: Project helps to integrate bicycling with public transit (e.g. new paths to train stations or improved bike parking)	0	14	32	21
Policy: Project reflects the move towards stronger statewide policies that promote bicycling	3	14	23	7
Equity: Project represents a significant bicycling investment in traditionally underserved communities	3	9	24	9
Safety: Project is located near a cluster of reported crashes that involved a bicyclist and/or fills a hazardous gap in the local bicycle network	2	9	29	11
Economic Development: Project improves climate for development or promotes bicycle tourism	5	15	16	6
Public Health: Project enables residents to incorporate bicycling into their daily routines and helps to improve public health	6	16	19	5
State Employees: Project or initiative promotes bicycle commuting and general use by State of Rhode Island employees	19	9	7	2
Transportation Focus: Project promotes bicycling for daily users	6	10	23	16
Cost/Timeframe: Project contains few funding, engineering, or permitting challenges, allowing for a quicker implementation timeframe	5	18	6	4
Population Served: Project would improve bicycling conditions for a significant local or regional population	0	8	28	13



Funding Bike Projects

In order to achieve the goals of the Bike Mobility Plan, dedicated funding will need to be established. Review the options below and use a dot to indicate what change, if any, you would make to these potential sources.



Taxes



Sharing



Fees

Wh	nat change would you make?	No Change	\$	\$\$	\$\$\$
1	Increased Sales Tax Current Sales Tax = 7%	35	12)50	2 gse	0
2	Increase Gas Tax Current Gas Tax = \$0.34/gallon	remair 7 allon	17 (se	/ 18 ase	29
3	New Tax: Vehicle Miles Traveled Annual fee for miles driven (e.g. 12,000 miles per year @ 1% tax = \$120)	19	9 ax	12 tax	21
4	Increase Share of Funding Reallocation of existing transportation spending—current share 0% dedicated	2	4 se	r 13 zse	45
5	Ride Hailing Fee Fixed fee per ride for ride hailing	5	20	14	7
6	Congestion Pricing Fixed cost for entering congested areas during certain hours	14	9	20	11
7	Automate Traffic Enforcement Expand automated enforcement (red light cameras, etc.)	no n 13 ent	12 se	(8) pse	25







Rhode Island Moving Forward Long-Range Transportation Plan 2040 Municipal Roundtable – Bristol County www.PlanRI.com | PlanRI2040@gmail.com

Municipal Roundtable Meeting Summary

Date/time: Wednesday, September 20th, 2017 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM

Location: Bristol Library

525 Hope Street Bristol, RI 02809

Invited Bristol County participants included representatives from Barrington, Warren, and Bristol. Project staff from RI Statewide Planning and VHB helped facilitate the discussions.

After an introduction to the Long-Range Transportation Plan purpose, the attendees were lead through an exercise to provide their input on:

- 1. Economic Development
- 2. Bicycle & Pedestrian Mobility
- 3. Public Transportation
- 4. Asset Management, Safety Resiliency

The purpose of this exercise was to identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats associated with each of the above sectors. Participants were encouraged to write down their ideas for improvement or concerns. Summary points from the exercise include:

Economic Development

- Route 136 backups impede economic growth- people will drive around to avoid traffic.
- Roundabouts may ease congestion.
- Historic character threatened by traffic diversion in Warren.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Mobility

- There is local support and buy-in for bicycle and pedestrian improvements
- Missing sidewalk linkages and non-ADA compliant sidewalks force people to walk in the street
- Coordination between State and local communities should be better.
- There is a need for better education on bike path rules, bike safety, and sharrows.
- Opportunity to revitalize Safe Routes to School.
- State should financially support local efforts to improve sidewalks on State roads.
- Sign fatigue.

Public Transportation

- Improve connections between rail and the roads used to transport the freight.
- Not a lot of ridership for widespread public transportation
- Loss of port connections in East Providence





Asset Management, Safety, & Resiliency

- When the State doesn't maintain their infrastructure, it affects the local communities.
- Mains Street/114 and Route 136 in Warren have backups
- Bridges in Bristol being re-built without consideration to sea level rise.
- Create a statewide vulnerability ACTION plan and do pilot projects in the most vulnerable communities.
- Local State DOT liaison for each community (similar to what National Grid does)
- Include community priorities in overall State vision/TIP list

Attendees were encouraged to visit the project website <u>www.PlanRI.com</u> or to contact the project lead if they have any questions or additional comments.





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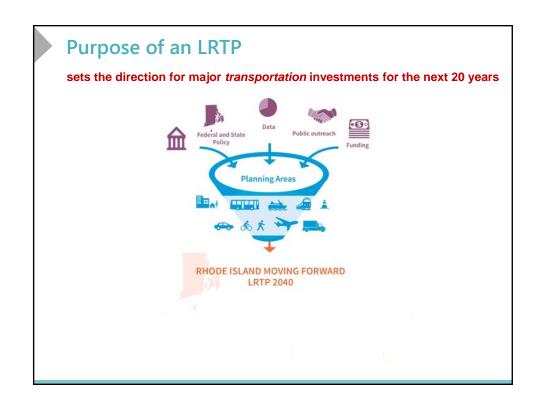


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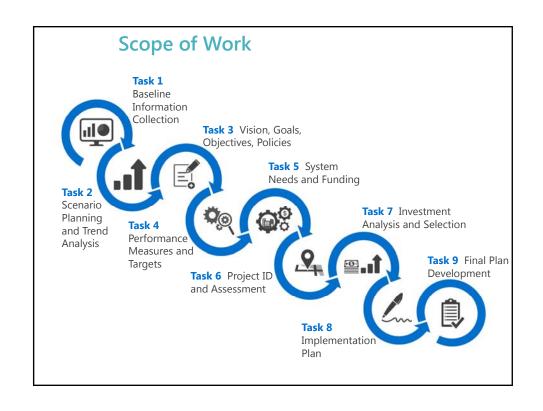
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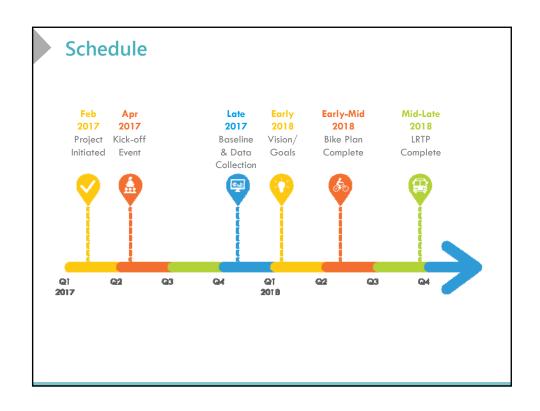


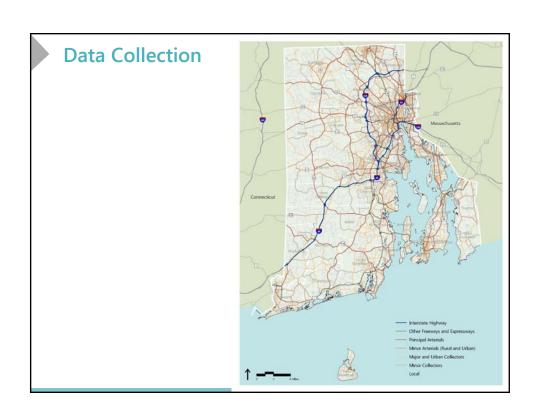
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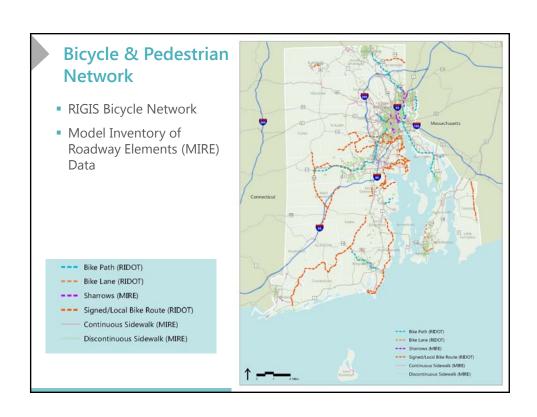




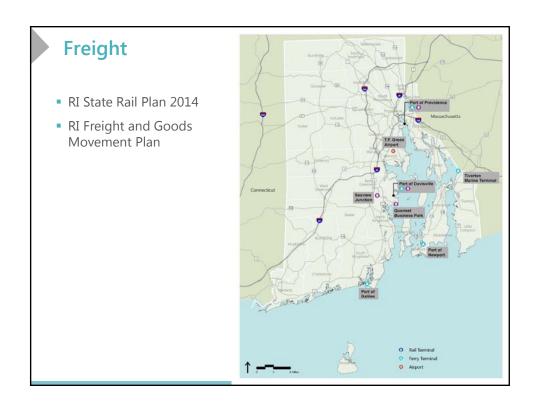


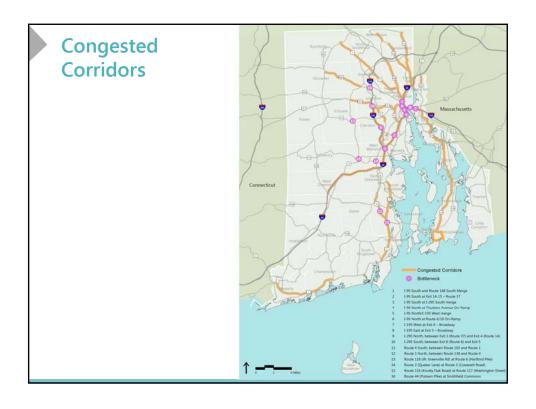


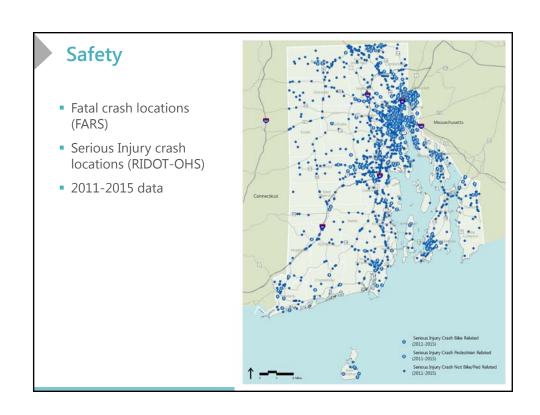
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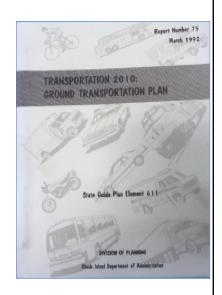






LRTP 2010 Vision...

- Provide a **balanced** system
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Visioning – Needs, Concerns, Opportunities



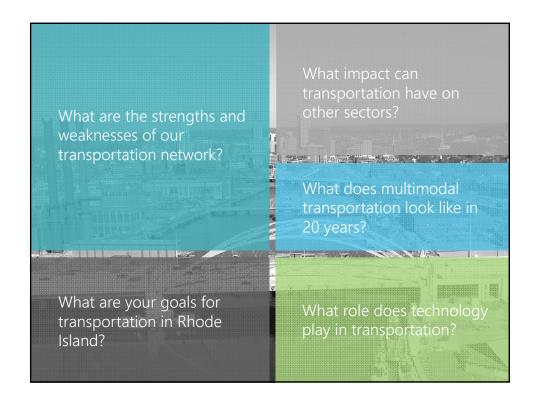
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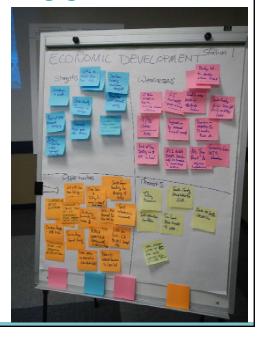


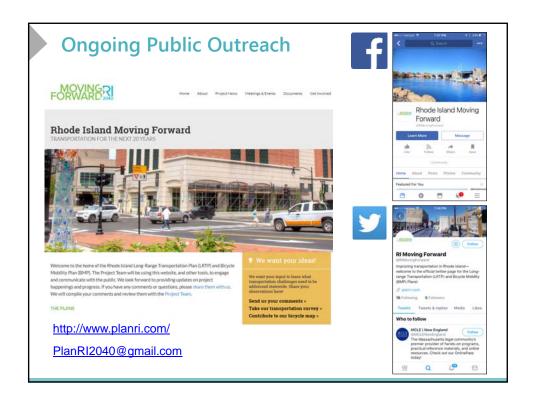
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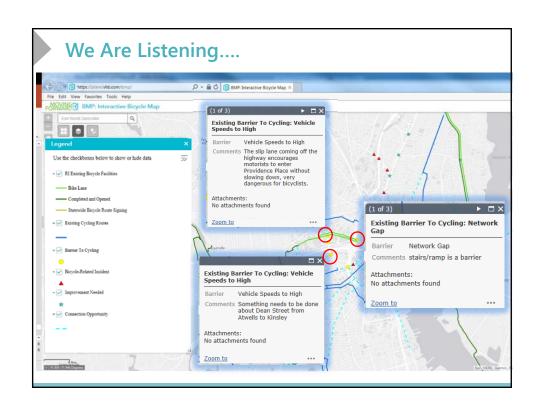


Public and Stakeholder Engagement

- We want to hear from you!
 - Public Workshops
 - Municipal Roundtables
 - Stakeholder Topic Groups
 - Advisory Committees
- Tools and Resources
 - Website
 - Social Media
 - Interactive Bicycle Map
 - Survey



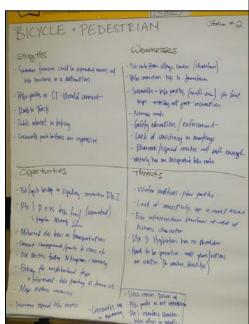




We Are Listening....Municipal Roundtable Feedback

Washington County

- Summer tourism could be expanded by taking advantage of bike tourism
- There is a public interest in more bike connectivity and enhancing cyclist safety
- Some roads are too narrow to safely allow bikes
- Lack of consistency in lane markings
- Consider bikes as a mode of transportation, not just recreation
- Winter plowing efforts don't always allow for safe bike travel
- Connect bike paths to more destinations like shops, train stations, beaches, and campgrounds



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Providence County

- Great existing off-road paths and facilities
- Notable gaps in northern Rhode Island
- Discontinuity at junctions where paths terminate can be a danger
- Great momentum behind cycling (as a movement)



Next Steps

Data Collection

Public and Stakeholder Engagement

- September: Municipal Roundtable discussions (by county)
- Public Workshop #1: Discovery
 - 9/21 Pawtucket
 - 9/25 Narragansett
 - 9/28 Bristol
- Stakeholder Topic Groups Meetings

Scenario Development









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82 Peirce Street

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Economic Development

- Coventry is currently investing in a pavement management system.
- Congestion on Sandy Bottom Road and Route 3 during evening commute
- Leverage the river as a tourism opportunity for water and bicycle recreation and transportation.
- Limited funding is a threat to the whole area.
- Many roads have limited right of way which limits improvement options.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Mobility

- Coventry is in the process of connected the Center of New England to the Connecticut boarder with multimodal facilities and green spaces.
- Washington Secondary is a strength, provides a connection to Providence.
- Pavement markings are needed to supplement signage.
- More visible bicycle treatments are needed to overcome visual pollution
- Build bicycle connections to Connecticut

Public Transportation

- Coventry has significant Human Services needs (identified by RIPTA). Likely due to lack of transit services and an aging population.
- Coventry Town Hall, library, and trail head (soon police station coming here too) are all located together in the downtown, however, there is no public transportation access to this.
- Opportunity to use rideshare to close the first mile/last mile gap.
- Consider land use changes to support walking.

Asset Management, Safety, & Resiliency

- Roadway Safety Assessment on Arnold Road helped identify safety improvements and opened up funding opportunities.
- Rivers and waterways in the vicinity of Sandy Bottom Road and Route 3 can flood after major rain events.
- Many roads in Coventry are wide and invite faster speeds which hurts safety.
- Congestion on Route 33/Sandy Bottom Road could benefit from a road diet- reducing lanes.





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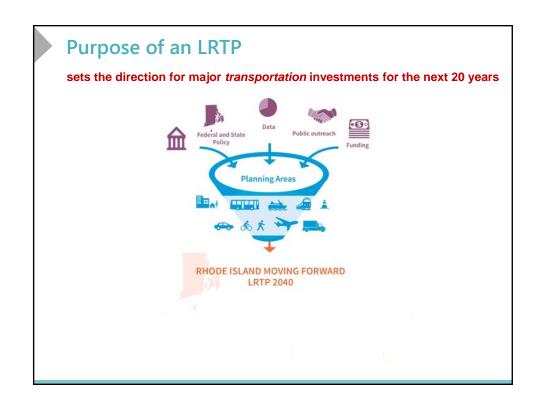


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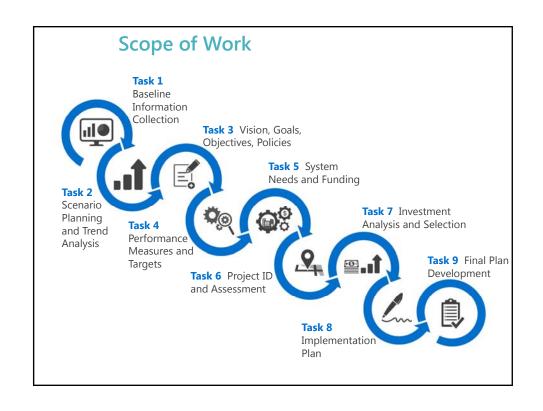
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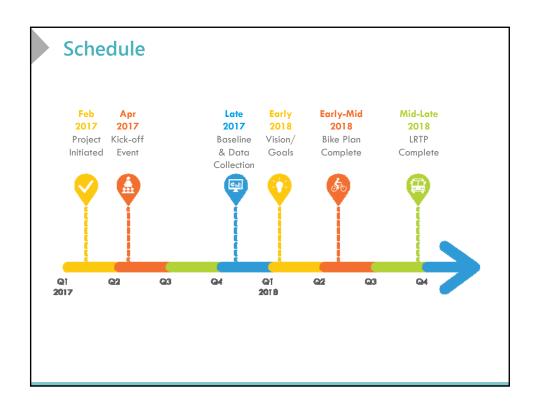


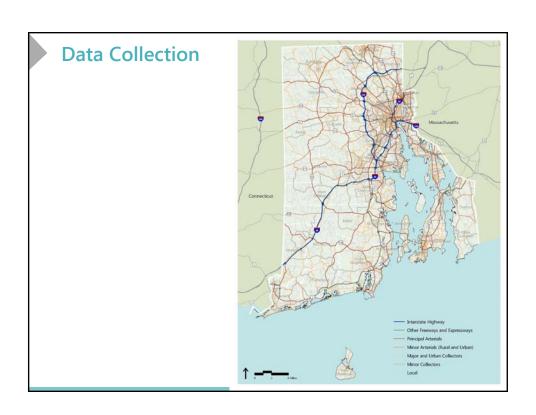
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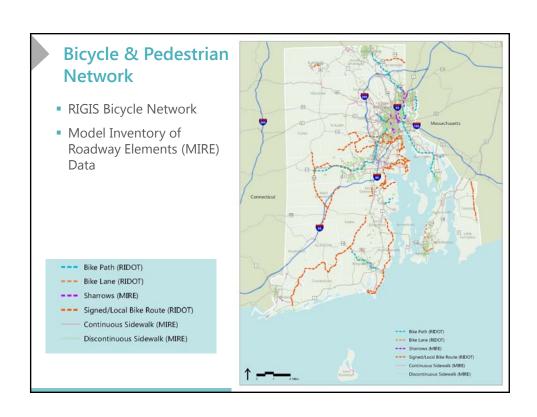




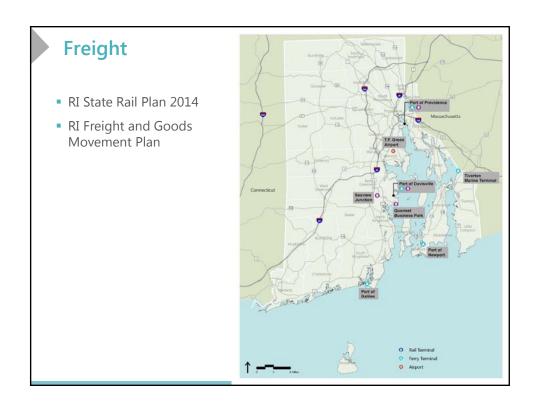


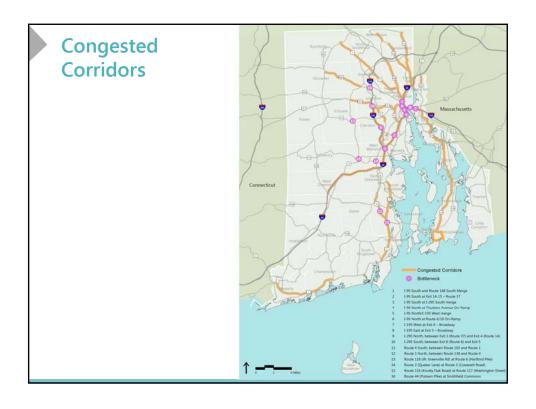


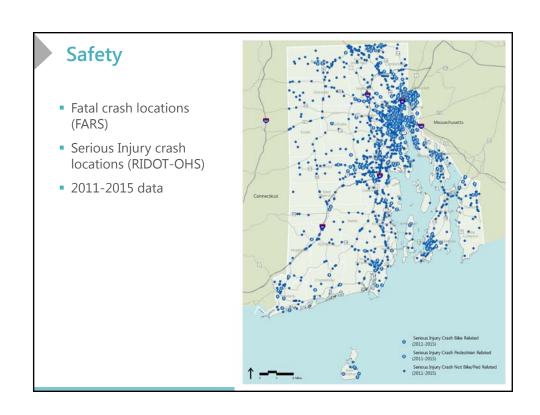
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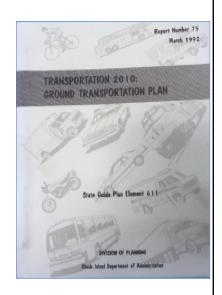






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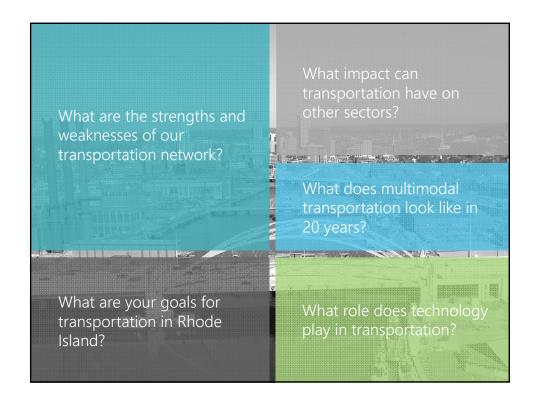
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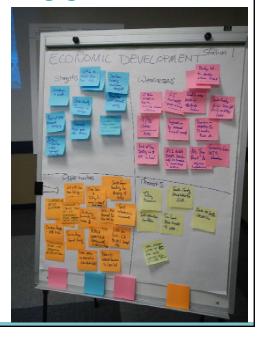


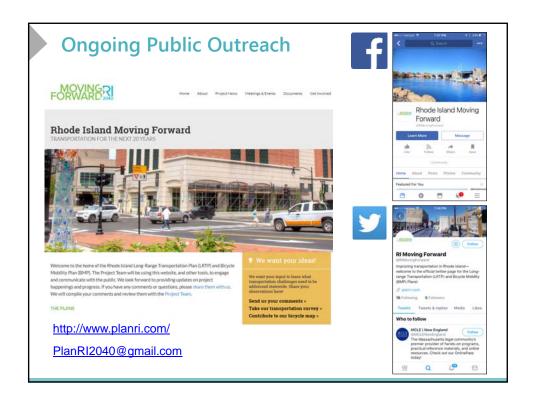
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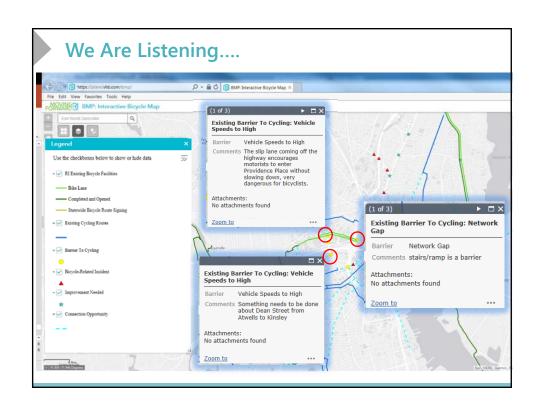


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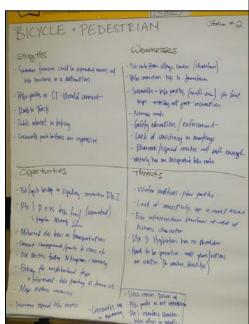




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Municipal Roundtable Meeting Summary

Date/time: Wednesday, September 13th, 2017 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Location: Portsmouth Library

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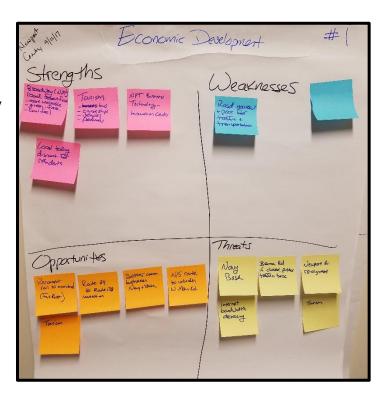
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Economic Development

- Road beautification on Broadway (Newport) has been welcomed.
- Tourism brings opportunities for buses, cruise ships, vehicles, and pedicabs. It may also put a strain on all transportation systems.
- Newport's innovation center has promise to create jobs and support economic development.
- Roads are too narrow
- Reconnect rail to mainland via Fall River when the MBTA line is extended.
- There needs to be better communication and coordination between the State and the Navy base.

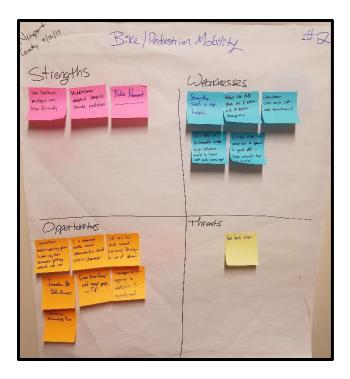






Bicycle & Pedestrian Mobility

- The two northern bridges are bike friendly.
- "Share the Road" is not helpful. Bikes use full lane on East Main Road and West Main Road (Newport) which is viewed as dangerous.
- Would like bike access across the Jamestown Bridge.
- Routes 114 and 136 in Portsmouth are high volume, four-lane roads, making it difficult to locate safe pedestrian crossings.
- Think of cycling as transportation, not just recreation.





Public Transportation

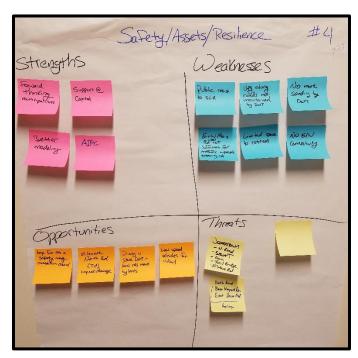
- RIPTA is a strong resource but could improve frequency to the County.
- Bike racks on busses are used but may benefit from more capacity.
- Consider the rail right-of-way for alternative transportation modes.
- Add/Enhance summer bus service to Middletown beaches.
- Improve bus service to dense neighborhoods in Portsmouth and Middletown that are not served today.
- Funding for public transportation is the biggest threat.





Asset Management, Safety, & Resiliency

- The municipalities in Newport County are forward thinking.
- Better modeling has made for better planning.
- There has been public resistance to sea level rise
- An asset management weakness is that roadside vegetative clearing and winter sanding programs have been cut by RIDOT.
- As roads are improved there is an opportunity to enhance resiliency, multimodal connectivity, and safety along corridors.
- Jamestown and Sea Level Rise/Storm Surge vulnerabilities: North Road, Beavertail Rd., Conanicus Ave., base of Newport bridge, East Shore Road.





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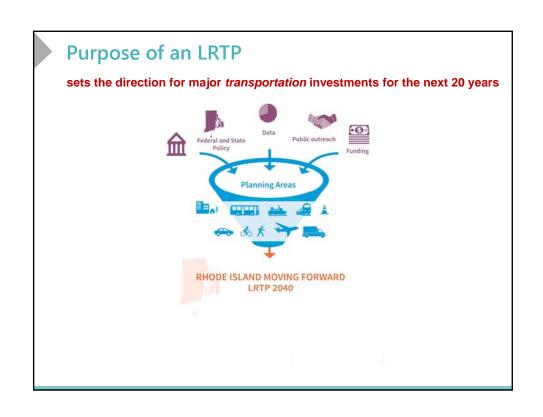
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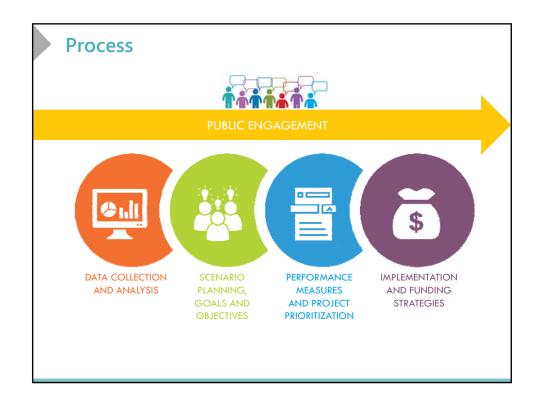
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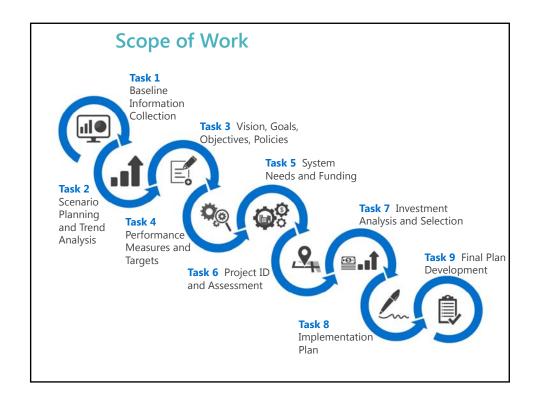
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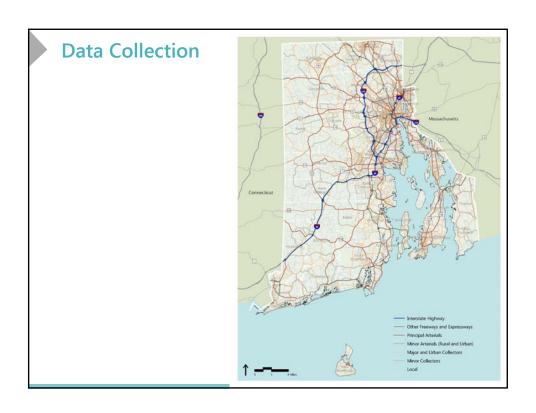
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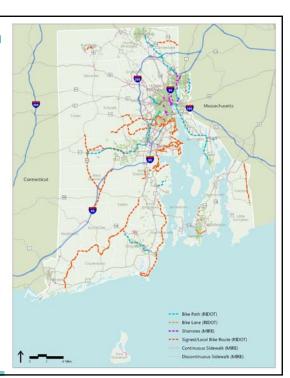
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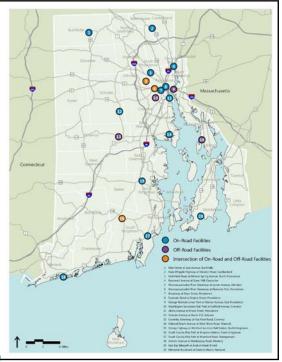
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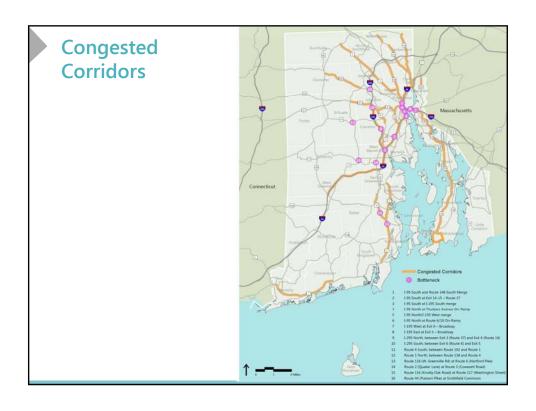
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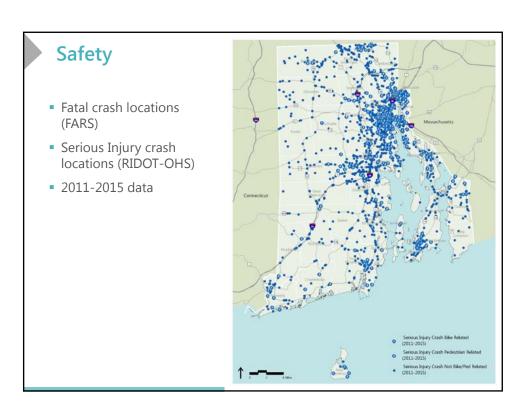


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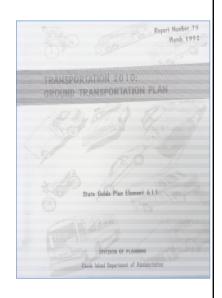






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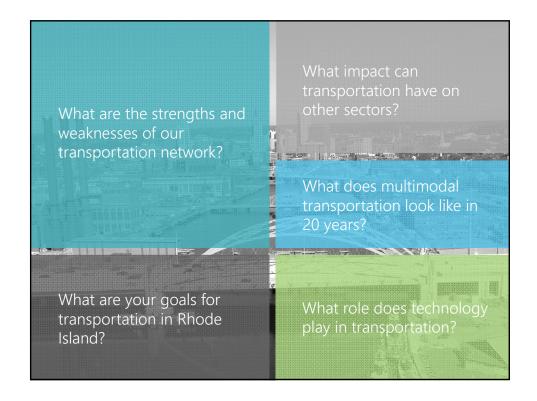
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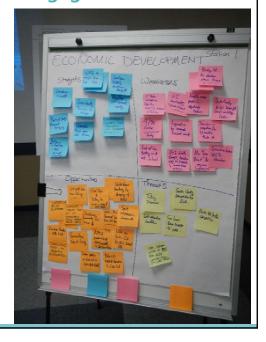


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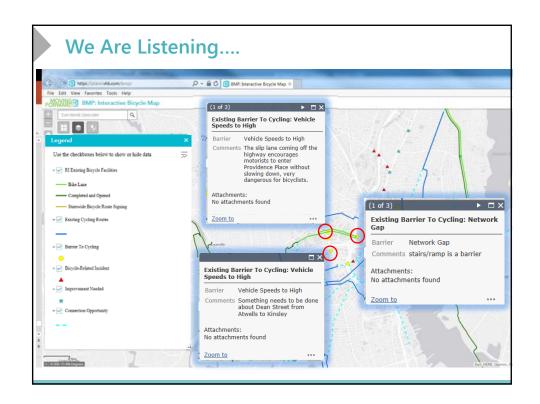


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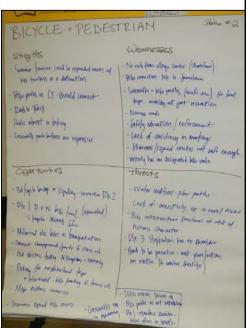




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- Port depth in Providence not deep enough for all containers.
- Port of Providence real estate being lost to residential development.
- The new proposal to have an Amazon warehouse in Rhode Island could be an opportunity for new jobs or a threat if those jobs or development draw residents out of the state.
- New tolling on I-95 will bring money into the State but may encourage trucks to take longer routes.
- Driverless rideshare to the beaches in the future.
- Need more access to the coast via public transportation.







Bicycle & Pedestrian Mobility

- There are many existing bike paths.
- Growing cycling ridership.
- Bike path ownership for maintenance is not clear.
- Need better separations between bikes and motorized vehicles.
- There is a lack of cycling education and enforcement of rules of the road.
- Need more attention given to first and last miles at intermodal facilities.
- Create a statewide bike share.
- Sidewalks and bike paths and lanes should be cleared of snow.
- Need to reduce distracted driving which poses a threat to cyclists.





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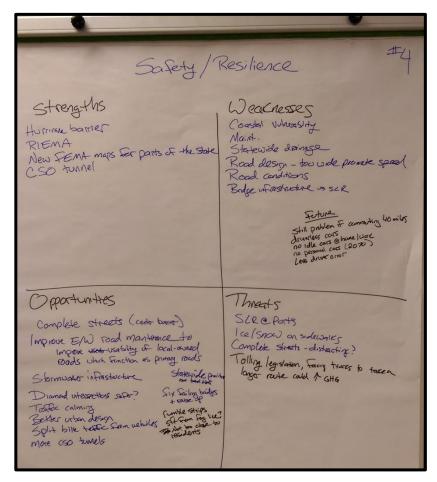
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- The 9 Express bus is used every day to bring people into Providence.
- Cranston hub near Garden City is well served
- Transit is not convenient- it doesn't save time and it doesn't run late into the day and weekend service is limited.
- Opportunity to capture ridership from MA via Woonsocket. Connect to Worcester
- Park and Ride could serve more people if improved and promoted.
- Amtrak should serve T.F. Green airport.
- Poor urban design and sprawl hinders the success of public transportation.
- Negative views of buses.
- Need more funding for RIPTA.





Asset Management, Safety, & Resiliency

- The hurricane barrier in Providence has reduced losses from flooding.
- Statewide drainage needs to be improved.
- Roads that are built too wide promote speed.
- More opportunities for complete streets to improve safety (reduce speeds). On the other hand, are complete streets distracting for drivers?
- Improve the usability of locally owned roads which function as primary roads
- Sea level rise will affect the ports, bridges, and coastal roads.
- Tolling legislation could force trucks to take a longer route and thereby increasing their greenhouse gas emissions.
- Maybe in the future driverless cars will reduce human error on the roadways.





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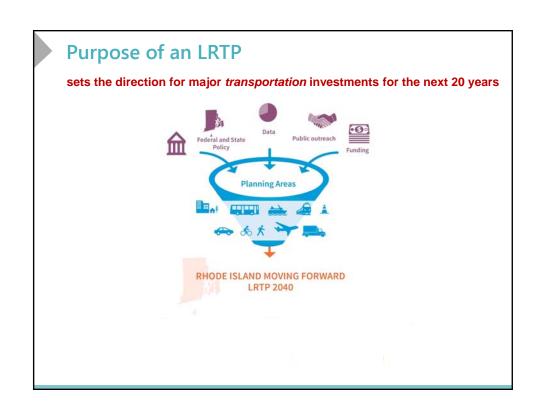


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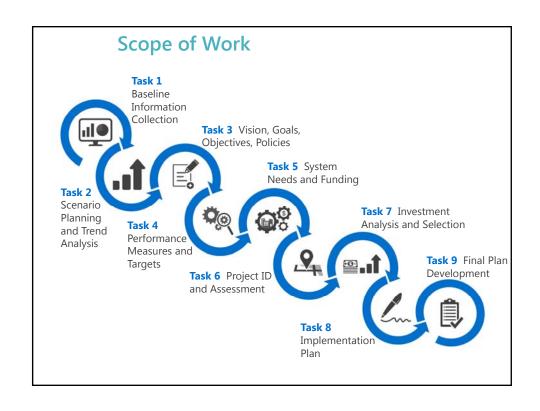
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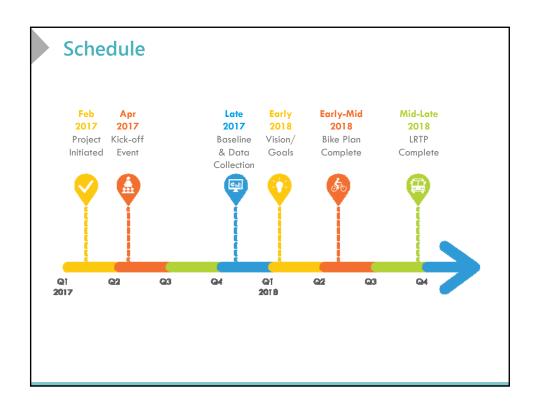


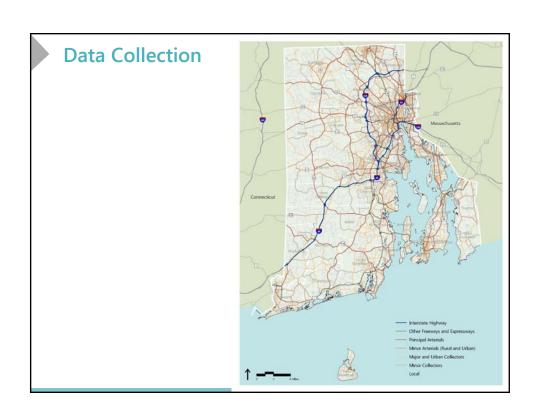
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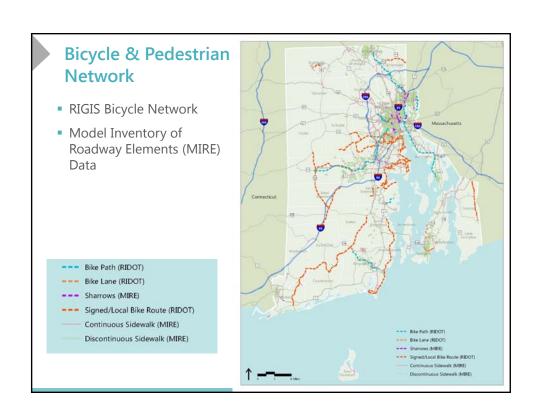




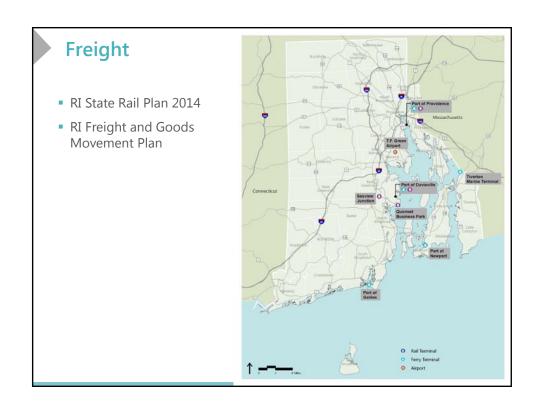




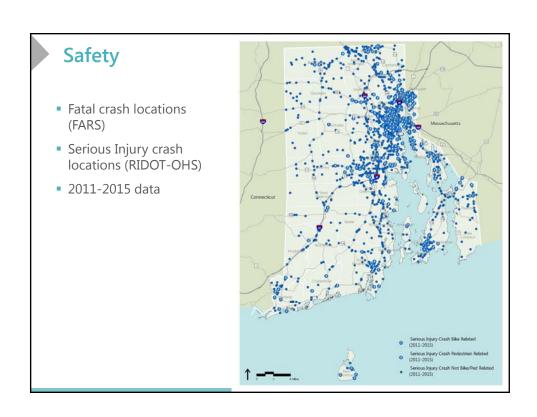
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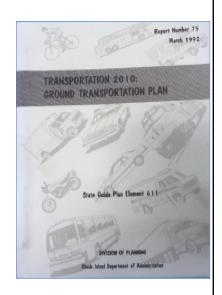






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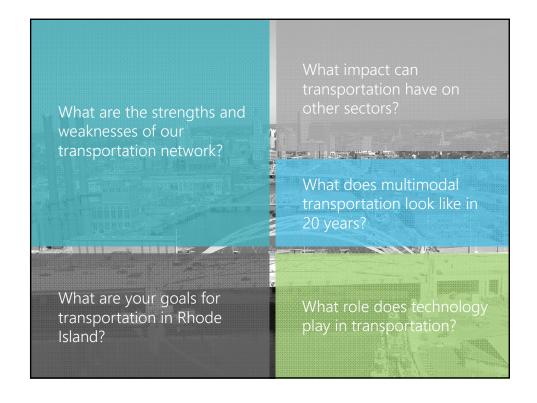
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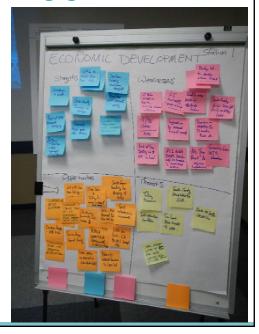


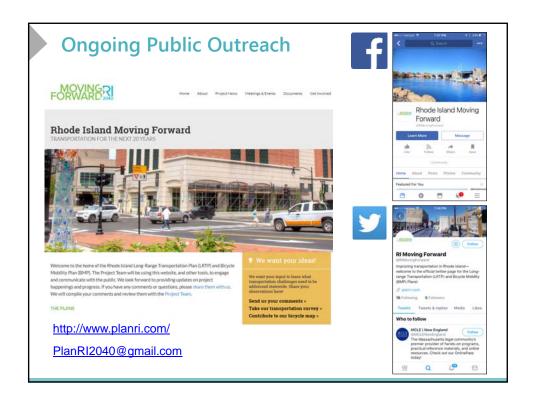
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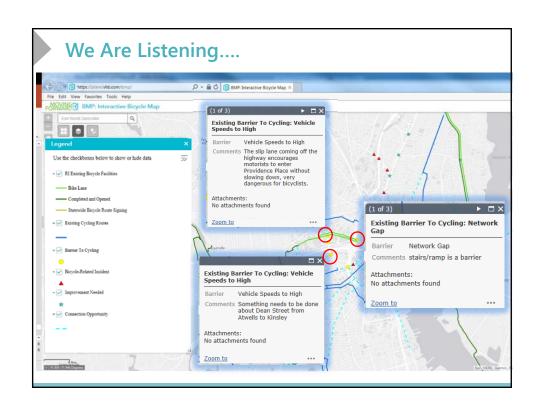


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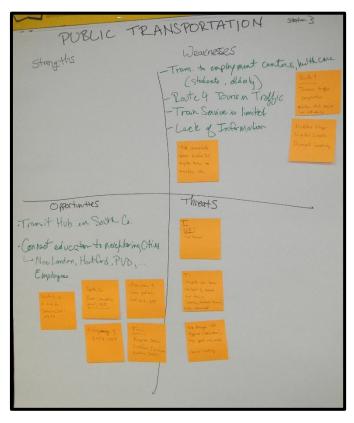


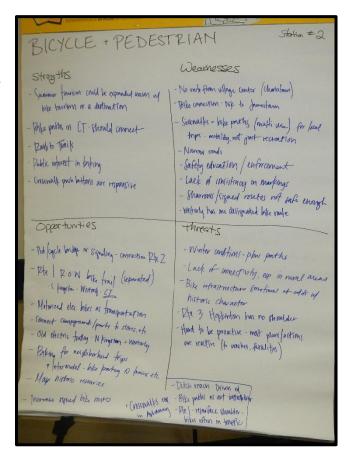




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- Train service is limited
- Increase frequency of RIPTA/MBTA
- Improve connection between Wickford Village, Wickford Junction, and Quonset.
- Have more transit hubs in South County (enhance existing hubs: Kingston Station, Wickford Junction, Westerly Station)
- Ride share as an opportunity to close first mile/last mile gap
- Connect education to neighboring cities- New London, Hartford, Providence





Asset Management, Safety, & Resiliency

- Post Road road diet (larger middle lane for turning traffic) has been successful
- Complete Streets have been popular
- South Kingstown's evacuation routes are inundated when it floods.
- Many key coastal roads are susceptible to storm surge and sea level rise.
- Need to create a policy to coordinate efforts among State groups to prioritize resiliency improvements and think on a large network scale
- Interchanges at Exits 1 and 3 on Interstate 95 need to be realigned, they are a rollover risk
- Road salt applications affect nearby drinking wells and natural habitat
- Need to plan for evacuation of nonvehicular population (elderly)





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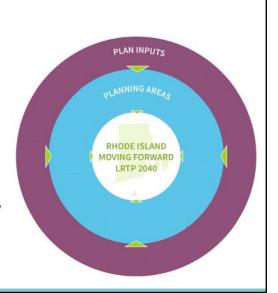
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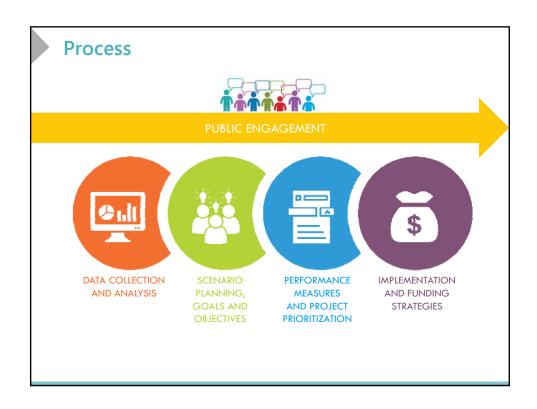


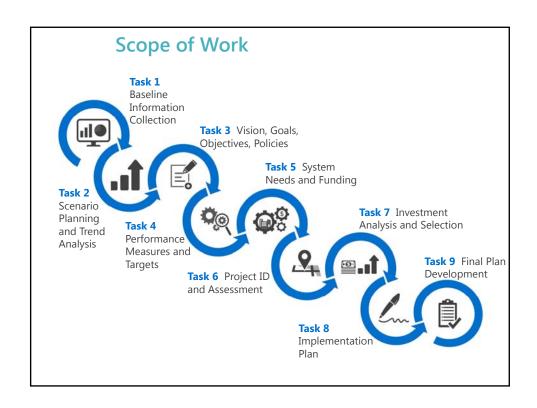
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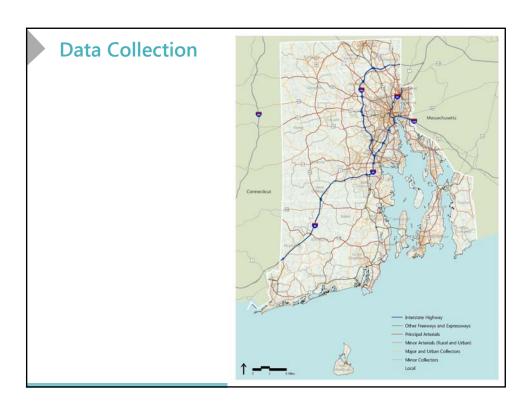


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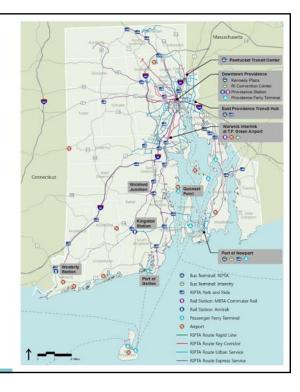






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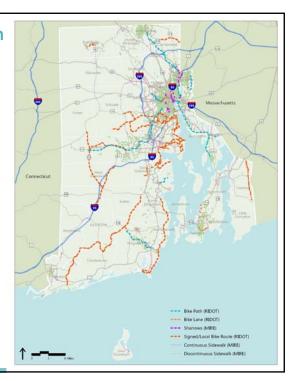
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- Train Service
- Ferry Terminals
- Airports

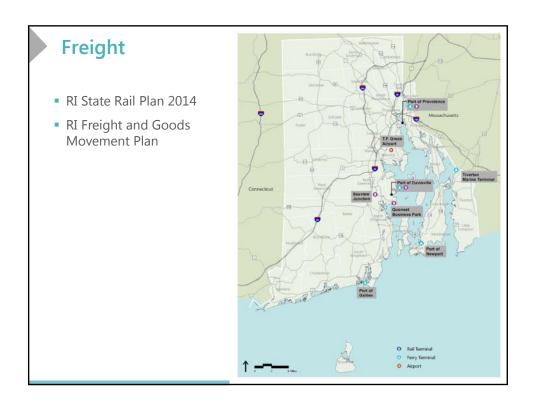


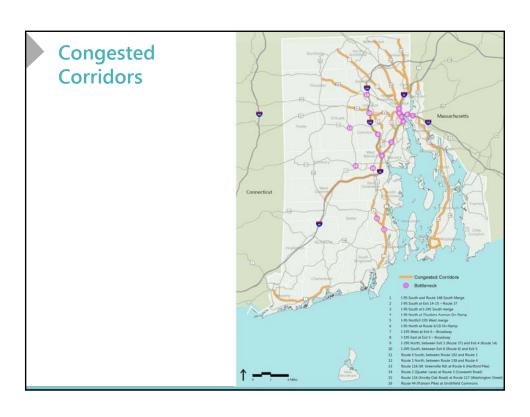
Bicycle & Pedestrian Network

- RIGIS Bicycle Network
- Model Inventory of Roadway Elements (MIRE) Data
- Bike Path (RIDOT)

 Bike Lane (RIDOT)
 - --- Sharrows (MIRE)
 - --- Signed/Local Bike Route (RIDOT)
 - Continuous Sidewalk (MIRE)
 - Discontinuous Sidewalk (MIRE)

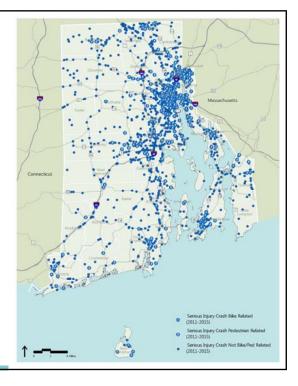






Safety

- Fatal crash locations (FARS)
- Serious Injury crash locations (RIDOT-OHS)
- 2011-2015 data



Visioning – Needs, Concerns, Opportunities



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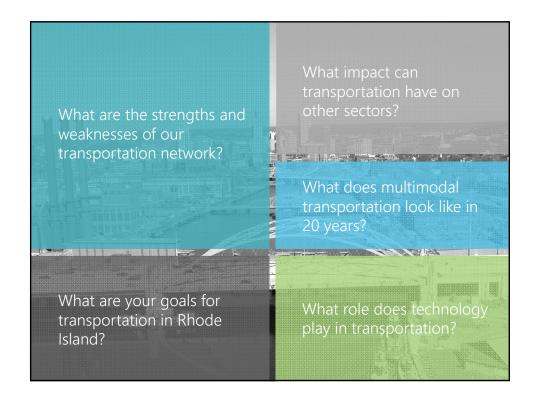


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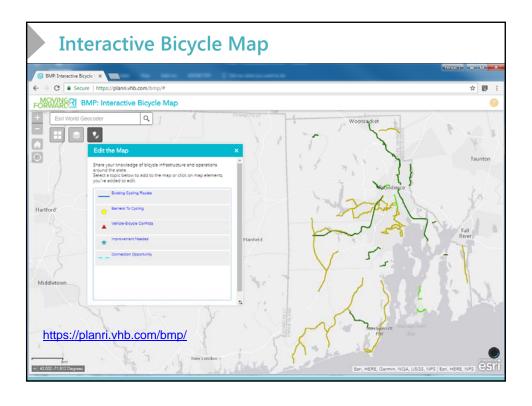
Public and Stakeholder Engagement

- We want to hear from you!
 - Public Workshops
 - Municipal Roundtables
 - Stakeholder Topic Groups
 - Advisory Committees
- Tools and Resources
 - Website
 - Social Media
 - Interactive Bicycle Map
 - Survey (electronic and paper)









Next Steps

- September: Municipal Roundtable discussions (by county)
- Public Workshop #1: Discovery
 - End of September
- Stakeholder Topic Groups Meetings
- Scenario Development







Rhode Island Moving Forward Long-Range Transportation Plan 2040
Discovery Public Workshop Series
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Discovery Public Workshop Series Staff Overview – Working Draft

Date/time:	Thursday, Sept. 21st, 2017	Date/time:	Monday, Sept. 25 th , 2017	Date/time:	Thursday, Sept. 28 th , 2017
	6:30 PM to 8:30 PM		6:30 PM to 8:30 PM		6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Location:	Blackstone Valley Visitor	Location:	Narragansett Town Hall	Location:	Burnside Memorial
	Center		25 5 th Avenue		Building
	175 Main Street		Narragansett, RI		400 Hope Street
	Pawtucket, RI		_		Bristol, RI

The Discovery Public Workshop was intended to give the public an opportunity to comment on the upcoming Long-Range Transportation Plan and Bicycle Mobility Plan efforts and to tell the project team about the state transportation system from a user perspective. This public workshop series was held in three locations around the state in geographically diverse areas: Metro Providence, South County, and East Bay. The same agenda and activities were completed at each workshop.

The workshop was set up in an open house format, allowing visitors to freely circulate and visit seven different input stations throughout the evening. Stations used dot voting, open comment boards (complete the sentence), and similar activities to gain feedback from participants.

A summary of the workshop findings is attached.

Station 1- Why are you here?

- A brief overview of the RI Moving Forward project including the purpose and expectations for the Long-Range Transportation Plan and Bicycle Mobility Plan.
- Participants were provided with a handout describing each station and a scorecard that they could
 complete as they visited each station. Completed score cards were used as an entry in a raffle for one of
 three \$10.00 Dunkin' Donuts gift cards.

Station 2- Choices, Choices...

 Participants had the opportunity to provide feedback about different modes of transportation they use in Rhode Island and what their experiences are while traveling. This station also included a display describing evolving transportation technologies and asked for public views of such technology and the future.

Station 3- Tell us about yourself

 An opportunity to take two anonymous surveys on general transportation and bicycle-specific behavior, habits, and mobility. Both surveys were made available on tablets and on paper.

Station 4- All about bikes

 A station dedicated to cycling throughout Rhode Island. Visitors discussed bicycle facility use, cycling comfort, areas for improvement, and system gaps and needs.





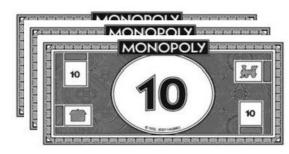


Station 5- All aboard!

 A station dedicated to public transportation. Participants shared their thoughts on public transportation in Rhode Island including facility gaps and amenities, service needs, enhancements to existing systems and opportunities to expand transit networks.

Station 6- You're the Governor

• The goal of this station was to learn how the public would invest in transportation. At this station, visitors were asked to consider how they would spend transportation funds if they were the Governor. Each person was given \$100 to invest across eight different categories in any way they wished. All of the money could be placed in a single category or invested in various areas. The investment areas were: Improving

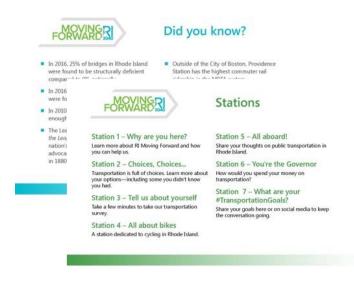


Roadways and Easing Congestion, Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities, Improving Existing Public Transportation, Climate Change and Resiliency, Maintaining Existing Systems, Safety, Future Technologies, and New/Expanded Public Transportation Options.

Station 7- What are your #TransportationGoals?

• The final station gave participants an opportunity to share additional thoughts that may not have been captured elsewhere on an open comment board and encouraged them to stay connected to the project through social media and the project website.

A brief overview of the findings and observations at each station follows. No findings or observations are reported for Station 1 as the purpose of this station was to provide introductory and background information about the workshop.









Station 2- Choices, choices...

My commute is...

A sample of some comments shared at this station is below.

- Quick ride down I-95. Would love more bike/bus options
- Dangerous. I'm a bike commuter, and even though I like 1 mile from my office, it's still sketchy
- MBTA to Boston from Warwick- better Wifi. 1 hour 20 minutes, 3 days a week, 2 days at home
- Short, but frustrating- lots of congestion on 95
- By car but I would love to take the bus to North Kingstown and Providence
- I'm a lucky one... 5-minute commute by bike on bike path! "Be the change you want to see".
- About 20 minutes, provided the Mount Hope Bridge is clear (this feels reasonable and isn't bad).
- Trips to Providence during rush hour are exhausting

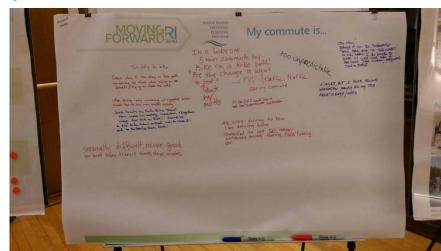




Figure 1 Bristol Public Workshop, September 28, 2017





How do you travel in Rhode Island?

Participants identified their use of each mode as one of the following frequencies: Most Frequently (greater than 3 times per week), Frequently (1-2 times per week), Infrequently (1-3 times per month), or Never

- Many workshop participants identified that they use a personal automobile very frequently to travel in Rhode Island. This was followed next by bicycle.
- Bus, train, and ferry use were most commonly used 'Infrequently'.
- It should be noted that ferry service is provided year round to Block Island and Prudence Island and seasonally between Providence and Newport; therefore, only specific populations would be able to use Ferry service Very Frequently or Frequently.
- Most participants indicated that they never use rideshare services.



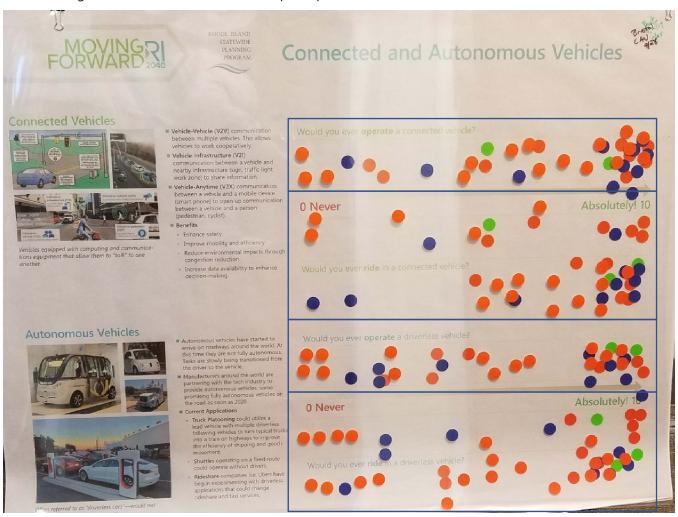




Connected and Autonomous Vehicles

Participants identified how interested they would be in operating connected or driverless vehicles or riding in connected or "driverless vehicles".

- Through conversations with participants it was observed that most people were not aware of connected vehicles and prior to this discussion would not have distinguished them as different from autonomous or "driverless" vehicles, which are more commonly discussed in the media.
- Less familiarity with connected vehicles likely lead to a more mixed response to the thought of operating or riding in a connected vehicle.
- Through discussion, participants often voiced clear support or rejection of autonomous vehicles.
- Feedback from the dot voting exercise indicated that participants are mostly receptive to operating or riding in connected vehicles. However, participants showed more reservations to autonomous vehicles.



By 2040, transportation technology could...

A sample of some representative comments shared at this station is below.

- Make my commute effortless
- Be a distraction from emissions and traffic reduction of a good public and intermodal transit system
- Mean flying drone vehicles
- Be run on renewable energy
- Automatically correct course for accidents to reduce congestion at critical junctions





Station 3- Tell us about yourself

Two surveys were available for participants to answer, one concerning general transportation habits, behavior, and needs across all modes geared toward informing the Long-Range Transportation Plan and one specific to cycling habits, behaviors, and needs geared toward informing the Bicycle Mobility Plan. In addition to encouraging participants to answer the survey it has also been made available on the project website, socialized through twitter and facebook and distributed electronically with assistance from stakeholders.

As of October 4, 2017 the Long-Range Transportation Plan survey has been answered 60 times and the Bicycle Mobility Plan survey has been answered 115 times.

Station 4- All about bikes

I use my bike to...

A sample of some representative comments shared at this station is below.

- Exercise/recreation
- Short commutes to the train station
- Explore the state
- Engage with the community
- Run Errands

Where's your comfort level?

Participants identified their level of comfort riding on various types of bicycle facilities on a scale from 0 (not comfortable) to 10 (comfortable). The colored dot used to by each participant indicates the individual's strength as a cyclist with red indicating someone is not confident. Confidence increased from red to yellow to green and to blue for the strongest cyclists.

Working from top to bottom, the facilities evaluated were: Two-way cycle track, Contraflow bicycle lane (opposing traffic), Buffered bicycle lane with vertical delineation, buffered bicycle lane, bike sharrows (share the road), rural signed bicycle route, and urban signed bicycle route.

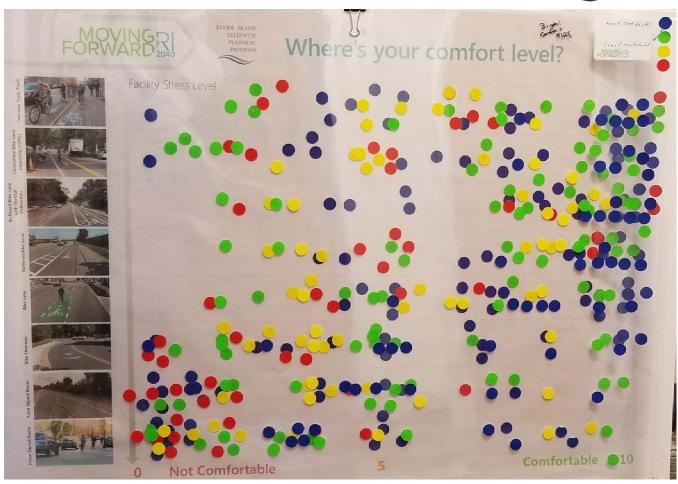
- The majority of participants would be comfortable using a two-way cycle track, buffered bicycle lanes with vertical delineators, and buffered bicycle lanes without vertical delineation.
- Contraflow bicycle lanes and typical bicycle lanes were found to be comfortable for over half of
 participants, and most participants indicated they were at least somewhat comfortable on each of these
 facilities.
- Many participants suggested they would be comfortable in a bicycle lane or a contraflow bicycle lane but feedback was mixed. RI has had little exposure to contraflow lanes, one recently opened in Central Falls.
- Comfort using shared bicycle facilities (sharrows) was mixed across all comfort levels.
- Signed bicycle routes (rural and urban) were found to be not comfortable by about half of participants.



Figure 2 Narragansett Public Workshop September 25, 2017







Facility Type	TOTAL	Not Interested 0	1	2	3	4	Somewhat Comfortable 5	6	7	8	9	Comfortable 10
Two way	50	0	1	0	2	5	5	2	7	8	5	15
Contraflow	45	0	3	1	3	3	8	1	4	6	5	11
Buffered, Vertical delineation	48	0	0	0	2	4	2	0	0	9	11	20
Buffered bike lane	42	0	0	0	2	5	3	3	3	5	7	14
Bike Lane	46	0	0	1	2	7	6	4	6	7	3	10
Bike Sharrows	48	0	6	4	6	8	9	1	5	2	2	5
Rural Signed route	50	1	9	10	1	7	11	2	3	3	1	2
Urban signed route	50	0	14	9	2	9	7	0	1	3	2	3





I would like to use my bike to...

A sample of some representative comments shared at this station is below.

- Commute to work
- Make connections to peak trains on Amtrak and MBTA
- Ride on safer and contiguous bike infrastructure
- Recreation/exercise
- Explore the state (including the beaches and coast)

Network gaps and needs

Finally, participants were given an opportunity to illustrate and comment on network gaps, needs, and opportunities on statewide maps. The five county maps used for this exercise are attached to this deliverable.

Station 5- All aboard!

Public Transportation is...

A sample of some representative comments shared at this station is below.

- Essential but network can be improved (route coverage and frequency)
- Not very popular
- Freedom from having to drive and park
- Essential to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impacts
- Needed in Washington County
- Unknown by many- need more public awareness i.e. 6 o'clock news,
 MBTA commuter line

I would like to use public transportation to...

A sample of some representative comments shared at this station is below.

- Reduce car dependency
- Light rail in Providence and surrounding towns
- In general more ferries crossing the Bay from east to west, north to south
- Hop on/hop off bus in Providence for winter nights out.
- Expand my choices
- Serve health centers, put health clinics on transit routes

Network gaps and needs

Finally, participants were given an opportunity to illustrate and comment on network gaps, needs, and opportunities on a statewide map. The map used for this exercise is attached to this deliverable.





Improving Public Transportation

Participants identified how they would improve public transportation service and amenities through dot voting and discussion with facilitators.

- Increasing service frequency was the most common top priority identified.
- Improving intermodal connections was the top enhancement identified by participants while improved access to information, improved bus shelters and stops, and integrated fares all ranked closely as a second priority. Maintenance/snow removal and a smart phone application ranked as the lowest priorities.
- New public transportation hubs, where riders could access major residential and employment areas were a commonly identified need.
- Improved access to rural communities through some form of public service
- Improving linkages during planning between housing and transportation to ensure adequate access by public transportation.



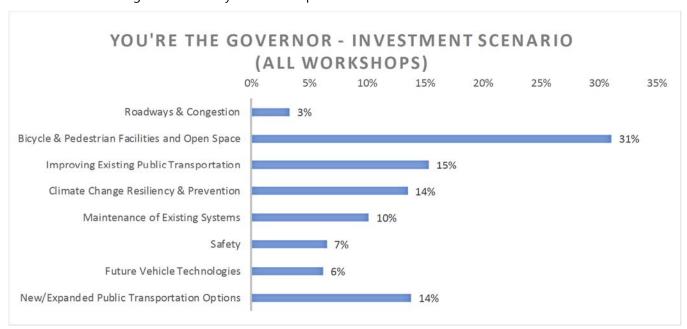




Station 6 - You're the Governor

This station challenges participants to choose between various transportation needs by investing in each improvement in a fiscally constrained exercise

- Bicycle and pedestrian needs ranked highest with 31 percent of funds.
- Improving existing public transportation and expanded public transportation received 15 percent and 14 percent respectively, summing to 29 percent of funds.
- Climate change and resiliency received 14 percent of funds.



If I were Governor I would build...

A sample of some representative comments shared at this station is below.

- Connections from neighborhoods to shopping/businesses
- Ride the Bus campaign to increase ridership
- Dedicated right-of-way for bikes/pedestrians/bus- shifted over from roads
- Convene stakeholders to get sidewalks and bus stops cleared of snow
- Pedestrian district in Providence
- Enforce speeding violations and improve pedestrian safety
- A southern bus hub that allows folks of all incomes the freedom to work and travel freely
- Additional pathways specifically to ease congestion south of Providence during rush hour
- Improve safety and comfort for non-automobile traffic





Station 7- What are your Transportation Goals?

The final comment board gave participants an opportunity to share any remaining thoughts that had not been addressed at prior stations and encourages everyone to think toward the future of the big picture of transportation. Finally, this station tries to connect with the public online to keep the conversation going. Key takeaways from this station are summarized below.

What are your Transportation Goals?

A sample of some representative comments shared at this station is below.

- Connectivity with no congestion (roads, bridges for bikes, cars, etc.)
- Walkable communities
- Safer mobility
- Reduce environmental impacts
- Car-free future
- More bike friendly businesses
- Expanded routes in the northern and western parts of Rhode Island
- Safe comprehensive RI Intermodal transit system



Attendees were encouraged to visit the project website <u>www.PlanRI.com</u> or to contact the project lead if they have any questions or additional comments.





Attachments



September Discovery Workshops



Stations

Station 1 – Why are you here?

Learn more about RI Moving Forward and how you can help us.

Station 2 – Choices, Choices...

Transportation is full of choices. Learn more about your options—including some you didn't know you had.

Station 3 - Tell us about yourself

Take a few minutes to take our transportation survey.

Station 4 - All about bikes

A station dedicated to cycling in Rhode Island.

Station 5 - All aboard!

Share your thoughts on public transportation in Rhode Island.

Station 6 – You're the Governor

How would you spend your money on transportation?

Station 7 – What are your #TransportationGoals?

Share your goals here or on social media to keep the conversation going.

Station 1 – Why are you here?













Station 2 – Choices, Choices



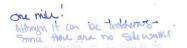
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- Bus, train, and ferry use 'Infrequently'.
- Most participants indicated that they never use rideshare services.







My commute is...



- Short, but frustrating- lots of congestion on 95
- Quick ride down I-95. Would love more bike/bus options
- Bike to train station, train to Boston. Wish I had bus option when it rains or when working late. Bus schedule is limited.
- Walking/taking RIPTA, about ½ hour
- Drive solo only 5 miles. Should but don't bike more. Downtown traffic
- MBTA to Boston
- Work from home in Pawtucket
- Mostly walking with some biking (where its flat) and Lyft when it's over 2 miles. I wish I took the bus more often!

- Too hilly to bike
- I'm a lucky one... 5-minute commute by bike on bike path! "Be the change you want to see".
- 45 minutes driving to Providence, 1 hour driving home by car but I would love to take the bus to North Kingstown and Providence
- Too unpredictable
- Is it worthwhile to use smaller buses rather than huge (i.e. 1 size does not fit all or cost is prohibitive)
- Slow, unbearably long
- A delightful 10 minute bike ride punctuated by 2 minutes of horror on Elmwood Ave.
- Trips to Providence during rush hour are exhausting

Station 2 – Choices, Choices



- Most people were not aware of connected vehicles and would not have distinguished them as different from autonomous or "driverless" vehicles.
- Less familiarity with connected vehicles resulted in a mixed response to operating a connected vehicle.
- No grey area....participants noted either total support or total rejection of driverless vehicles.
- Participants are mostly receptive to operating or riding in connected vehicles. However, more reservations toward driverless vehicles.

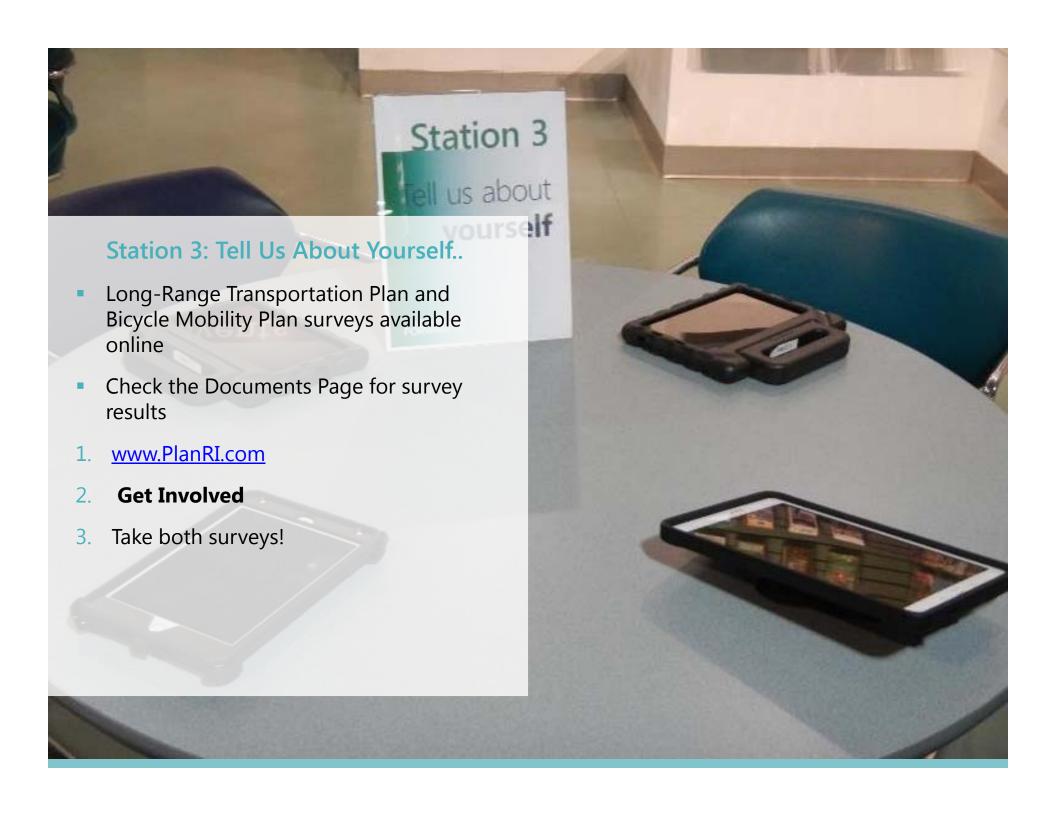




By 2040, transportation technology could...

- Make my commute effortless
- Be a distraction from emissions and traffic reduction of a good public and intermodal transit system
- Eliminate traffic crashes and deaths/injury
- Enable much more connectivity transit hubs
- Keep transportation moving
- Prioritize ped, bike, bus and lights on roads
- Reduce the demand for parking and free up land for parks and development opportunities
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

- Electric bicycles
- Make more use of ferries to Providence- get people off the road and into beauty
- Be run on renewable energy
- Be driverless
- Be the end of single occupancy autos
- Improved traffic flow
- No one will own cars- just call to have one bring you where you want to go
- Be flying drone vehicles



Station 4 – All about bikes







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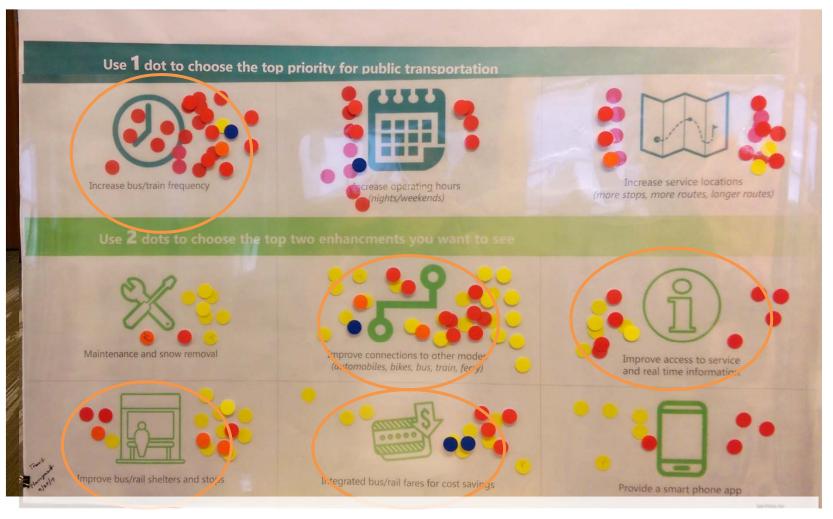


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- Get more kids off the bus or car and pedaling or walking to school
- Explore this gorgeous state!
- Teach others how to stay healthy and fit.
- Run errands or get to work
- Make me healthy
- Ride my bike to work more
- Bike to local paths, local shops, recreate, enjoy nature, to great eateries, local events
- Errands if communities were smaller, stores closer
- Get on peak trains on Amtrak and MBTA
- Connect EBBP to Mt. Hope Bridge

- Use rail line from Fall River, MA to Newport (rails to trails)
- Ride everywhere- but feel safe doing it!
- Go from Narragansett to Newport. Create bike paths or bike lanes on the 2 bridges.
- Ride to work who, local shops, recreate, enjoy mature
- Ride an entire loop around the State: from Newport to Bristol to Providence to Narragansett to Jamestown back to Newport
- Ride to Newport and Cape Cod using the Tiverton Bike Path (Greenway)!!!
- Safely transit around RI
- Ride on Tiverton Bike Path

Station 5 – Improving Public Transit



- New public transportation hubs, where riders could access major residential and employment areas were a commonly identified need.
- Improved access to rural communities through some form of public service
- Improving linkages during planning between housing and transportation to ensure adequate access by public transportation.

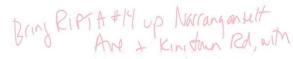




I would like to use public transportation to...

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- Reduce my car use
- Provide light rail in Providence and surrounding towns
- Promote the use of more sustainable travel alternatives
- Increase choices for people to get where they need to go, especially for an aging population that wants to maintain independence but should be driving anywhere
- Improve the quality of life in our cities, and increase opportunities for people to interact with our diverse populations
- Greatly expand my choices

- Align public/affordable housing money with transit. Make sure there is transit and sidewalks near housing
- Ride the Wickford Train on weekends.
- Need year round Newport to Providence ferry
- In general more ferries crossing the Bay from east to west, north to south, particularly in the upper bay.
- Get around RI w/out a car- intermodal in all ways
- Get from Newport to Washington County efficiently by bus (or train!) and by bike (bike path on the Pell Bridge)
- Hop on/hop off bus in Providence for winter nights out.

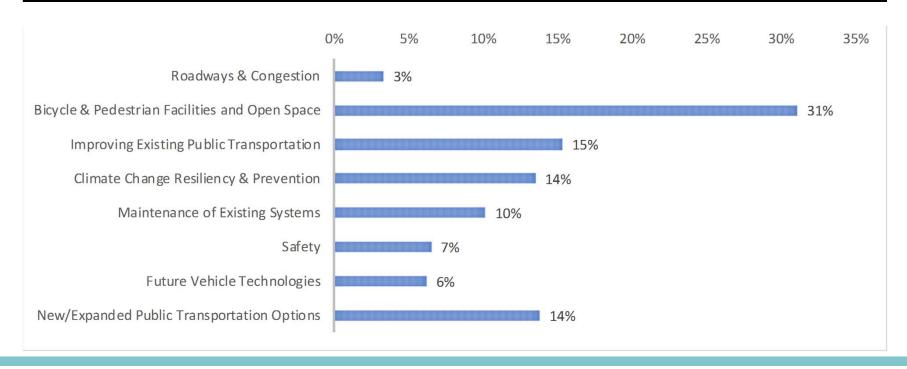
Station 6 – You're the Governor



Station 6 – You're the Governor

You're the Governor Investment Station - All Workshops

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1	Roadways & Congestion	\$120	\$70	\$30	\$220	3%
2	Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities and Open Space	\$730	\$510	\$810	\$2,050	31%
3	Improving Existing Public Transportation	\$660	\$150	\$200	\$1,010	15%
4	Climate Change Resiliency & Prevention	\$430	\$280	\$180	\$890	14%
5	Maintenance of Existing Systems	\$270	\$190	\$210	\$670	10%
6	Safety	\$180	\$120	\$130	\$430	7%
7	Future Vehicle Technologies	\$140	\$110	\$160	\$410	6%
8	New/Expanded Public Transportation Options	\$440	\$290	\$180	\$910	14%
		\$2,970	\$1,720	\$1,900	\$6,590	100%







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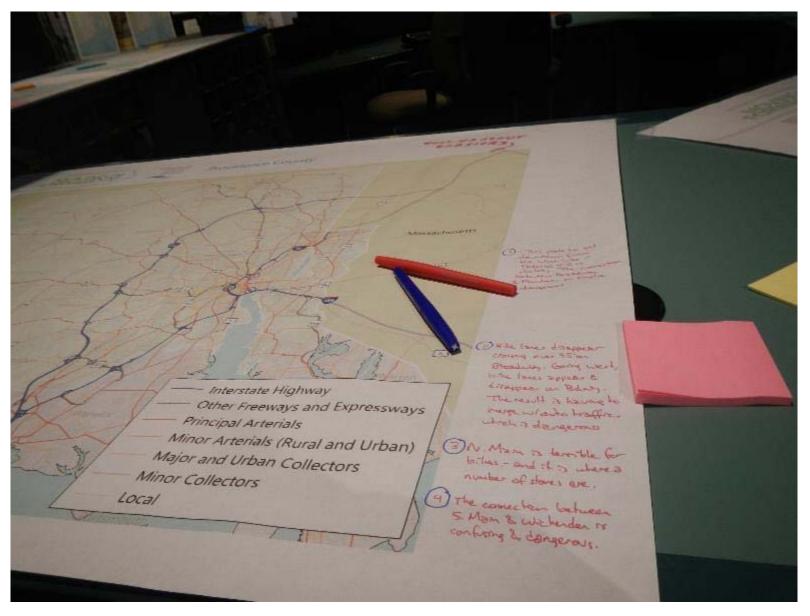
- Connections from neighborhoods to shopping/business
- Build an intra-state rail system
- Create a Ride the Bus campaign to encourage bus riding
- Electric ferry service on the upper Bay (Providence, Quonset, Bristol, Barrington...)
- Build a system of rapid bus transit throughout the State
- Convene stakeholders to get sidewalks and bus stops cleared of snow
- Create open spaces and green spaces that draw people to them
- A southern bus hub that allows folks of all incomes the freedom to work and travel freely

If I were Governor, I would build...



- Bike paths leading to all the Charlestown Beaches and all beaches on the southern coast to connect with safe roadways
- More bridge cross-over bike/walk accessibility
- Climate change protection/resiliency
- Carpool/HOV lanes on I-95, Route, 4, Route 1
- The Mount Hope Bay Greenway Bike/Pedestrian rail trail (Sakonnet bridge to MA sate line)
- Intermodal System/Stations around RI
- Connect East Bay Bike Path to Blackstone, West Bay paths. (Bristol through Providence to Narragansett)
- A public/private funded train system (subway or light rail) to reach major cities and Providence commuters

Station 7 – What are your transportation goals?







What are your #TransportationGoals?

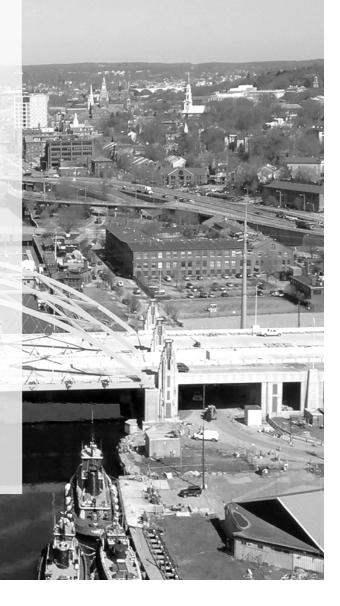
Share your #TransportationGoals with us here, on Facebook, and on Twitter.

- Connectivity with no congestion (roads, bridges for bikes, cars, etc.)
- Economic development/transit oriented development
- Revitalize Narragansett Bay as RI asset
- Walkable communities
- I want to be able to safely bike in the city I live in
- Transit seen as an economic, environmental and mobility opportunity
- Reduce carbon emissions
- Bike paths that connect to one another and to cities
- Maintain what you build. Project management is cheaper than new.

- Prioritize complete streets
- Increase by 50% the number of school age children biking and walking to/from school
- Commuter rail that is state run, more frequent, and
 State-wide
- Network of charging stations for electrical vehicles
- Safety- distracted driving/biking
- More use of technology to enforce driving laws e.g., speed cameras on Pell Bridge
- Educated driving public: safety, distracted driving, public transportation
- More sustainable transportation
- A self-driving electric carshare

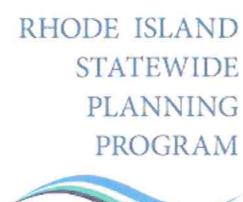
Project Next Steps

- Public Outreach
 - Farmers Markets
 - 10/12/2017-Armory
 - 10/22/2017-Slater Park
 - Aquidneck Island "One Island" Meeting (10/12/2017)
 - Stakeholder Topic Area groups October/November
 - Baseline Conditions Reporting November
 - Trends Analysis November
 - Round 2 Public Workshops January









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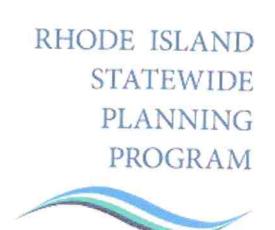
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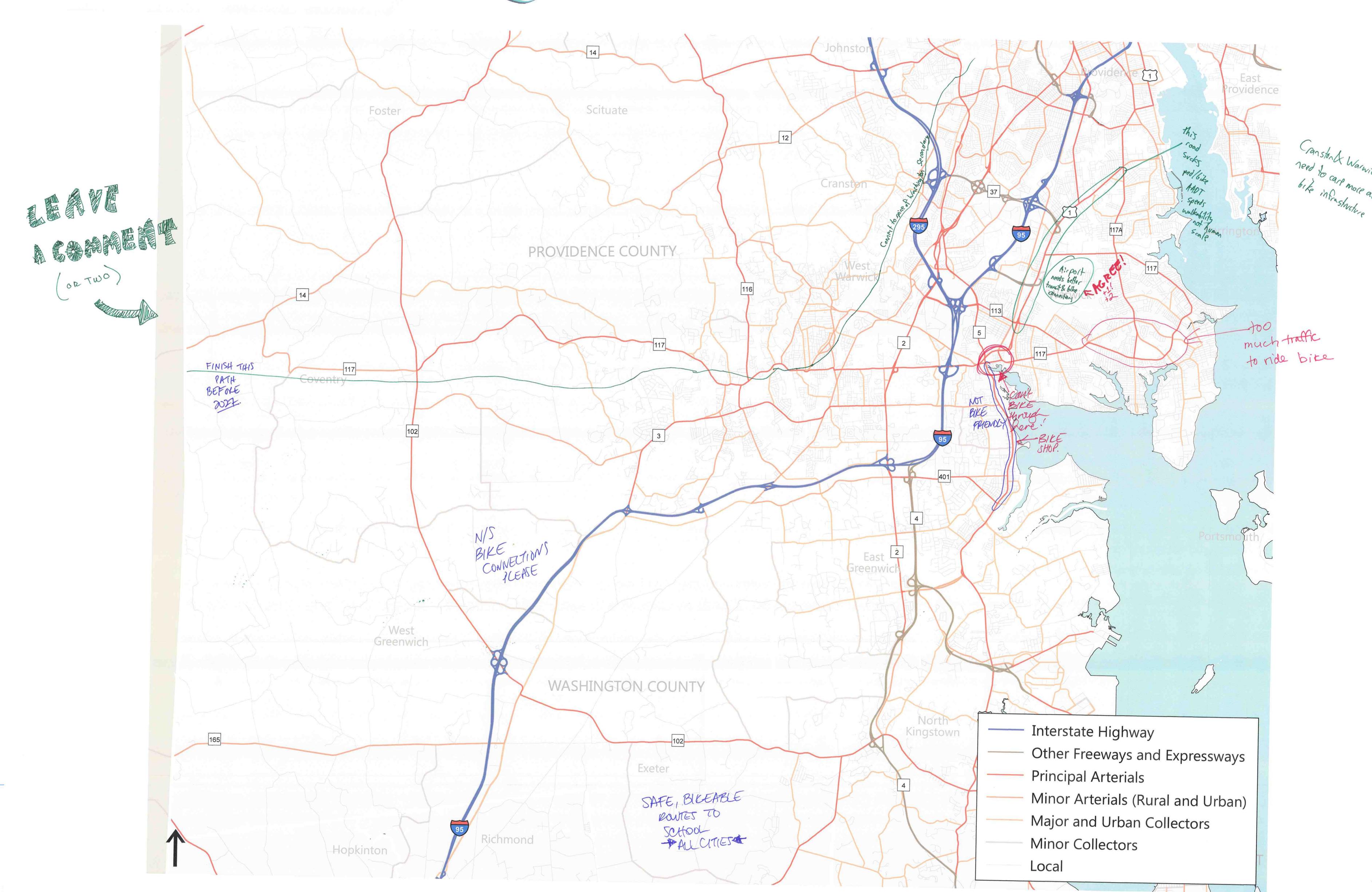
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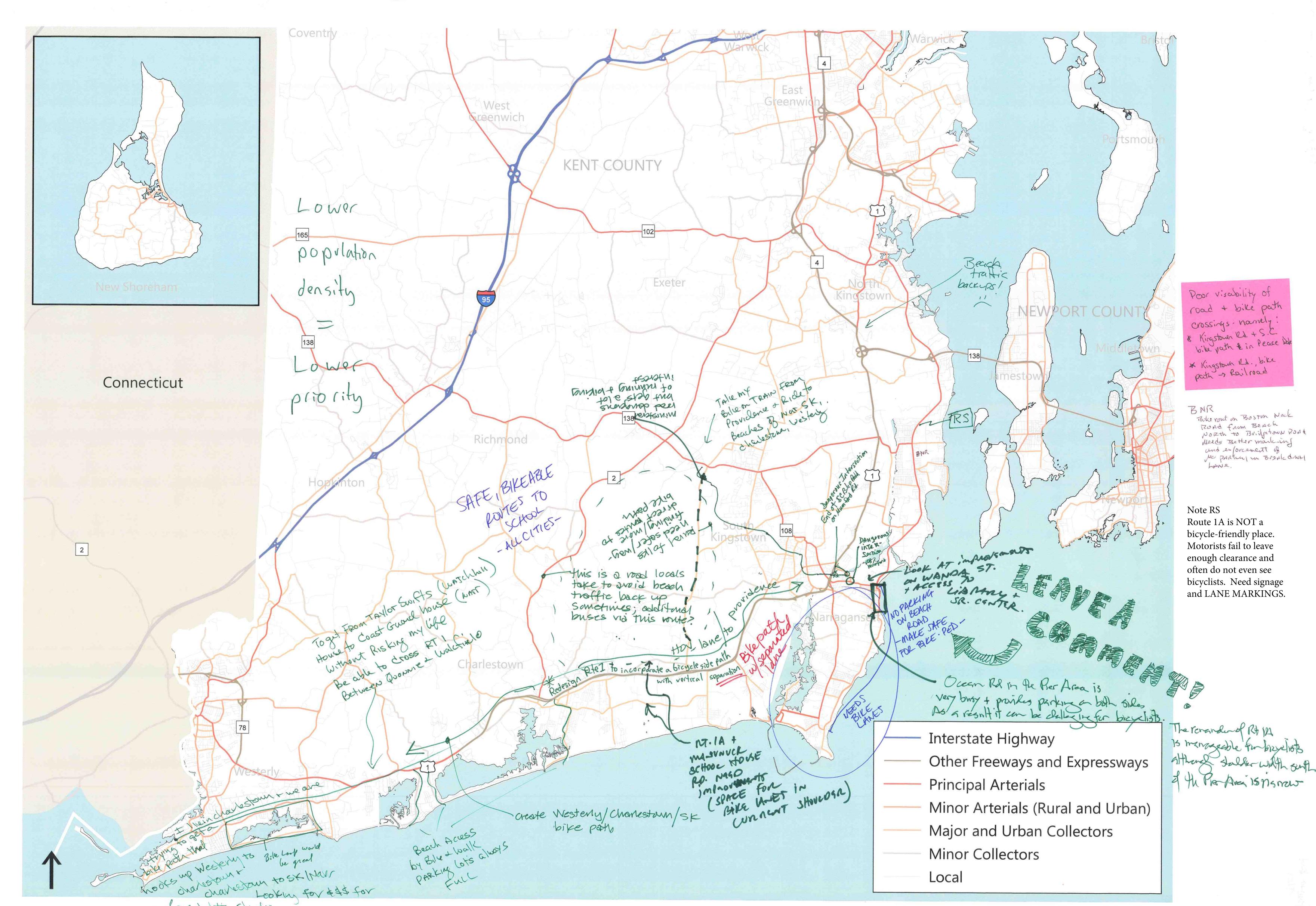


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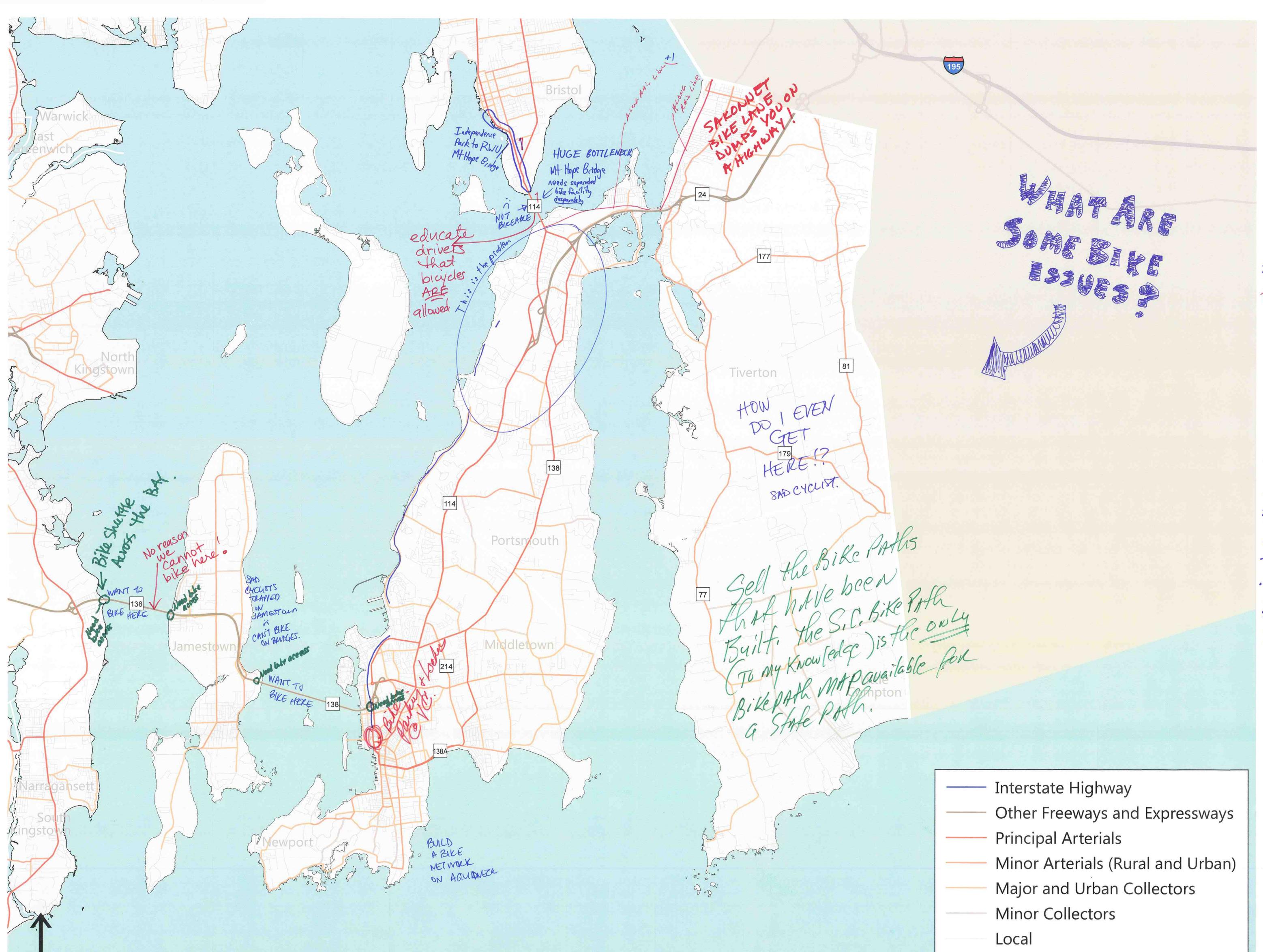
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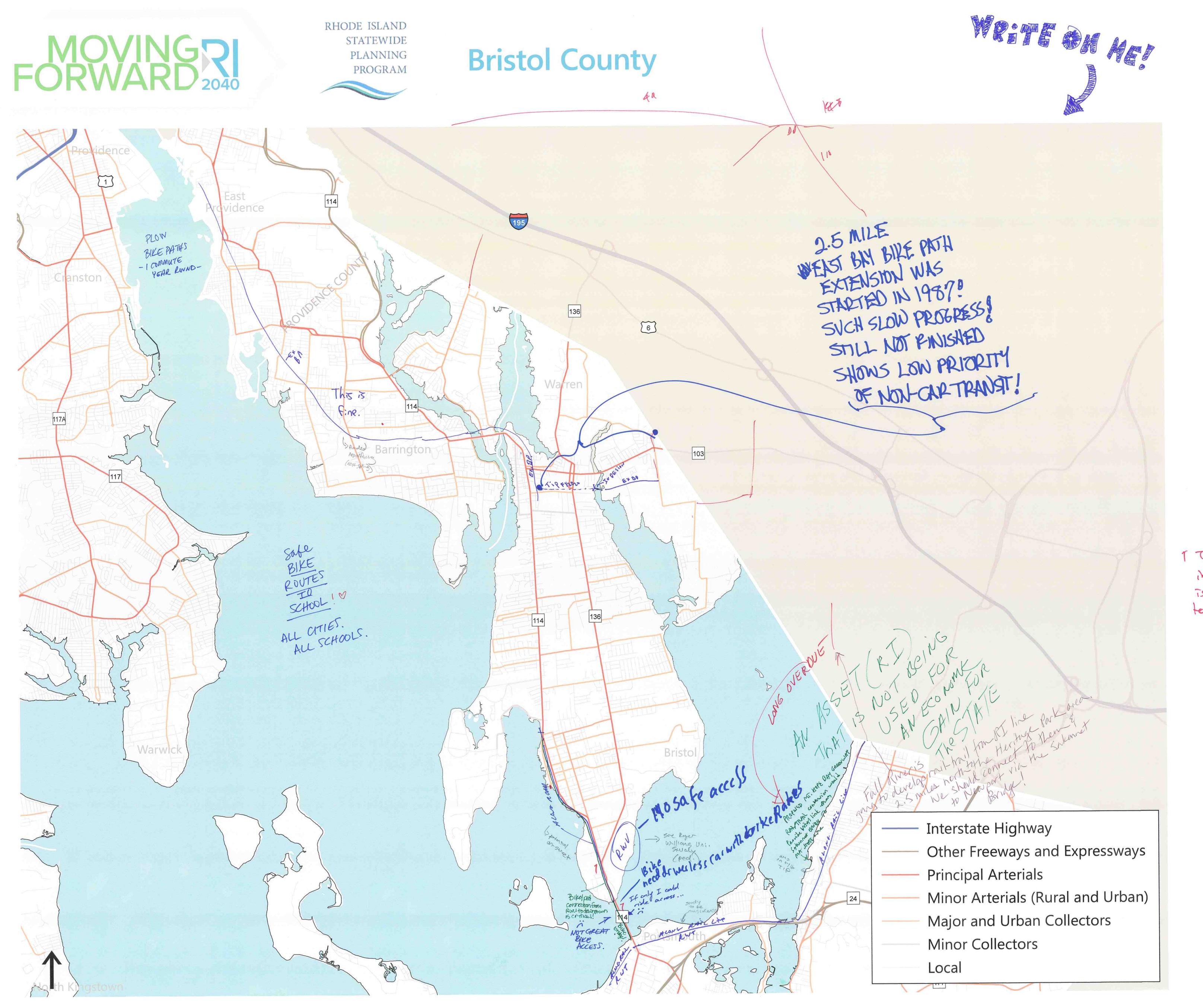


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