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**Transportation Conformity Determination Report for  
the 1997 Ozone NAAQS**

**Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning**

Long Range  
Transportation Plan:  
Transportation 2040

Moving Forward RI

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Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management  
Rhode Island Department of Transportation  
Rhode Island Public Transit Authority  
Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission  
Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council  
Federal Highway Administration  
Federal Transit Administration  
United States Environmental Protection Agency

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## Executive Summary

As part of its transportation planning process, the State of Rhode Island completed the transportation conformity process for the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). This report documents that the LRTP meets the federal transportation conformity requirements in 40 CFR Part 93.

Clean Air Act (CAA) section 176(c) (42 U.S.C. 7506(c)) requires that federally funded or approved highway and transit activities are consistent with (“conform to”) the purpose of the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Conformity to the purpose of the SIP means that transportation activities will not cause or contribute to new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the relevant National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) or any interim milestones. 42 U.S.C. 7506(c)(1). EPA’s transportation conformity rules establish the criteria and procedures for determining whether metropolitan transportation plans, transportation improvement programs (TIPs), state transportation improvement programs (STIPs) and related federally supported highway and transit projects conform to the SIP. 40 CFR Parts 51.390 and 93.

On February 16, 2018, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in *South Coast Air Quality Mgmt. District v. EPA* (“*South Coast II*,” 882 F.3d 1138) held that transportation conformity determinations must be made in areas that were either nonattainment or maintenance for the 1997 ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) and attainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS when the 1997 ozone NAAQS was revoked. These conformity determinations are required in these areas after February 16, 2019. The Providence area (covers all of Rhode Island) was classified as nonattainment at the time of the 1997 ozone NAAQS revocation on April 6, 2015 and was designated attainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS on May 21, 2012. Therefore, per the *South Coast II* decision, this conformity determination is being made for the 1997 ozone NAAQS on the LRTP.

This conformity determination was completed consistent with CAA requirements, existing associated regulations at 40 CFR Parts 51.390 and 93, and the *South Coast II* decision, according to EPA’s *Transportation Conformity Guidance for the South Coast II Court Decision* issued on November 29, 2018.

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## 1.0 Background

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### 1.1 Transportation Conformity Process

The concept of transportation conformity was introduced in the Clean Air Act (CAA) of 1977, which included a provision to ensure that transportation investments conform to a State implementation plan (SIP) for meeting the Federal air quality standards. Conformity requirements were made substantially more rigorous in the CAA Amendments of 1990. The transportation conformity regulations that detail implementation of the CAA requirements was first issued in November 1993, and have been amended several times. The regulations establish the criteria and procedures for transportation agencies to demonstrate that air pollutant emissions from metropolitan transportation plans, transportation improvement programs and projects are consistent with (“conform to”) the State’s air quality goals in the SIP. This document has been prepared for State and local officials who are involved in decision making on transportation investments.

Transportation conformity is required under CAA Section 176(c) to ensure that Federally-supported transportation activities are consistent with (“conform to”) the purpose of a State’s SIP. Transportation conformity establishes the framework for improving air quality to protect public health and the environment. Conformity to the purpose of the SIP means Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding and approvals are given to highway and transit activities that will not cause new air quality violations, worsen existing air quality violations, or delay timely attainment of the relevant air quality standard, or any interim milestone.

The 1970 Clean Air Act defined a one-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone. The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) further classified degrees of nonattainment of the one-hour standard based on the severity of the monitored levels of the pollutant. The entire state of Rhode Island was classified as being in serious nonattainment for the one-hour ozone standard.

In 1997, the EPA proposed a new, eight-hour ozone standard that replaced the one-hour standard as scientific information showed that ozone could affect human health at lower levels, and over longer exposure times than one hour. The 1997 eight-hour ozone NAAQS was 0.08 parts per million. The entire state of Rhode Island was classified as a moderate nonattainment area for the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard. On June 15, 2010, EPA determined that the entire state of Rhode Island no longer violated the 1997 eight-hour ozone NAAQS and was in attainment of the 1997 eight-hour ozone NAAQS. The determination was based upon complete, quality-assured, certified ambient air

monitoring data that showed Rhode Island monitored attainment of the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS for the 2007–2009 monitoring period.

The eight-hour ozone NAAQS was again revised on March 27, 2008 from 0.08 parts per million (ppm) over an eight-hour period to 0.075 ppm over an eight-hour period. On February 13, 2015 EPA published a final rule that revoked the 1997 ozone NAAQS for all purposes, including transportation conformity. Effective July 20, 2012, the entire State of Rhode Island was designated as attainment for the 2008 eight-hour ozone NAAQS.

On October 1, 2015 EPA again revised the NAAQS for ozone from 0.075 ppm over an eight-hour period to 0.07 ppm over an eight-hour period. On January 16, 2018 Bristol County, Newport County and Providence Country were designated as attainment/unclassifiable for the 2015 eight-hour ozone NAAQS. On August 3, 2018 Kent and Washington County were designated as attainment/unclassifiable for the 2015 eight-hour ozone NAAQS. **The entire state of Rhode Island is now considered attainment/unclassifiable for the 2015 eight-hour ozone NAAQS.**

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## 2.0 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP): Transportation 2040

The LRTP is part of Rhode Island’s transportation planning process. The State Planning Council adopts the LRTP as an element of the State Guide Plan. As projects in the long-range plan advance to implementation, they are programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for study, design, and construction, provided they attain environmental permits and other necessary clearances.

The purpose of the LRTP is to set forth the state’s long-term program for transportation projects and other transportation activities. The LRTP is prepared according to State Planning Council Rule IX, “Transportation Planning and Public Involvement Procedures.” The Division of Statewide Planning works with the Rhode Island State Planning Council’s Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) in soliciting public input in developing a draft LRTP Update. Following public and agency review, the draft LRTP is approved by the Rhode Island State Planning Council, and forwarded to federal funding agencies; the FHWA and the FTA.

Prior to final approval, projects in the LRTP are subjected to the transportation air quality conformity analysis. Details on all projects included in the current or draft LRTP are reviewed as part of the Interagency consultation process with state agencies including the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT), the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA), and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM), to consider which projects should be designated “regionally significant” projects.

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## 3.0 Projects of Regional Significance

Regionally significant projects are defined by USDOT as a transportation project (other than an exempt project) that is on a facility which serves regional transportation needs (such as access to and from the area outside of the region, major activity centers in the region, major planned developments such as new retail malls, sports complexes, etc., or transportation terminals as well as most terminals themselves) and would normally be included in the modeling of a metropolitan area’s transportation network, including at a minimum all principal arterial highways and all fixed guideway transit facilities that offer an alternative to regional highway travel.

For informational and conformity purposes, the LRTP shall include all regionally significant projects proposed to be funded with federal funds other than those administered by the FHWA or the FTA, as well as all regionally significant projects to be funded with non-federal funds.

Rhode Island has developed a Long Range Transportation Plan 2040 that includes projects to reduce vehicle miles of travel and improve traffic flow. The projects listed in **Table 1 - Projects of Regional Significance Proposed as Part of the LRTP: Transportation 2040** have been classified as regionally significant projects according to the USDOT definition.

**Table 1. Projects of Regional Significance Proposed as Part of the LRTP: Transportation 2040**

<b>Table 1. Long Range Transportation Plan 2040 - Regionally Significant Projects</b>		
<u>Year in Service</u>	<u>Mode</u>	<u>Project</u>
2025	Passenger Rail	Pawtucket Commuter Rail Station (MBTA)
2030	Passenger Rail	*Rhode Island-Boston Regional Rail – incorporating intercity and commuter rail service enhancements to achieve faster and more frequent passenger rail service between Rhode Island and Boston
2040	Bus Transit	*Central Falls-CCRI LRT/BRT - High-capacity transit running the length of the metro area
2030	Bus Transit	*Rapid Bus Network - multiple bus routes serving Metropolitan Providence with transit priority elements and an anticipated 10 min. service frequency
2030	Highway	Route 4 and Interstate 95 Interchange
2030	Highway	Route 403 Deferred Ramps
2025	Highway	Route 4 Traffic Light Elimination
2025	Highway	Route 146 at Sayles Hill Road Interchange
2030	Highway	I-195 East Interchange at Taunton and Warren Avenues
2025	Highway	I-195 West Washington Bridge Improvements
2025	Highway	I-95 North and Route 146 North Merge
2025	Highway	Route 138 Pell Bridge Ramps Reconstruction
2035	Highway	I-95 South ProvPort Access
2030	Highway	I-295 Widening (I-95 to Route 6)
*denotes new Regionally Significant Project		

## 4.0 Transportation Conformity Requirements

### 4.1 Overview

On November 29, 2018, EPA issued **Transportation Conformity Guidance for the South Coast II Court Decision**<sup>1</sup> (EPA-420-B-18-050, November 2018) that addresses how transportation conformity determinations can be made in areas that were nonattainment or maintenance for the 1997 ozone NAAQS when the 1997 ozone NAAQS was revoked, but were designated attainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS in EPA’s original designations for this NAAQS (May 21, 2012).

The transportation conformity regulation at 40 CFR 93.109 sets forth the criteria and procedures for determining conformity. The conformity criteria for LRTPs and STIPs include: latest planning assumptions (93.110), latest emissions model (93.111), consultation (93.112), transportation control measures (93.113(b) and (c), and emissions budget and/or interim emissions (93.118 and/or 93.119). For the 1997 ozone NAAQS areas, transportation conformity for LRTPs and STIPs for the 1997 ozone NAAQS can be demonstrated without a regional emissions analysis, per 40 CFR 93.109(c). This provision states that the regional

<sup>1</sup> Available from <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-11/documents/420b18050.pdf>



emissions analysis requirement applies one year after the effective date of EPA's nonattainment designation for a NAAQS and until the effective date of revocation of such NAAQS for an area. The 1997 ozone NAAQS revocation was effective on April 6, 2015, and the *South Coast II* court upheld the revocation. As no regional emission analysis is required for this conformity determination, there is no requirement to use the latest emissions model, or budget or interim emissions tests.

Therefore, transportation conformity for the 1997 ozone NAAQS for the LRTP by the Rhode Island Department of Administration's Division of Statewide Planning/State Planning Council can be demonstrated by showing the remaining requirements in Table 1 in 40 CFR 93.109 have been met. These requirements, which are laid out in Section 2.4 of EPA's guidance and addressed below, include:

- Latest planning assumptions (93.110)
- Consultation (93.112)
- Transportation Control Measures (93.113)
- Fiscal constraint (93.108)

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## 4.2 Latest Planning Assumptions

The use of latest planning assumptions in 40 CFR 93.110 of the conformity rule generally apply to regional emissions analysis. In the 1997 ozone NAAQS areas, the use of latest planning assumptions requirement applies to assumptions about transportation control measures (TCMs) in an approved SIP.

The State of Rhode Island SIP does not include any TCMs, see also Section 4.4.

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## 4.3 Consultation Requirements

The consultation requirements in 40 CFR 93.112 were addressed both for interagency consultation and public consultation.

Interagency consultation was conducted with the Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning (as staff to the MPO), Rhode Island Department of Transportation, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission, Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and Environmental Protection Agency. Interagency consultation was conducted consistent with the requirements in Rhode Island Air Pollution Control Regulation No. 49, "Transportation Conformity."

Public consultation was conducted consistent with planning rule requirements in 23 CFR 450. The Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning held an Interagency Consultation Meeting with the agencies listed above on September 23, 2020, to review and discuss the findings from this conformity determination document. On October 8, 2020 the State Planning Council authorized the public hearing. Notice of the public hearing was provided on October 9, 2020. This notice included posting to the Rhode Island Secretary of State website, posting on the Rhode Island Division of Planning website, and email notification to the Division of Planning's transportation stakeholders distribution list. A public hearing to accept comments was conducted on October 29, 2020, in front of the Transportation Advisory Committee via the online web conference platform Zoom. On November 19, 2020, the Transportation Advisory Committee voted to recommend to the State Planning Council, Transportation 2040, including the findings of this report. On December 10, 2020, the State Planning Council reviewed the public's comments and voted to issue a resolution in support of the findings from this Transportation Conformity Report for the 1997 ozone NAAQS for the LRTP. This Report was then submitted to FHWA, FTA, and the EPA for final determination.

The following items documenting the public process are attached in the Appendix of this Report:

- Interagency Consultation Meeting Agenda – September 23, 2020
- Interagency Consultation Meeting Notes – September 23, 2020
- Public Notice for Transportation 2040 and Transportation Conformity Report for the 1997 Ozone NAAQS – October 9, 2020
- Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes – November 19, 2020
- State Planning Council Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2020

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#### 4.4 Timely Implementation of TCMs

The Rhode Island SIP does not include any TCMs.

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#### 4.5 Fiscal Constraint

Transportation conformity requirements in 40 CFR 93.108 state that transportation plans and STIPs must be fiscally constrained consistent with DOT's metropolitan planning regulations at 23 CFR part 450. Transportation 2040 is fiscally constrained, as demonstrated in the Financial Plan section where fiscal constraint is demonstrated. The Financial Plan section indicates that transportation spending will not exceed expected revenues, as documented in the Revenue Projections Report (see: [http://planri.com/pdf/lrtp/07\\_Revenue%20Projections\\_draftfinal.pdf](http://planri.com/pdf/lrtp/07_Revenue%20Projections_draftfinal.pdf)).

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## Conclusion

The conformity determination process completed for Moving Forward RI, Rhode Island's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan, demonstrates that these planning documents meet the Clean Air Act and Transportation Conformity rule requirements for the 1997 Ozone NAAQS.

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# APPENDIX



Interagency Consultation Meeting Agenda  
September 23, 2020



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**Moving Forward RI**  
**Rhode Island's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**

**September 23, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.**  
**Environmental & Air Quality Conformity Consultation Meeting**

To join from a computer, tablet or smartphone:  
<https://zoom.us/j/96336416941?pwd=dDhVSDRJTHNPV0RFVXRYbmpTZHVXQT09>

Passcode: 033568  
Meeting ID: 963 3641 6941

**You can also dial in using your phone**  
Dial by your location: 646 558 8656 US; or Toll-free 888 788 0099 or 877 853 5247  
Meeting ID: 963 3641 6941  
Passcode: 033568

1. Call to Order, Introductions
2. Moving Forward RI: Rhode Island's 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan
  - Presentation from RIDSP – *for Information*
3. Environmental Resources Analysis for 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan
  - Presentation from RIDSP – *for Information and Discussion*
4. RIDOT Stormwater Programming
  - Presentation from RIDOT – *for Information*
5. Air Quality Transportation Conformity for 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan
  - Presentation from RIDSP – *for Information and Discussion*
6. Consensus to recommend to the Transportation Advisory Committee and State Planning Council to release the Environmental Analysis and Conformity Report for public comment as part of Moving Forward RI, 2040 LRTP – *for Discussion*
7. Summary and Next Steps
8. Adjourn



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**Interagency Environmental Consultation Meeting**  
**Meeting Record**  
**September 23, 2020 at 10:00 am**  
**THIS MEETING WAS TELECONFERENCED VIA**  
**ZOOM**

**Attendance List**

**Name (Organization)**

Brady, Meredith (DOA)  
Callaghan, Linsey (DOA)  
Groch, Roberta (DOA)  
DAlessandro, Michael (DOA)  
Greeley, Caitlin (DOA)  
Perrone, Mason (DOA)  
Bergantino, Benny (DOA)  
Warden, Randy (FHWA)  
Alexander, Jamik (FHWA)  
Sirmin, Leah (FTA)  
Garcia, Ariel (EPA)  
Eric Rackauskas (EPA)  
Cotter, Pamela (DOT)  
Moore, Brian (DOT)  
Palumbo, Vincent (DOT)  
Begin, Jacob (DOT)  
Koziol, Andrew (DOT)  
Ingle, Sarah (RIPTA)  
Zach Agush (RIPTA)  
Slattery, Karen (DEM)  
Rochefort, Elizabeth (HPHC)  
Boyd, Jim (CRMC)  
Veronica Berounsky (RI Rivers Council)

# Interagency Consultation Meeting Notes

September 23, 2020





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**Interagency Environmental Consultation Meeting**  
**Meeting Record**  
**September 23, 2020 at 10:00 am**  
**THIS MEETING WAS TELECONFERENCED VIA ZOOM**

In attendance: Meredith Brady, RIDSP; Linsey J. Callaghan, RIDSP; Roberta Groch, RIDSP; Michael D'Alessandro, RIDSP; Caitlin Greeley, RIDSP; Mason Perrone, RIDSP; Benny Bergantino, RIDSP; Pamela Cotter, RIDOT; Vincent Palumbo, RIDOT; Jacob Begin, RIDOT; Andrew Koziol, RIDOT; Brian Moore, RIDOT; ; Karen Slattery, RIDEM; Sarah Ingle, RIPTA; Zach Agush, RIPTA; Elizabeth Rochefort, HPHC; Jim Boyd, CRMC; Randy Warden, FHWA; Jamik Alexander, FHWA; Leah Sirmin, FTA; Ariel Garcia, EPA; Eric Rackauskas, EPA; Veronica Berounsky, RIRC; recording.

The meeting opened at 10:03 AM. Ms. Callaghan welcomed and thanked everyone for participating in the LRTP Environmental Consultation Meeting. Before moving forward, she requested that everyone introduce themselves.

**Presentations (4)**

1. RIDSP provided an overview of the LRTP as it is wide ranging on topics and issues dealing with transportation in Rhode Island.
2. RIDSP discussed potential environmental mitigation activities and potential areas to carry out mitigation activities associated with the LRTP's Environmental Analysis.
3. RIDOT presented on its Environmental Analysis Program and Stormwater Program to reduce transportation related run-off pollutants. The presentation was well received and demonstrated the effort required to improve watershed quality in light of the EPA consent decree. Work is ongoing.
4. Lastly, RIDSP discussed the LRTP's Air Quality Transportation Conformity Report. As part of its transportation planning process, the State of Rhode Island completed the transportation conformity process for the LRTP. This report documented that the LRTP meets the federal transportation conformity requirements in 40 CFR Part 93 in with Clean Air Act Regulations.

**Comments and Feedback**

Ariel Garcia, EPA, requested that, in advance of the 30-day public comment period, RIDSP share with the federal partners, EPA and FTA, a draft version of the Conformity Report. This would provide the opportunity to make minor edits before it goes out for public comment. Mr. D'Alessandro, RIDSP, said he could definitely do that.

Jim Boyd, CRMC, said that it would make sense under the climate change and sea-level rise section of the environmental analysis if a conversation is started to address transportation infrastructure and some of the very significant changes that are expected to occur in the coming decades. More specifically, CRMC feels that the state must start planning now for an eventual retreat from coastal areas if worst case modeling predictions are

accurate. This would require adapting and rethinking of transportation network as existing infrastructure could become inundated over time.

Pam Cotter, RIDOT, added that RIDOT has been working hard with GIS layers and their environmental resiliency tool on sea-level rise and how that is adapted to RIDOT projects.

In conclusion, Meredith Brady, RIDSP, added that technology is growing by leaps and bounds and it is a matter of multipliers not just additions. There are a lot of things that we could not do ten years ago that we can do today, in particular the utilization of the GIS tools and working on getting the State Transportation Improvement Program into an electronic format. The great thing about the LRTP is that while we have to do an update every four to five years, we don't have to wait if something changes.

The group of state and federal agency partners agreed to recommend that the Environmental Analysis and Air Quality Conformity Determination Report be released by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) along with the draft LRTP.

The next steps will be:

- Conformity report circulated for 30-day review along with LRTP beginning on October 9.
- November 9, 2020 closes the 30-day public comment period.
- Any comments received during public review will be summarized and addressed in the public hearing report.
- The TAC will be requested to make a recommendation to the State Planning Council (SPC) in support of the report's findings.
- The SPC will consider the public hearing report and discuss the conformity determination along with the LRTP at their December 10, 2020 meeting where they will be asked to support a resolution on findings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM.

Public Notice for Transportation 2040 and Transportation  
Conformity Report for the 1997 Ozone NAAQS

October 9, 2020



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Rhode Island State Planning Council's  
Transportation Advisory Committee**

**Long Range Transportation Plan  
Moving Forward RI – Transportation 2040**  
<http://planri.com/documents.asp>

The Rhode Island State Planning Council's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is accepting public comments on the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Moving Forward RI-Transportation 2040. The purpose of the Long-Range Transportation Plan is to develop a vision for surface transportation in the state over a 20-year planning horizon. This vision is comprehensive, covering all surface transportation modes (e.g. automobiles, trucks, public transit trains and buses, and ferries) and sectors (e.g. commuter travel, freight and goods movement). Long-Range Transportation Plans are informed by a variety of resources including federal and state transportation and land use policy, transportation data sets, funding availability and projections, and public and stakeholder outreach. The LRTP is an essential element of the state's transportation planning process.

Moving Forward RI is a groundbreaking from LRTPs of the past for three primary reasons:

1. It is a data-driven and goals-oriented plan;
2. The goals are SMART – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Based; and
3. It incorporates a Bicycle Mobility Plan and the first-of-its-kind Transit Master Plan.

In addition, this LRTP has been established in coordination with other statewide transportation plans and processes including the Highway Safety Improvement Program, the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, the State Asset Management Plan for the National Highway System (NHS), the Rhode Island Freight and Goods Movement Plan, the Bicycle Mobility Plan, the Transit Master Plan, and the Congestion Management Process / Plan.

The Draft LRTP is available for review at <http://planri.com/documents.asp> or by special appointment at the offices of the Division of Statewide Planning between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The TAC will accept public comments on the Draft LRTP, Bicycle Mobility Plan, Transit Master Plan, and Congestion Management Process / Plan at the web-based public hearing scheduled for October 29, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (see information on the next page for log-in information over Zoom).

**Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:**

Please click this URL to join. <https://zoom.us/j/92467449549?pwd=dXJjbWowS1NZSXNlcY1SUplalZ5dz09>

Passcode: 703602

**Or join by phone:**

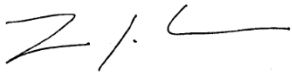
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All persons, or representative, may present their views on these items during the online public hearing before the TAC. Written comments may also be submitted via the Online Public Comment Form accessible here: <http://planning.ri.commentinput.com/?id=sGTBb>. All comments must be received prior to 3:30 pm on November 9, 2020

The LRTP is a transportation plan for the State of Rhode Island and your comments help to shape decisions that will be made about the transportation network in years to come.

Sincerely,



Linsey J. Callaghan

Secretary, Transportation Advisory Committee

October 9, 2020

*Note: The public meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Any individual requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in these meetings should contact Thomas Mannock, Ph.D. at 401-222-6377 (voice) as soon as possible. Individuals requesting foreign language translation services should contact Benny Bergantino at (401) 222-1755 at least five (5) business days prior to the scheduled start of a meeting. As of March 16, 2020, Governor Raimondo has issued Executive Order 20-05, allowing for certain public meetings to be held via phone or video conference.*



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### AVISO PÚBLICO

#### Comité Consultivo de Transporte del Consejo de Planificación Estatal de Rhode Island

#### Plan de Transporte de Largo Alcance “Moving Forward RI – Transportation 2040”

<http://planri.com/documents.asp>

El Comité Consultivo de Transporte (TAC) del Consejo de Planificación Estatal de Rhode Island está aceptando comentarios del público sobre el Plan de Transporte de Largo Alcance (LRTP) estatal, “Moving Forward RI-Transportation 2040”. El propósito del LRTP es desarrollar una visión de transporte superficial en el estado dentro de un horizonte de planificación de 20 años. Es una visión integral, que abarca todos los modos de transporte superficial (p. ej., automóviles, camiones, trenes de transporte público, autobuses y transbordadores) y sectores (p. ej., transporte de ida y vuelta del trabajo, y movilidad de carga o mercancía). Los planes de transporte de largo alcance se basan en distintas fuentes, incluyendo políticas federales y estatales sobre el transporte y uso del suelo, sets de datos de transporte, proyecciones y disponibilidad de financiación, y divulgación del público y partes interesadas. El LRTP es un elemento esencial del proceso de planificación del transporte estatal.

“Moving Forward RI” rompe con los LRTP del pasado de tres principales maneras:

1. Es un plan fundamentado en datos y con objetivos definidos;
2. sus objetivos son inteligentes, ya que son específicos, mensurables, alcanzables y adecuados, y están calendarizados; e
3. incorpora un plan de movilidad ciclista y un plan maestro de tránsito, que es el primero de su tipo.

Además, este LRTP se creó en colaboración con otros planes y procesos de transporte estatal, incluyendo el programa de mejora de seguridad en las carreteras (Highway Safety Improvement Program), el plan estratégico de seguridad en las carreteras (Strategic Highway Safety Plan), el plan de gestión de activos estatales para el sistema nacional de carreteras (State Asset Management Plan for the National Highway System o NHS), el plan de movilidad de carga y mercancía (Freight and Goods Movement Plan) de Rhode Island, el plan de gestión de

activos de tránsito (Transit Master Plan), y el plan o proceso de gestión de congestamientos (Congestion Management Process/Plan).

El borrador del LRTP puede verse en <http://planri.com/documents.asp> o con cita especial en las oficinas de la División de Planificación Estatal de lunes a viernes, de 8:30 a.m. a 4:00 p.m.

El TAC estará aceptando comentarios del público sobre el borrador del LRTP, Plan de movilidad de bicicletas, Plan de gestión de activos de tránsito y Proceso / Plan de gestión de congestión durante una audiencia pública virtual, programada para el 29 de octubre de 2020, a las 5:00 p.m. Vea la siguiente información para iniciar sesión en Zoom.

**Para participar desde una PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone o dispositivo Android:**

Por favor, haga clic en este enlace para participar

<https://zoom.us/j/92467449549?pwd=dXJjbWowS1NZSXNiclY1SUplalZ5dz09>

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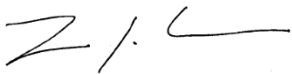
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Todas las personas o representantes pueden aportar sus opiniones sobre estos temas durante la audiencia pública virtual ante el TAC. Pueden también enviarse comentarios por escrito utilizando el formulario para comentarios del público en línea, disponible aquí: <http://planning.ri.commentinput.com/?id=sGTBb>. Todos los comentarios deberán recibirse antes de las 3:30 p.m. del 9 de noviembre de 2020.

El LRTP es un plan de transporte para las personas del estado de Rhode Island, y sus comentarios ayudan a formar las decisiones que se harán sobre la red de transporte en los años por venir.

Atentamente,



Linsey J. Callaghan

Secretaria, Comité Consultivo de Transporte

9 de octubre de 2020

*Nota: La audiencia pública es accesible para personas con discapacidad. Las personas que necesiten que hagamos algún ajuste dentro de lo razonable para que puedan participar en estas reuniones, deben comunicarse con el Dr. Thomas Mannock al 401-222-6377 (buzón de voz) lo antes posible. Aquellas personas que necesiten servicios de traducción deben comunicarse con Benny Bergantino al (401) 222-1755 con por lo menos cinco (5) días hábiles de antelación al inicio programado de la audiencia. La gobernadora Raimondo emitió la Orden Ejecutiva 20-05 el 16 de marzo de 2020, para permitir que ciertas audiencias públicas se realicen por teléfono o videoconferencia.*

# Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

November 19, 2020



**RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF STATEWIDE PLANNING  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Thursday, November 19, 2020  
THIS MEETING WAS HELD OVER TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Chair Cassidy called the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Ms. Callaghan reviewed the instructions on how a virtual meeting will be conducted. Following the instructions, the roll call was conducted for attendance.
2. **Roll Call**

**Members Present**

Mr. Michael Cassidy, Chairman,	Public Member
Mr. John Flaherty, V. Chair,	Grow Smart RI
Mr. Lloyd Albert,	AAA Northeast
Mr. Jamik Alexander,	Federal Highway Administration (Ex-Officio)
Mr. Michael Bliss,	Representing Dinalyn Spears, Narragansett Indian Tribe
Ms. Jan Brodie,	The Pawtucket Foundation
Ms. Bari Freeman,	Bike Newport
Mr. David Freeman, P.E,	American Council of Engineering Companies for RI
Ms. Martina Haggerty,	City of Providence
Ms. Sarah Ingle,	Representing Gregory Nordin, RI Public Transit Authority (RIPTA)
Mr. James Moran,	City of East Providence
Ms. Mia Patriarca,	RI Department of Health
Ms. Mary Parella,	Child Opportunity Zone of Pawtucket
Mr. Daniel Porter,	RI Airport Corporation
Mr. Thomas Queenan,	RI Department of Transportation (RIDOT)
Mr. Timothy Scanlon	Construction Industries of Rhode Island
Ms. Karen Slattery,	RI Department of Environmental Management
Mr. Michael Walker,	RI Commerce Corporation
Mr. Raymond Watson,	Providence Cultural Equity Initiative
Mr. Michael Wood,	Town of Burrillville/RI League of Cities and Towns

**Members Absent**

Mr. Eric Moffett,	Seaview Railroad
Mr. Jason Pezzullo,	Cranston Planning Department

**Staff Present:**

**Division of Statewide Planning**

Meredith Brady, Associate Director  
Linsey Callaghan, Assistant Chief  
Michael D’Alessandro, Supervising Planning

Benny Bergantino, Principal Planner  
Mason Perrone, Principal Planner  
Catherine Pitassi, Executive Assistant

RIDOT  
Pamela Cotter

RIPTA  
Zachary Agush

FHWA  
Randy Warden

Guests Present  
None

3. Public Comment – There were none

**Agenda Items:**

Arrived After Roll Call:

Mr. Michael Bliss,	Representing, Dinalyn Spears, Narragansett Indian Tribe
Mr. Timothy Scanlon,	Construction Industries of Rhode Island

4. October 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes – for action

Chair Cassidy called for a motion to approve the October 29, 2020 meeting minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) as submitted. Mr. Moran noted that he should be listed as present at this meeting and pointed out a minor typo error, a motion was made to approve the meeting minutes, with two amendments, by Mr. Flaherty and seconded by Mr. Albert. **There being no further amendments, all members present voted aye to approve the October 29, 2020 meeting minutes.**

5. Off System Bridges – for action

Thomas Queenan of RIDOT gave a brief overview - noting that Rhode Island faces a challenge to fund bridge repair. He said there are 1,186 bridges in Rhode Island, of which 16% are considered structurally deficient, and that RhodeWorks was developed to address this problem and reduce our structurally deficient bridges to less than 10%. He explained why the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) is seeking concurrence from the TAC and State Planning Council, on a waiver request that would redirect \$22 million of federal funds from off-system bridges to service the needs of on-system bridges. It was noted that the \$22 million is needed to fund bridge projects already listed in the STIP and this is not additional funding for new projects. Lastly, before forwarding an official waiver request to FHWA to reduce the set aside, RIDOT is requesting the utilization of excess funding from the off-system bridge (\$22 million) to service the need for on-system bridges, while almost \$4 million will be retained for off-system bridge needs.

Documentation explaining the plan in detail was emailed to the TAC for review prior to the meeting.

Following the presentation Mr. Queenan answered the following questions:

Mr. Albert asked why don't we accelerate the pace of repair of those 26 bridges listed in poor quality requiring various levels of work, rather than extend it out for 10 years? Mr. Queenan responded that this requested waiver is being used as a matter of prioritization with our on-system bridges.

Mr. Albert also asked what the timeframe was to go from 16% structurally deficient to 10%? Mr. Queenan responded that we are making headway in reducing the amount of our structurally deficient bridge numbers but noted we need to re-assess this once budgetary issues are resolved.

Lastly, Mr. Albert asked if the waiver could only go to bridges or could it go to something else in the transportation ecosystem? Mr. Queenan responded that the preference is that it go to bridges.

Ms. Haggerty questioned the validity of the geographic location of features intersecting Memorial Boulevard in Providence, as noted on page 9 of the document, specifically item STIP ID numbers 088801 and 088901. Mr. Queenan thanked her for calling this to his attention and RIDOT will look into it.

Randy Warden, FHWA, requested that RIDOT keep their division office informed on the status of the waiver request. He also noted that FHWA agrees with the funding reallocation dedicated to on-system bridges. Mr. Queenan responded that they will keep the FHWA division office updated.

Lastly, Mr. Queenan answered Mr. Walker's question that RIDOT has previously transferred excess off-system bridge funds that could not be utilized for its intended purpose.

There being no further discussion, **Mr. Walker made the motion to recommend to the State Planning Council to transfer \$22 million from the off-system bridge funds to the on-system bridge funds. Motion was seconded by Mr. Albert. All members present voted aye to approve.**

6. Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Moving Forward 2040 – Chair Cassidy asked Michael D'Alessandro to present updates on the Public Comment Report and final draft of the LRTP. He began the presentation with an overview of the final process of the LRTP and where we are at this time. The public had the opportunity to provide written and oral comments during the 30-day public review period, that ended on November 9, 2020. These comments have been collected and documented in the Public Comment and Hearing Report. Copies of the Public Comment and Hearing Report were e-mailed to the TAC for review prior to the meeting. There were 24 people or organizations that submitted verbal or written comments, with most of them pertaining to bus transit, bicycling, electrification/reducing GHGs, economy/land use and gas tax/transportation funding. The Report contains all comments received and provides a response to those comments. The Report also indicates changes that were made to the draft LRTP in response to the public comments.

The final draft of the Long-Range Transportation Plan *Moving Forward RI 2040* incorporates by reference the Transit Master Plan, Bicycle Mobility Plan, State Rail Plan Supplement, and Congestion Management Process Plan. Snapshots of the changes made to the LRTP due to the public comments received have been reviewed, they include;

- A recommendations page (pg. 41) was added to the final LRTP clarifying the implementation process for the next five years.
- New Shoreham was added to a few images, as it was accidentally cropped out.
- Added a strategy to “Encourage state agencies to work with towns (specifically those supporting summer tourism) ...” under the goal Support Economic Growth (pg. 38).
- Active Transportation for safer streets for pedestrian and bicyclists was added to the *Challenges and Opportunities* page.
- Added a strategy on pg. 37 to ‘encourage data sharing between agencies to support comprehensive resilience planning’.

The TAC is being asked to make a recommendation to the State Planning Council to both approve the Public Comment and Hearing Report and adopt the final draft of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – *Moving Forward RI 2040*. The State Planning Council will meet on December 10, 2020.

Following the presentation, several TAC members thanked and commended Statewide Planning staff and all others that have been involved in the three plus years for their efforts on a job well done in putting this LRTP together.

Bari Freeman commended staff on the amount of work put into the plan and also spoke on the record stating she had suggested that the TAC meet to deliberate on the public comments received prior to holding this meeting, and recommended this practice be considered in the future. Mr. Flaherty agreed with this process. Mr. Walker noted the process was adequate and felt the TAC would be back to discuss any future amendments to the plan. Mr. Wood commented that he is satisfied with the process and felt he had plenty of opportunity to provide input.

Associate Director Brady commented that there may be some levels of changes coming up in the future at the federal level, which might precipitate amendments to state transportation plans. Nonetheless, she appreciates everyone’s commitment and time preparing the LRTP.

There being no further discussion, **Mr. Walker made the motion to recommend to the State Planning Council approval of both the Public Comment and Hearing Report and adopt the final draft of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)–*Moving Forward RI 2040*. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Bliss. All members present voted aye.**

7. TAC Meeting Schedule 2021 – *for action*

The 2021 Proposed meeting schedule for the Transportation Advisory Committee was distributed for review. Ms. Callaghan noted the meetings will take place on the fourth Thursday of every month with the exception for November 18<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving holiday and no meeting will be held in December. Ms. Brady noted that meetings will continue to be virtual due to COVID 19 until further notice. **There being no further discussion, Mr. Albert made the motion to approve the 2021 meeting schedule, as submitted, and seconded by Mr. Queenan. All members present voted aye.**

8. Assistant Chief’s Staff Report – *for information*

Ms. Callaghan provided an update on new and on-going projects that the Division is currently working on, they are:

## Freight

- A Freight Advisory Committee meeting was held on November 10, 2020. At the meeting, staff updated the committee on the planned update to the 2016 State Freight and Goods Movement Plan, as the Plan is approaching its 5-year expiration date in 2022. Since much of the plan is still relevant, most of its updating will be done in house. Statewide Planning is, however, planning on adding a truck parking appendix to the Plan and some of that work will need consultant support. Statewide Planning will be sure to keep the TAC involved in the update to that Plan as it further develops.
- FHWA's resource center and Statewide Planning recently completed a 6-session training session targeted to RI's municipal planners related to freight planning. There was a lot of good dialogue with the municipal participants and one of the major outcomes from the training was that we need to do more to involve the municipalities in the discussion and state planning activities related to freight.

## Resiliency training

- Statewide Planning along with FHWA's Resource Center is offering a Rhode Island municipal planner targeted training focused on Resiliency training. A kick-off session was held on Friday, November 13, 2020, however, there are still 5 more sessions scheduled so if anyone is still interested please contact Linsey Callaghan at [linsey.callaghan@doa.ri.gov](mailto:linsey.callaghan@doa.ri.gov) and additional information can be provided.

## E-STIP

- Statewide Planning continues to work on the E-STIP development. Weekly meetings have been held with ESRI as well as several internal meetings related to the development of the E-STIP. Next week a review of the first iteration of the STIP management software, with a presentation by PMG, will be conducted. Lastly, Statewide Planning looks forward to sharing the first glimpses of these E-STIP tools with the TAC as they are ready in 2021.

## 9. Public Comment

Mr. Flaherty reported that he received a copy of a letter from the RI Chapter of the American Planning Association addressed to the Governor raising concerns about the Kennedy Plaza Multi-hub plan. A copy of the letter will be emailed to the TAC members. Mr. Watson reiterated that the TAC consider RI APA's letter concerning the decrease in bus ridership.

## 10. Announcements – none

## 11. Adjournment –

Chair Cassidy asked for a motion to adjourn the TAC meeting. Mr. Walker motioned to adjourn the meeting; and seconded by Mr. Flaherty. **All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Linsey Callaghan, Assistant Chief

LC/cp

# State Planning Council Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2020

Department of Administration  
Division of Statewide  
Planning [www.planning.ri.gov](http://www.planning.ri.gov)

State Planning Council/Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
December 10, 2020 @ 9:00 AM

PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-05 EXECUTED BY GOVERNOR GINA RAIMONDO ON MARCH 16, 2020, THIS MEETING WAS TELECONFERENCED VIA ZOOM.COM:

ZOOM Webinar at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88183988341?pwd=UIRnb1ZiQUoxVk9PNnZkUUFMRzI3Zz09> OR Call (312) 626-

6799 or (929) 205-6099

Webinar ID: 881 8398 8341

Password: 335358

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order:** Daniel McConaghy, Chair Pro-temp, called the December 10, 2020 meeting to order at 9:02 am. Meredith Brady reviewed the procedures on how the virtual meeting will be conducted.

**2. Roll Call - Members Present:**

Mr. Daniel McConaghy	Designee for Director, Department of Administration
Ms. Meredith Brady	Secretary, Associate Director, Division of Statewide Planning
Ms. Kristen Adamo	President & CEO Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau
Mr. Scott Avedisian	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority
Mr. Roberta Azar	Designee for City of Providence, Planning Department
Mr. Robert Ballou	Designee for Director, Department of Environmental Management
Ms. Shannon Brawley	Executive Director, RI Nursery & Landscape Association
Mr. Roy Coulombe	Public Member
Ms. Keri Cronin	Warren Town Council President
Mr. William Fazioli	Designee for Mayor City of East Providence
Mr. Thomas Guthlein	Designee for RI Emergency Management Agency
Mr. Joseph Masino	Designee 2 for Office of the Governor
Mr. Thomas Queenan	Designee for Director, Department of Transportation
Ms. Amy Rainone	Designee for Rhode Island Housing
Mr. James Rajotte	Designee, Department of Health
Mr. James Riordan	Public Member
Mr. Peder Schaefer	Designee for Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns
Mr. Nicholas Ucci	Commissioner, Office of Energy Resources
Mr. Michael Tondra	Designee RI Housing Resource Commission
Mr. Michael Walker	Designee for Secretary of Commerce
Mr. Jeff Willis	Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council

**Ex-Officio:**

Mr. Carlos Machado	Federal Highway Administration
Mr. Randy Warren	Federal Highway Administration

**Members arriving after Roll Call:**

Ms. Lisa Bryer	Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island League of Cities & Towns, Local Government Representative
Mr. Marcus Mitchell	Small Business Representative

**Members Absent:**

Ms. Jeanne Boyle	Rhode Island League of Cities & Towns, President's Designee
Ms. Jeanne Cola	Non-Profit Community Development Representative
Ms. Nicole Verdi, Vice Chair	Designee 1 for Office of the Governor
Mr. Scott Wolf, Public Member	Environmental Advocate



Division of Statewide Planning Staff Participating: Linsey Callaghan, Michael D’Alessandro, Nancy Hess, Maria Mignanelli, and Catherine Pitassi

Members of the Public Attending by Zoom: 0

**3. Items for Action** (Votes required and will be taken by roll call)

a. Approve Minutes from November 12, 2020 - **Motion made by Roy Coulombe to approve the November 12, 2020 minutes, seconded by Marc Pappas.** Roll call waived by consensus. **Vote:** All members voted aye. There were no nayvotes.

b. Approve 2021 State Planning Council meeting dates – According to R.I. General Law § 42-46-6, all public bodies must provide a list of their regularly scheduled meetings to the Secretary of State at the beginning of each calendar year. Meetings are scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 9:00 AM. Staff will forward the meeting dates once approved to the Secretary of State. Due to Covid 19, monthly meetings will continue to be held via web conference (Zoom) until further notice. Should in person meetings be allowed, then meetings will be held in Conference Room A, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Department of Administration. Meredith Brady advised that no meeting is scheduled for November unless needed at that time. Due to COVID 19, meetings will continue to be held via Zoom until further notice. **Motion made by James Rajotte to approve the 2021 State Planning Council meeting dates, as submitted, seconded by Scott Avedisian.** Roll call was taken, with Daniel McConaghy, Meredith Brady, Kristen Adamo, Scott Avedisian, Robert Azar, Robert Ballou, Shannon Brawley, Roy Coulombe, Keri Cronin, William Fazioli, Joseph Masino, Marcus Mitchell, Marc Pappas, Thomas Queenan, Amy Rainone, James Rajotte, James Riordan, Peder, Schaefer, Michael Tondra, Nicholas Ucci, Michael Walker, and Jeff Willis, **ALL VOTING AYE.** There were no nay votes. The approved meeting dates for 2021 are as follows:

Month	Date
January	14th
February	11th
March	11th
April	8th
May	13th
June	10th
July	*none
August	12th
September	9th
October	14th
November	*none
December	9th
<b>*No Meeting in July</b>	
<b>*No Meeting November due to Veteran’s Day Holiday</b>	

**Note:** Marcus Mitchell arrived at 9:15 am.

c. State Planning Council Appointments to Advisory Committee Memberships (*Annual – Continued from 11.12.20*) - The list of candidates recommended for appointment or reappointments to three advisory committees was reviewed last month. Meredith Brady brought a few changes to the Council’s attention. The approved appointments are on Attachment A.

**Motion was made by Scott Avedisian to approve the recommended appointments and reappointments to the Technical Committee, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and the Rhode Island Geographic**

**Information System (RIGIS), as submitted, seconded by Shannon Brawley.** Roll call was taken, with Daniel McConaghy, Meredith Brady, Kristen Adamo, Scott Avedisian, Robert Azar, Robert Ballou, Shannon Brawley, Roy Coulombe, Keri Cronin, William Fazioli, Joseph Masino, Marcus Mitchell, Marc Pappas, Thomas Queenan, Amy Rainone, James Rajotte, James Riordan, Peder, Schaefer, Michael Tondra, Nicholas Ucci, Michael Walker, and Jeff Willis, **ALL VOTING AYE.** There were no nay votes.

d. Review Public Hearing Report and Approve State Guide Plan Element 611, *Moving Forward Rhode Island 2040*, Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), November 2020 (*Continued from 10-08-20*) – Meredith Brady, Linsey Callaghan and Michael D’Alessandro provided an overview of the planning efforts for the LRTP. The comments detailed in the Public Comment Report and final draft of the LRTP were examined. The public comment period ran for 30-days and ended on November 9, 2020. There were twenty-four people or organizations that submitted verbal or written comments concerning a wide range of topics including bus transit, gas tax/transportation funding, economy/land use, electrification/reducing GHGs, and bicycling. The final LRTP incorporates the Transit Master, Bicycle Mobility, Congestion Management Process Plans and State Rail Plan Supplement. A highlight of a few changes made due to the public comments include:

- New Shoreham was added to the maps as it was accidentally cropped out.
- Added a strategy to “Encourage state agencies to work with towns (specifically those supporting summer tourism)” under the goal Support Economic Growth (pg. 38).
- Active Transportation for safer streets for pedestrian and bicyclists was added to the *Challenges and Opportunities* page.
- Added a strategy on pg. 37 to encourage data sharing between agencies to support comprehensive resilience planning.
- A recommendations page (pg. 41) was added to the final LRTP, clarifying the implementation process for the next 5 years.
- Appendix E was updated, and Appendix R was added.

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended approval of the LRTP to the Council at their November 19, 2020 meeting. For discussion, several members thanked and commended Statewide Planning, DOT & RIPTA staff for their involvement in the 3-plus years of putting this LRTP together and a job well done. Documentation explaining the plan in detail was emailed to the Council for review prior to the meeting.

**Motion made by Roy Coulombe to approve both the Public Comment and Hearing Report and adopt the final draft of the State Guide Plan Element 611, *Moving Forward Rhode Island 2040*, Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Seconded by Michael Walker.** Roll call was taken, with Daniel McConaghy, Meredith Brady, Kristen Adamo, Scott Avedisian, Robert Azar, Robert Ballou, Shannon Brawley, Roy Coulombe, Keri Cronin, William Fazioli, Joseph Masino, Marcus Mitchell, Marc Pappas, Thomas Queenan, Amy Rainone, James Rajotte, James Riordan, Peder, Schaefer, Michael Tondra, Nicholas Ucci, Michael Walker, and Jeff Willis, **ALL VOTING AYE.** There were no nay votes.

**Note:** Lisa Bryer arrived at 9:39 am.

e. Federal Off-System Bridge Funding Requirement/Request (*New*) – Thomas Queenan explained the request from DOT. There are 16% of our bridges that are considered structurally deficient, and that the goal is to reduce our structurally deficient bridges to less than 10%. The FAST Act requires the State to set-aside a portion of its federal funds to be directed at off-system bridges and provides a waiver process that allows off-system funds to be reallocated upon request. It was noted that the set-aside is greater than Rhode Island’s current need. The DOT is seeking approval to redirect \$22 million of federal funds from off-system bridges to serve the needs of on-system bridges. The \$22 million is needed to fund bridge projects already listed in the STIP, and this is not additional funding for new projects, while almost \$3,849,843. million will be retained for off-system bridge needs.

The TAC recommended approval of the \$22 million to the Council at their November 19, 2020 meeting. There was no discussion.

**Motion made by Marcus Mitchell to transfer \$22 million from the off-system bridge funds to the on-system bridge funds. Motion was seconded by Scott Avedisian.** Roll call was taken, with Daniel McConaghy, Meredith Brady, Kristen Adamo, Scott Avedisian, Robert Azar, Robert Ballou, Shannon Brawley, Lisa Bryer, Roy Coulombe, Keri Cronin, William Fazioli, Joseph Masino, Marcus Mitchell, Marc Pappas, Thomas Queenan, Amy Rainone, James Rajotte, James Riordan, Peder, Schaefer, Michael Tondra, Nicholas Ucci, Michael Walker, and Jeff Willis, **ALL VOTING AYE.** There were no nay votes.

4. Information, Updates & Discussion: None

5. Associate Director's Report: Meredith Brady thanked all the staff in the Division for a job well done in getting the final LRTP approved. A new monthly newsletter is posted on our website, noting this year's many accomplishments and upcoming or ongoing projects for 2021, such as the electronic STIP and Land Use 2050 update. Upcoming speakers and seminars are also listed on the website.

6. Public Comment: None

7. Adjournment: Holiday wishes were extended to all. **Motion was made by Thomas Queenan to adjourn the meeting, seconded by James Riordan.** Roll call suspended by consensus. **ALL MEMBERS VOTED AYE.** There were no nay votes. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 AM.

Compiled By: Catherine Pitassi

Edited By: Nancy Hess

Respectfully Submitted By: Meredith Brady, Secretary

**ATTACHMENT A – 3 c State Planning Council Appointments to Advisory Committee Memberships**

**Technical Committee Membership**

**No Longer Able to Serve:**

- John Chambers, Fuss and O'Neill
- Caitlin Chaffee, RI Coastal Resources Management Council
- Michael Gannon, Department of Transportation
- Mia Patriarca, Department of Health
- Jonathan Stevens, Cumberland Planning Department
- Ashley Sweet, Town of Exeter

**New Appointments – Term Expiring 2023 (3-year term)**

- Julian Drix, Department of Health (replacing Mia Patriarca)
- Jan Greenwood, Woodard & Curran (replacing John Chambers)
- Patricia Reynolds, Newport Planning & Development (replacing Jonathan Stevens)
- Justin Skenyon, RI Coastal Resources Management Council (replacing Caitlin Chaffee)
- Ken White, Department of Transportation (replacing Michael Gannon)

**Term Expiring 2020 but Want to Continue- Term Expiring 2023 (3-year term)**

- Michael Walker, RI Commerce Corporation

**Continuing & Term Expiring 2021**

- Jeff Davis, RI Chapter of the American Planning Association, Vice-Chair
- Michael DeLuca, Narragansett - Community Development, Chair
- Carrie Gill, Office of Energy Resources
- Nicole LaFontaine, North Kingstown Planning Department
- Jane Weidman, Charlestown Planning Department
- Diane Williamson, Bristol Community Development Department

**Continuing & Term Expiring 2022**

- Megan DiPrete, Department of Environmental Management
- Mark Motte, Rhode Island College

**Ex-Officio(No term)**

- Randy Warden, Federal Highway Administration, Division Administrator

## Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Membership

### No Longer Able to Serve:

- David Duhamel, N & D Transportation
- Eric Moffet, Seaview Railroad
- Kevin Viveiros, Pare Corporation

### New Appointments - Term Expiring 2023 (3-year terms):

- David Freeman, ACEC of Rhode Island (replacing Kevin Viveiros)
- Betty Robson, JF Moran (freight/trucking/shipping industry)
- Steven King, Quonset Development Corporation (replacing Eric Moffet, Seaview Railroad)

### Term Expiring 2020 but Want to Continue - Term Expiring 2023 (3-year terms):

- Michael Cassidy, Chair
- John Flaherty, Grow Smart RI
- Bari Freeman, Bike Newport
- James Moran, East Providence Planning Department
- Dinalyn Spears, Narragansett Indian Tribe
- Michael Wood, Burrillville Planning Department

### Continuing & Term Expiring 2021

- Lloyd Albert, AAA Southern New England
- Jan Brodie, The Pawtucket Foundation
- Mary Parella, Child Opportunity Zone of Pawtucket
- Mia Patriarca, Department of Health
- Jason Pezullo, Cranston Planning Department
- Timothy Scanlon, Construction Industries of RI
- Ray Watson, Providence Cultural Equity Initiative

### Continuing & Term Expiring 2022

- Martina Haggerty, Providence Planning & Development
- Greg Nordin, RI Public Transit Authority
- Thomas Queenan, Department of Transportation
- Daniel J. Porter, RI Airport Corporation
- Karen Slattery, Department of Environmental Management
- Michael Walker, RI Commerce Corporation

### Ex-Officio(No term)

- Randy Warden, Federal Highway Administration, Division Administrator

## Rhode Island Geographic Information System Executive Committee (RIGIS) Membership

**No Longer Able to Serve:** None

**New Appointments:** None

**Term Expiring 2020 but Want to Continue - Terms Expiring 2023 (3-year terms):**

- Antonio Ambrosio, Quonset Development Corporation
- Vin Flood, Division of Statewide Planning
- Thomas Guthlein, RI Emergency Management Agency
- Kristin Meseck, Providence Water Supply Board
- Stephen McCandless, Charlestown - GIS Department
- Edward O'Brien, RI Society of Professional Land Surveyors
- Kevin Ruddock, The Nature Conservancy
- Peter Steeves, US Geological Survey
- James Turenne, USDA - Natural Resource Conservation Service

**Continuing & Term Expiring 2021**

- Heidi Blank, Hilltop Northeast Enterprises, LLC
- Shelby Southworth, Kent County Water Authority
- Carol Lynn Trocki, Rhode Island Land Trust

**Continuing & Term Expiring 2022**

- Lynn Carlson, Vice Chair, Brown University
- Carol Baker, South Kingstown - GIS Department
- Gregory Bonyngue, URI - Environmental Data Center
- Anthony Davey, East Greenwich - Tax Assessor
- David DosReis, City of Providence – GIS
- Jenna Ducharme, RPS Group
- Nancy Duffy, E911 Uniform Emergency Telephone System
- Maria Giarrusso, Cranston - Information Technology Department
- Michele Giorgianni, Applied Geographics, Inc., Chair
- Mary Hutchinson, Mapping and Planning Services
- Fran Hutton Lee, NEURISA
- Paul Jordan, Department of Environmental Management – Planning
- Joe McGuire, BETA Group, Inc.
- Jay Metzger, Department of Health
- Steven Sawyer, Department of Transportation
- Pete Stetson, Education Mapping Service