

November 2020

Transportation Planning & Natural Hazards Seminar

The RI Division of Statewide Planning is pleased to announce our Transportation Planning and Natural-Hazard Resilience Seminar. Developed and offered in partnership with the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Highway Administration Highway Resource Center, this workshop will help planners incorporate resilience into the transportation planning process.



State, regional, and local transportation agencies across the country are facing extreme weather events that damage roads and bridges, interrupt transit services, disrupt the economy, and will be costly to repair: these events have become more frequent and severe in recent years. This workshop focuses on how to incorporate resilience into transportation planning at a local, regional and statewide level to reduce risk to people and the economy from infrastructure disruption.

Municipal planners, transportation agency staff, public and private sector members of sustainability or resilience working groups and partners in the transportation planning process in Rhode Island would benefit from this important series.

Participants of this workshop will:

- Explore the work done to-date in Rhode Island to promote a resilient transportation system;
- Learn the key steps in developing plans that incorporate resilience into the planning process, including project selection best practices;
- Understand the state-of-the-science on nature-based solutions for coastal highway resilience; and
- Apply best practices in incorporating resilience into asset management.

Session Dates:

- November 13: Kick-off and Rhode Island Work To-Date
- November 20: Resilience & Planning
- December 4: Asset Management & Nature-Based Infrastructure

- December 11: Operationalizing Resilience Discussion & Wrap-up (All sessions run from 1PM-3:30PM).

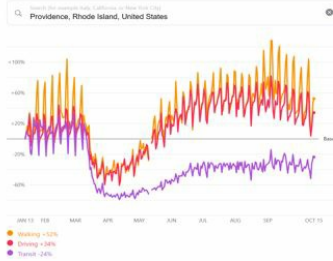
To register, please contact Principal Planner Caitlin Greeley at Caitlin.Greeley@doa.ri.gov. Ten AICP CM credits are available for attendees.

Covid's Impact on Transportation Funding

MOBILITY JAN-OCT, 2020

Mobility Trends

Change in monthly trips since January 13, 2020



The RI Division of Statewide Planning recently re-started our annual Transportation Speaker Series after dates in the spring of this year were interrupted by Covid-19. What better topic to kick off our 2020-21 Series than with a talk about Covid's impacts? The first installment of the Series featured Terrance Regan of the USDOT's Volpe Center and Boston University's Metropolitan College. Mr. Regan discussed transportation funding in the age of Covid: How have transportation modes and patterns changed? How have these changes affected funding sources for transportation programs? What might the future look like for us, based on these changes?

If you missed the session, [it can be viewed](#) for the next month; the [presentation](#) slides are also available for downloading.

Do you have suggestions for future speakers or transportation topics? Please send them to Assistant Chief Roberta Groch at Roberta.Groch@doa.ri.gov.

Photo Trivia

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See the answer at the end of the newsletter!



Upcoming Meetings

Please check the links to see if a meeting has been canceled or changed.

[Technical Committee](#)
November 6- 9AM via Zoom

[State Planning Council](#)

[Transportation Advisory Committee](#)

November 19- 5:00PM via Zoom

All meetings are open to the public.
Please click on the links to find out how to attend virtually.

Virtual Events

November 3 [The Clean Water Act at \(Almost\) 50: How Federal Law Continues to Evolve and Affect Infrastructure Development.](#) The Clean Water Act has not slowed down: long-brewing fights over the scope of the law have culminated recently in two major legal milestones. This webinar will feature presentations from legal experts explaining the significance of these developments. Time: 9AM-12PM. Fee: \$25-\$120.

November 5 [Building Resilience through Infrastructure Planning.](#) Communities undertaking projects that reduce storm-related impacts are being helped by NOAA's Coastal Resilience Grants. Time: 2PM-3PM. Free.

November 6 [The Value of the Curb: Organization, Regulation, and Monetization of Your Precious Right-of-Way.](#) With the permeation of e-scooters and e-bikes and the looming presence of autonomous vehicles, the curb is becoming complicated. Learn how you can take control of the right-of-way. Time: 1PM-2:30PM. Free. 1.5 CM.

November 12 [Sign Ordinances.](#) After *Reed v. Gilbert* in 2015, many local sign ordinances become unconstitutional. Legal experts will discuss recent court decisions since Reed and particularly difficult issues like on premise v. off premise signs. Time: 1PM-2:30PM. Free.

November 12-21 [2020 PPS Providence Symposium: Whose Places Matter \(And Why\)?](#) Choices made generations ago are laid bare in our segregated neighborhoods, biased housing policy, generational class inequalities, and geographic health disparities. In addition to its complicity on these issues, the preservation field has a long way to go in lifting up buildings and landscapes that reflect the full American story. Where do we go from here? Attend these virtual events to find out.

- 11/12: ["I Was Asked To Stand,"](#) Pascale Sablan, AIA, NOMA, LEED AP. Time: 5:30PM. Fee: \$10
- 11/13: ["Who Decides What's Worth Saving?"](#) Panel discussion. Time: 3PM. Free.
- 11/16: ["Neighborhood Defenders: Participatory Politics and America's Housing Crisis."](#) Time: 5:30PM. Fee: \$10.
- 11/17: ["What Needs to Change?"](#) Panel Discussion. Time: 3PM. Free.
- 11/19: ["The Pedestrian Safety Crisis in America: Why it's happening and what we can do about it."](#) Time: 5:30PM. Fee: \$10.

November 13 [Transportation Planning & Natural-Hazard Resilience.](#) Session 1: Kick-off and Rhode Island Work To-Date. See article, above. Time: 1PM-3:30PM. Free. 1.5CM.

November 18 [Barriers to Energy Efficiency in Rental and Affordable Housing.](#) The URI "Plugged Into Energy Research" lecture series highlights cutting-edge energy research and explores how the results may affect our daily lives in the future. Time: 6:30PM-8PM. Free.

November 18 [Planning for Resilient Communities in the Midst of Pandemic, Social Justice and Climate Change Challenges.](#) Planners are simultaneously handling the

COVID-19 pandemic, managing social equity strategies and are dealing with the impending need to adapt/mitigate the effects on climate change. Time: 1PM-2:30PM. Free. 1.5 CM.

November 20 [Creating Connections: Resilience and Equity in Transportation](#). Join the Climate Adaptation Forum to explore initiatives around the country that improve transportation resilience and the resilience of the communities that rely on this infrastructure to get around. Time: 10AM-1:15PM. Fee: \$5-\$15.

November 20 [Planning for Freight/Logistics and Industrial Development: Lessons Learned](#). The session focuses on lessons learned in the Lehigh Valley. Learn about best site design considerations, environmental mitigation, progressive storm- water management, and planning for rail connectivity. Time: 1PM-2:30PM. Free. 1.5 CM.

November 20 [Transportation Planning and Natural-Hazard Resilience](#). Session 2: Resilience and Planning. See article, above. Time: 1PM-3:30PM. Free. 1.5 CM.

November 24 [Better Public Engagement](#). Public engagement has always been challenging and will be transformed by the COVID-19 pandemic. How should we engage citizens during and after the pandemic? This session explores innovative ways to better engage citizens while also advancing equity. Time: 1PM-2>30PM. Free. 1.5 CM.

Anytime [Planetizen Courses](#) offer pre-recorded urban planning tutorials and courses on topics like effective branding, public speaking, virtual reality for planners, code reform, and more. Cost: both free and subscription options.

Grant Opportunities

November 2 [Major Grant Program Letter of Interest deadline](#). This RI Council for the Humanities annual grant funds requests over \$2,000 for nonprofit organizations and schools in support of public projects, documentary films, and civic education initiatives beginning after April 1, 2020.

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November 4 [Regional Conservation Partnership Program](#) deadline. The National Resources Conservation Service will fund locally-driven partnerships for solutions to on-farm, watershed, and regional natural resource concerns, and that improve water quality, combat drought, enhance soil health, support habitat, and protect agricultural viability.

November 16 [Inspire! Grants for Small Museums](#) deadline. Inspire! is a special initiative of the Museums for America program. It is designed to help small museums implement projects that address priorities identified in their strategic plans. Inspire! has three project categories: Lifelong Learning, Community Anchors, and Collections Stewardship and Access.

November 19 [CRMC and NBNERR Habitat Restoration Trust Fund projects pre-proposal](#) deadline. Priority will be placed on projects that enhance Rhode Island's coastal habitats' resiliency to climate change and sea level rise. There is no specific match requirement for proposed projects.

Planning Articles of Interest

[Warwick considering new rules to limit on marijuana dispensaries](#)

[CRMC approves controversial marina expansion](#)

[Like it or not, the suburbs are changing](#)

[Neighbors upset about planned events at RI farm](#)

[Town tables Preserve at Rolling Green discussion](#)

[Americans can now work from anywhere: will everyone move?](#)

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