



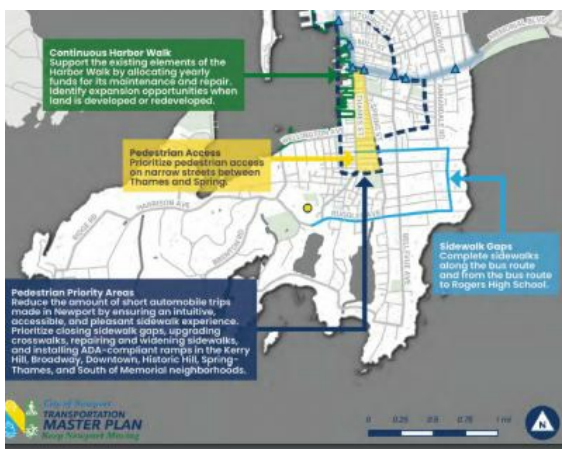
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Newport Transportation Master Plan



The RI Division of Statewide Planning, in partnership with the City of Newport, has completed *Keep Newport Moving*, the City's first transportation master plan (TMP) in twenty years. The Plan's vision is for Newport to be "a safe and inviting place for all people to travel, whether on foot, by bike, by bus, or by vehicle." The project took two years to complete and including extensive public outreach and engagement.

Jointly funded by Statewide Planning's "Planning for a Livable Future" technical assistance program and the City, the TMP provides recommendations for bike lanes, sidewalks, parking, transit, seasonal tourism, signage, and stormwater, plus policies and programs to supplement existing goals for preservation, green and complete streets, sustainability, resiliency, and equity in community and economic development.



The City requested a series of concept designs to include in the Plan to help the public better understand some of the proposed projects for implementation. Concepts will also help the City with grant applications for more detailed planning and design for specific transportation projects. In fact, RIDOT has already submitted an application for federal planning grant funding based on some of the TMP's concepts.



The Newport TMP can be viewed on our website: www.planning.ri.gov

Planning Tool: Bicycle Data

The League of American Bicyclists has [data on bicycling](#) and walking for all fifty states and seventy-six cities in the U.S. Data includes rates of walking and biking to work, changes in transit and working from home, more than [forty-five tables, graphs and charts](#) of state data, and traffic fatalities per person in the U.S.

Comparing data from before and during the pandemic, the data show that more than eighteen million people changed to working from home, shifting from all other modes except “taxi cab, motorcycle, and other means.” The shift to working from home decreased the number of people commuting by other modes, including about 14.5 million teleworkers who no longer drive to work alone. Biking, walking, and transit also saw similar shifts as fewer people used these modes to commute to work.

The [fact sheet for Rhode Island](#) has data on pedestrian and bicycle fatalities, commuting data, physical activity prevalence, policies and planning, and tips for what communities can do to promote safer active transportation. Data comes from the federal government, survey responses from state and city officials, and national non-profit organizations.

Number of Annual Pedestrian Fatalities

1.4.7: Number of Annual Pedestrian Fatalities

Number of pedestrian fatalities recorded annually from 1975 to 2020



Chart: The League of American Bicyclists - Source: NHTSA - [Get the data](#) - [Download image](#) - Created with [Datawrapper](#)

Municipal Board Trainings are Coming Soon!



Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning
is conducting
Free Municipal Educational Workshops

for Historic, Planning, and or Zoning
Boards/Commissions

To meet new mandated educational requirements
for board volunteers



Introductory workshop for three hours of
educational credits will be offered on varying
dates in 2023

Workshop dates are yet to be determined

To be notified of upcoming workshops: Email your
name, phone number, board & community
affiliation to:

nancy.hess@doa.ri.gov or paul.Gonsalves@doa.ri.gov

RI Resource Conservation & Development Council Seeks Members



The Rhode Island Resource Conservation and Development Council (RIRC&D) was founded in 1973 to encourage and improve the capability of volunteer, locally elected, and civic leaders in the state to plan and carry out projects for resource conservation and community development. Projects are related to land conservation, community Development, land management, and water management.

The RIRC&D program helps people care for natural resources and improve the quality of life in their communities by strengthening local citizen's access to available sources of assistance through state and federal agency partnerships. The RIRC&D Area Council is comprised of volunteers representing public and private sector sponsors and other local organizations, and undertakes community-driven actions that are strategically focused on regional resource conservation and economic viability. Current assistance includes the New England Cottontail project, the Women Owning Woodland (WOW) project, and the RI River and Stream Continuity project. RIRC&D priorities are set by area residents to meet their needs.

Interested volunteers should email [Paul Dolan](mailto:Paul.Dolan@ri.gov), Area Director, or call 401/500-0399 for more information.

Upcoming Statewide Planning Meetings

All meetings are open to the public.

[State Planning Council](#)

March 9 - 9AM

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Room 2A, 1 Capitol Hill, Providence

[RIGIS Executive Committee](#)

March 16 - 2PM

William Hall Library- Auditorium
1825 Broad Street, Cranston

[Water Resources Board](#)

March 17 - 9 AM

Rm 300, 235 Promenade, Providence

[Transportation Advisory Committee](#)

March 23 - 5:30PM

Rm 300, 235 Promenade, Providence

[Technical Committee](#)

April 14 - 9AM

Rm 300, 235 Promenade, Providence

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you can find this building?

See the answer at the bottom of the
newsletter!



Events

Events may be held in person, virtually, or as a hybrid format.

March 1 [Lessons Learned in My Desperate Attempt to Make it Safe to Cycle on American Roads](#). Learn about the Seeing Like a Bike project developed to understand cyclist's reaction and perception that is now feeding into work to inform cyclists about potential risks. Time: 3PM. Free.

March 1 [The Power of the Commons: Impact and Opportunity in America's Public Spaces](#). Learn about a new model for public space that transforms turns untapped potential into places of more equitably-shared prosperity. Time: 1PM. Free.

March 2 [Building the Offshore Wind Supply Chain and Workforce Needed to Deploy 30 Gigawatts and Beyond](#). Learn about the increasing demands on manufacturing, ports, vessels, and related gaps and opportunities for a domestic workforce. Time: 1PM. Free.

March 2 [Regional DOT Leadership on Transportation Goals for New England](#). Webinar will include briefings from New England transportation agency leaders about regional transportation initiatives, goals, and priorities. Time: 9AM- 11:30AM. Fee: \$50-\$150.

March 3 [Crash Analysis Studio](#) This is the second session of a multi-part Strong Towns series to model a new standard of care for cities, towns, and neighborhoods concerned about reducing automobile fatalities. Time: 2PM. Free.

March 3 [Expanding Access to Affordable, Sustainable, & Resilient Homeownership for Households of Color](#). Join practitioners from across the country to hear innovative ways they are addressing supply and affordability challenges, creating climate-resilient housing, and overcoming funding barriers. Time: 10:30AM-12PM. Free.

March 3 [RIHousing's ARPA Resources to Meet Local Housing Needs](#) Join APA-RI for a virtual program with the Executive Director of RIHousing, who will provide an update on progress being made with the \$210 million in ARPA resources being administered by

RIHousing. Time: 12PM. Free.

March 4 [RI Women in Agriculture Conference](#). The day includes hands-on learning sessions, instructional classes, informative workshops, and grant and financing opportunities. Time: 8:30AM-4:30PM. Location: Crown Plaza, Warwick. Fee: \$0-\$60.

March 8 [Addressing the Housing Shortage through Public Policy: Multi-Family in MBTA Communities](#). New requirements for MBTA communities mandate at least one zoning district for multi-family housing as-of-right. Time: 8AM-10AM. Location: The University of Massachusetts Club, 1 Beacon Street, Boston. Fee: \$30-\$90.

March 8 [Partnering with School Districts on Safe Routes to School](#). Learn how to improve safety using best practices for communicating with school districts, connecting with community-based organizations, and engaging older students. Time: 1PM. Free.

March 8 [RI 2023 Compost Conference](#). Join the discussion on food waste in RI and solutions that benefit our community, along with the environment. Time: 9AM-3PM. Location: RI College. Fee: \$20-\$40.

March 8 [Statewide Road Inventory System](#). Join the RIDOT Office of Asset Information Systems to learn about the Statewide Linear Referencing and Road Inventory system that the RIDOT is implementing. Time: 12PM-1PM. Free.

March 9 [Planning for Transitional and Long-Term Housing After a Major Disaster](#). The National Center for Disaster Preparedness, through a FEMA training grant, offers this free virtual training. Time: 12PM-5:30PM.

March 9 [Walking, Biking, and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#). Join the partners of the Intersections Initiative to learn about new federal programs for walking and biking infrastructure and the initial steps to prepare for funding. Time: 2PM. Free.

March 14 [Climate Change, Social Justice, and Local Resiliency: Land, Food, and Climate Change](#). How can urban land support sustainable food availability for diverse communities in RI? Panelists will discuss efforts underway to empower communities disproportionately impacted by environmental risks. Time: 6:30PM. Free.

March 14 [Local Food for Local Kids: Understanding the Farm to School Market](#). Learn how you can play a role in supplying local products to schools. Time: 3:30PM-5:30PM. Location: Farm Fresh RI, 10 Sims Ave., Providence. Free.

March 14 [Preserving & Growing Agriculture & Seafood Industries](#). Learn about financing tools, grants, and other business support available for farmers and fishers. Time: 2PM-3:30PM. Location: Farm Fresh RI, 10 Sims Ave., Providence. Free.

March 15 [Building a Community-Controlled Real Estate Entity from Scratch](#) Learn about Kensington Corridor Trust in Philadelphia, its current status and capital raising strategy, and how it eventually became a self-sustaining entity. Time: 1PM. Free.

March 15 [Funding Water Quality Restoration and Climate Resilience Projects in Rhode Island](#). Workshop will highlight key funding opportunities for water quality and climate resilience projects and will allow participants to speak with funders about their specific projects. Time: 10AM-12PM. Free.

March 16 [Implementing Successful Parklet Programming](#). During COVID, we saw a surge of temporary interventions to support outdoor dining by way of parklets: how can we sustain and develop sustainable parklet programs? Time: 11AM. Free. 1 CM.

March 17 [Advancing Large-Scale Climate Resilient Projects through Planning and Financing: HUD-DOT Perspectives.](#) Webinar will provide an overview of planning processes by HUD and DOT to help communities develop large-scale, front-end investments in climate resilient infrastructure. Time: 1PM-2:30PM. Free. 1.5 CM.

March 17 [Congressional Briefing with U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse.](#) Hybrid session on priorities for 2023, energy, the environment, and climate change at District Hall, 225 Dyer Street, Providence, or on Zoom. Time: 8:30AM-10:45AM. Fee: \$30-\$140.

March 22 [Transportation Equity: Community-Building in Action.](#) Learn about the development of policies and practices that more fully address inequities and injustices caused and contributed to by transportation. Time: 1PM-2:30PM. Free.

March 23 [Activating the Trail Community in Conservation Issues.](#) This webinar will explore ways to empower and activate trail users on your local trails. Time: 1PM. Free.

March 23 [Dynamic Curb Planning and Management in an Evolving Mobility Landscape.](#) As demand for curb space grows, municipalities must define curb usage to support vehicles, parking, transit, and rideshare companies. Time: 3PM-4PM. Free.

March 23 [RI League of Cities and Towns Annual Conference.](#) The League's 23rd Annual Convention will be held in person at the Crowne Plaza, Warwick. Time: 8:30A. Free for municipal members.

March 26-29 [National Bike Summit.](#) Summit will feature sessions and panels, plenaries, and keynote speakers. Participate from anywhere in the country or from the Summit venue in Washington, DC. Fee: \$100-\$750.

March 27-29 [Main Street Now Conference Boston.](#) Join fellow commercial district revitalization leaders for education sessions, mobile workshops, and visits to Main Street neighborhoods. Location: Boston Marriott Copley Place. Fee: \$175-\$720.

March 28-29 [BuildingEnergy Boston.](#) BuildingEnergy Boston is a conference designed for practitioners in high-performance building and design, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. Location: Westin Boston Seaport District. Fee: \$50-\$650.

Grants & Deadlines

March 3 [National Water Quality Initiative Grants](#) for the Sakonnet River Watershed provide a way to accelerate voluntary, on-farm conservation investments and focused water quality monitoring and assessment resources.

March 6 [Agriculture Innovation Center Program](#) funds Centers that provide technical and business development assistance to agricultural producers seeking to engage in developing and marketing value-added agricultural products.

March 10 [Areas of Persistent Poverty Program](#) deadline for planning, engineering, or the development of technical or financing plans to build modern transit infrastructure for an equitable, clean energy future.

March 15 [AARP Rhode Island Community Challenge Grants](#) for quick-action projects that help RI communities become more livable by improving public spaces, transportation, housing, civic engagement, diversity and inclusion, and more.

March 15 [RI Foundation Community Grants](#) provide up to \$10,000 for community-making efforts that make unique and important things happen at the intersection of people and places.

March 15 [Smart Growth America Technical Assistance](#) supports community-based organizations for addressing topics like housing, zoning and planning policies, and infrastructure from the impacts of climate change.

March 27 [Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production](#) grants support the development of urban agriculture and innovative production projects through two categories: Planning Projects and Implementation Projects.

March 27 [FY23 Corridor Identification and Grant Program](#) is a comprehensive program that will help guide intercity passenger rail development throughout the country and create a pipeline of intercity passenger rail projects ready for implementation.

March 29 [Commerce RI Site Readiness Program](#) funds site-specific planning and improvements, such as assistance with writing zoning ordinances, updating comprehensive plans, and strategic planning support.

March 29 [Commerce RI Main Street Rhode Island Streetscape Improvement Fund](#) awards grants on a competitive basis for improvements to RI's commercial districts, such as signage, lighting, façades, and sidewalk improvements.

March 31 [Better Bike Share Partnership Grants](#) will provide \$10,000 to \$25,000 to communities working to make bike share more equitable and inclusive.

March 31 [RIDEM Specialty Crop Block Grant Program](#) funds projects that enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts, horticulture, and nursery crops, including floriculture.

Articles of Interest

[Town seeks more information on Quonset housing plan](#)

[Officials consider zoning amendments for mammoth indoor greenhouse](#)

[Mill developer comes in with new proposal for all residential](#)

[Town vs. development corporation case will continue in Superior Court](#)

[One hundred percent affordable residential project moving forward](#)

['Glamping' on former Boy Scout land opposed by Town](#)

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