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Long Range Transportation Plan 2035

The Statewide Planning Program has prepared a limited update to the Rhode Island Long Range Transportation Plan. A draft of *Transportation 2035* is currently under consideration by the Rhode Island State Planning Council. This plan, which is updated every four (4) years, serves many purposes. It fulfills federal requirements for statewide and metropolitan planning under current transportation legislation, it provides a long-range framework for coordination among various modes and advancing projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), it sets state policy to guide public and private decisions involving transportation toward the end of improving the economic, social, and environmental well-being of the state, and as a State Guide Plan element, it is a basis for determining consistency of local comprehensive plans and other plans, programs, and projects with state policies.

This plan update is limited in scope and does not alter the goals, objectives, policies and strategies of the State's previous long range transportation plan, *Transportation 2030*. This update primarily incorporates new data from the 2010 Census, programmatic funding in the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and an analysis of anticipated federal and state transportation funding resources. This limited update is necessary in order for the state to process Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments, and to fully realize federal funds for transportation projects.

Transportation 2035 is available for review on the Statewide Planning Program website at www.planning.ri.gov/transportation/default.htm or at the Program's office, One Capitol Hill, 3rd floor, Providence, RI between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Two public hearings for the *Transportation 2035-Draft* are scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.; and Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Both hearings will be held in Conference Room A, 2nd floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building, Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill. Providence.

All persons may present their views on the draft document in person, through a representative, or by filing a written statement. Written statements may be mailed to Linsey Callaghan, Supervising Transportation Planner, RI Statewide Planning Program, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908, or submitted at a hearing. All comments must be received before the close of the public hearings on November 15, 2012. Please contact Linsey Callaghan if you have any questions at linsey.callaghan@doa.ri.gov or 401.222.6479.

Division of Planning Committee Meetings

Technical Committee

Scheduled for November 2 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence. For the latest schedule information please see the <http://www.planning.ri.gov/misc/calendar.htm>

State Planning Council

Scheduled for November 8 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence. For the latest schedule information please see the <http://www.planning.ri.gov/misc/calendar.htm>

Transportation Advisory Committee

Scheduled for November 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence. For the latest schedule information please see the <http://www.planning.ri.gov/misc/calendar.htm>



The Rhode Island Flood Mitigation Association (RIFMA) is pleased to announce the unveiling of a new website. The new site has also changed location and can now be found at www.riflood.org

Please be sure to visit and bookmark the new site.

New American Community Survey Data Released

In September and October, the U.S. Census Bureau released the 2011 1-year and 2009-2011 3-year American Community Survey (ACS) data. The ACS is administered by the Census on a year-round basis to a sample of U.S. residents, and its results are analyzed to provide estimates of housing, economic, and social characteristics of communities across the country. One-year ACS data are available for populations of 65,000 or larger, and 3-year ACS data are available for populations of 20,000 or larger. For additional information on the American Community Survey, visit <http://www.census.gov/acs/www/> and to download new ACS data, go to American FactFinder at factfinder2.census.gov.

Derwent Riding Retires After 23 Years of Service to the State of Rhode Island

After a long, successful career, Derwent (Derry) Riding retired from her position as Principal Planner with the State of Rhode Island Division of Planning on Friday, September 21, 2012. With warm wishes and gratitude for everything that Derry has accomplished, Derry celebrated her career and philanthropic achievements on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at Linden Place.

Derry began working for the state in the Local Planning Assistance Program in 1989. During her over 23 years of service, Derry provided direct assistance to municipalities, drafted and monitored legislation and provided training on topics of importance for local planning. Derry was always there – to answer a question, give an opinion or review a document – and she made a name for herself as a go-to resource for Rhode Island's planning community. Even before Derry became an official employee of the state, she was appointed by Governor DiPrete as a representative of the League of Women Voters to serve on the *Commission to Study the Entire Area of Land Use, Preservation, Development, and Regulation*, the commission which was responsible for writing the RI Comprehensive Planning Act of 1989, and updating the Zoning Enabling Act of 1991, and the Land Development and Subdivision Review Enabling Act of 1992.

In addition to her exceptional professional accomplishments, Derry has also been heavily involved in many philanthropic endeavors. Derry is a life member of the Bristol Historical and Preservation Society, where she has raised over \$150,000 to support the preservation of Bristol's historic legacy; she was an original board member of the Friends of Linden Place and was instrumental in the original effort to preserve the property; she was an original board member of Mount Hope Farm, again involved in the original efforts to acquire and preserve the farm; and has served on the state board of the League of Women Voters since 1991.

Derry's knowledge, exuberance and friendly demeanor will be missed by all who had the pleasure of interacting with her in the course of their work. The Division of Planning wishes Derry a restful and enjoyable retirement and many more years of active participation in Rhode Island's planning, policy and preservation initiatives.

AQUIDNECK ISLAND

Aquidneck Island Transportation Study Receives Transportation Planning Excellence Award

The Aquidneck Island Planning Commission's Aquidneck Island Transportation Study (AITS), which was funded through a The RI Dept. of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, has received a honorable mention in the 2012 Transportation Planning Excellence Awards Program. The Transportation Planning Excellence Awards Program is a biennial awards program developed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and co-sponsored by the American Planning Association (APA) and the Transportation Research Board (TRB). The program provides a unique opportunity to recognize and celebrate the outstanding transportation planning practices performed by planners and decision makers in communities across the country. This year there were a total of 15 nationwide award recipients, including 9 winners and 6 honorable mentions.

In making the honorable mention, the award committee described the Aquidneck Island Transportation Study as "a comprehensive multi-modal transportation master plan, the first of its kind for the island...reaching across all transportation modes (pedestrian, auto, transit, bike, ferry, and rail) to coordinate land use planning in an effort to increase overall mobility, modal choice, and safety for the island while decreasing traffic congestion and its negative impacts on the environment, economy, and quality of life." It went on to state that "the AITS provides a model for developing a comprehensive plan with multiple agencies, municipalities, and their communities. Through the use of creative outreach tools, innovative transportation recommendations, and the resulting implementation plan, the AITS identified initiatives that will not only advance the Aquidneck Island's transportation network but will drive future land use and development."

The Transportation Planning Excellence Awards Program, a list of all 2012 award recipients, and awards for the previous years can be found at www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/tpca/2012/. The Program's full description of the AITS can also be found on the Awards Program web page.



GrowSmartRI
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Municipal Training Offered Conducting Effective Land Use Reviews

The Grow Smart Rhode Island Land-Use Training Collaborative is offering training for Planning Boards, Zoning Boards, and Town Councils. **Conducting Effective Land Use Reviews** is led by experienced Land Use Attorneys and Planners, this workshop will guide you through your legal responsibilities as a public official in Rhode Island and discuss in detail the legally required procedures and best practices that should be followed in conducting land use reviews. The workshop provides ample time for participant questions.

We will be offering the one-night training in Foster at the Foster Center Fire Station on Wednesday, November 28th from 5:30pm until 9:00pm (including a light dinner).

The total training fee is \$30.00; the fee covers training, training manual, and a light supper. The Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust provides registration fee assistance for Trust members for this training.

Advance registration by Monday, November 19th is required. Registration will be closed once capacity has been reached. For full information go to www.growsmartri.org or contact Jodi Castillo, Training Coordinator, jcastallo@growsmartri.org or 401-273-5711 ext. 6.



Upcoming Training, Courses and Lectures



1. Using ArcGIS.com: Maps & Geographic Data on the Web
2. Dates: January 15, 2013; 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Registration Fee: \$100

Summary: This is a half-day training program that will introduce you to ESRI's FREE online mapping applications available at ArcGIS.com and give you the tools to access the volumes of data being served from RIGIS which are easily accessible in this interface.

- Explore ready to use map services from RIGIS and others (hundreds of maps!)
- Query existing data
- Build your own maps using readily available data from RIGIS and other sources
- Create your own data (import: .csv, .txt, addresses, .gpx, heads-up digitizing)
- Share your maps via e-mail, Facebook, Twitter or embed the code into your own website

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ArcGIS Online, services developed by ESRI® that allow users to upload, download, and create data. Users may choose to make their map data public or limit access by using groups. **Requirements:** This course is intended for those interested in working with geographic data and requires only a modest level of technical skill. **No prior GIS knowledge is necessary!**

Participants will:

- Create a customized ArcGIS Online map
- Become comfortable with the ArcGIS.com interface
- Learn to access the RIGIS ArcGIS Server maps
- Use tools to create layers on your custom map
- Import .csv files with location data (x,y, address) on to map
- Import Shapefiles on to an ArcGIS.com map

Learn how to share a map via email, Facebook, Twitter or by embedding it into own website.

2. **Introduction to GIS : Dates: January 8 - 10, 2013; 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, Registration Fee: \$750**
3. **Summary:** This three-day hands-on computer course provides an introduction to the capabilities of GIS. Using ESRI's ArcGIS 10.1®, software, we teach the fundamentals of working with GIS data, how to query a GIS database, edit spatial and attribute data and how to present data using maps, reports, and graphs. We also work extensively with the [Rhode Island Geographic Information System \(RIGIS\)](http://Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS)) database.

All students receive hands-on software instruction, course books with exercises with accompanying training data. Upon successful completion of the course, students receive a **URI Certificate of Course Completion**. Classes are taught at URI's Kingston campus.

Requirements: Participants should be comfortable working in a windows environment. Please visit ESRI's training website and try this free course on [Getting Started with GIS \(for ArcGIS 10\)](http://Getting Started with GIS (for ArcGIS 10)) This will provide you with a comprehensive introduction to the topics that will be covered in the three-day course. **Topics Covered:**

- Geospatial data types: storage and management
- Introduction to the ArcMap interface: toolbars, pop-up / drop-down menu
- How to display, symbolize, label geospatial data
- Using ArcGIS.com basemaps and other internet map services
- Printing and exporting maps
- Creating and Editing geospatial data
- How to perform attribute and spatial queries
- Creating X,Y location data, spatial analysis (overlay)
- Accessing the RIGIS data catalog

November 8, 2012 Bradford McKee, Editor, Landscape Architecture Magazine Lectures

Lectures begin at 7:00 P.M. and are held in the Weaver Auditorium on the Kingston Campus of URI. The series is co-sponsored by the URI Office of Vice President for Administration and Finance, College of the Environment and Life Sciences, the RI Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, the RI Nursery and Landscape Association, and The American Planning Association, RI Chapter. All lectures are free and open to the public. The lecture hall is handicapped accessible. General questions about the series may be directed to 874-2983. For Directions - <http://www.uri.edu/ce/wq/OWT/Directions/index.htm>
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