

STATEWIDE PLANNING e-NEWS

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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) 2017 - 2025

NOTICE OF SOLICITATION FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the State of Rhode Island, the State Planning Council, is initiating the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for federal fiscal years 2017–2025. The TIP is a list of transportation projects the State of Rhode Island intends to implement using United States Department of Transportation funds. For transportation projects to utilize federal funds it must be included in the TIP. In developing a new TIP, stakeholder input is essential in programming and prioritizing transportation projects. This is an opportunity for municipalities, regional organizations, non-profits and members of the general public to submit transportation projects for consideration as part of the FY17-25 TIP development process.

STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION

The state and national transportation funding crisis and the continued declining condition of the State's infrastructure makes it more important than ever to ensure that our scarce resources are focused on priority projects and strategic investments. Coordination with stakeholders is a crucial component of the TIP process. The MPO has strived to maintain a streamlined and simple process for participating in the development of the TIP. This process is fully outlined in the "Guide to Rhode Island's Transportation Improvement Program" available at

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/statewideplanning/transportation/tip.php>.

INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOPS

The Statewide Planning Program will be sponsoring two (2) informational workshops to answer any questions you may have on the TIP process.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.

RI Department of Administration
William E. Powers Building
Conference Room A, Second Floor
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2015 AT 1:00 P.M.

RI Department of Administration
William E. Powers Building
Conference Room A, Second Floor
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

TIP application packages are due by 3:00 p.m. on January 8, 2016.

A draft TIP will be developed in the early spring with the public review process occurring during the spring and summer of 2016. The FY17-25 TIP is expected to be adopted by the State Planning Council by September 2016. For more information, contact Karen Scott, Assistant Chief, Statewide Planning Program at (401) 222-4411 or Karen.scott@doa.ri.gov.





Statewide Planning’s Committee Meetings

State Planning Council , December 17, 2015, 9:00 a.m.,
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, Conference Room A

Technical Committee, December 4, 2015, 9:00 a.m.,
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, Conference Room A

Transportation Advisory Committee, December Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2015 6:30 PM-8:30 PM
Conference Room A, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI,

Thursday, January 28, 2016, 6:30 p.m. One Capitol Hill,
Providence, RI, Conference Room A

RIGIS Executive Committee, December 10, 2015, 1:00-3:00 p.m.,
USDA-NRCS, Main Conference Room, 60 Quaker Lane, Warwick, RI

Public Hearings Scheduled for Comprehensive Planning Standards

The Statewide Planning Program will hold two public hearings on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 11:00am and 6:00pm on a proposed amendment to the Rules and Standards of the State Planning Council that would add Rule 4 – Part 2, “Comprehensive Plan Review Standards.”

Land use planning in the State of Rhode Island has been set up as a reciprocal system, where State goals and policies are reflected in local plans and local plans have the ability to guide State actions. Therefore, the Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Act requires that adopted comprehensive plans be submitted to the Statewide Planning Program for review and that the SPP review adopted comprehensive plans for consistency with the goals and intent of the Act and the State Guide Plan. The draft Rule 4 – Part 2 sets forth the standards that will be used during the SPP review, in accordance with the General Laws, subsection 45-22.2-10(b).

The standards are accompanied by several guidance handbooks that are intended to assist communities in preparing plans that will fulfill each standard. Each handbook provides helpful guidance on fulfilling the standards, including data sources, as well as general information on including the required topics within a comprehensive plan. Please see www.planning.ri.gov/statewideplanning/compplanning/ to access the handbooks.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments concerning the proposed amendment by December 13, 2015 to Jared Rhodes, Chief, Statewide Planning Program, RI Department of Administration, Division of Planning, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908.

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**Public Comment Notice
Rhode Island Travel Plaza and
Transit Hub**

**FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program –
Amendment #6**



The State Planning Council has received a request from the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) for an amendment to the FY 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). In October 2015 RIDOT received a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant to construct a Rhode Island Travel Plaza and Transit Hub located adjacent to Interstate 95 in Hopkinton, Rhode Island. RIDOT is requesting Amendment #6 to the Major Projects category of the TIP to show the \$9 million in discretionary TIGER grant funds and \$3 million in state required match.

The Transportation Advisory Committee at their December 14, 2015 meeting scheduled for 6:30 pm will be requested to take action on this request. The meeting will take at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, 1 Capitol Hill, 2nd Floor, Conference Room A.

In accordance with the procedures to amend and modify the TIP, this proposal is subject to a ten (10) day public comment period. Public comment on the proposal can be provided in person at the time of the above referenced meeting or submitted in advance to Ms. Linsey Callaghan, Transportation Advisory Committee Secretary by email at linsey.callaghan@doa.ri.gov or by mail to the Statewide Planning Program, 1 Capitol Hill, 3rd Floor, Providence, RI 02908.

RIDOT’s request for this amendment and the associated documentation is available for advance review online at www.planning.ri.gov/statewideplanning/transportation/tipamendments.php or can be viewed in person Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, at the Statewide Planning Program, 1 Capitol Hill, 3rd Floor, Providence, RI.



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ADVANCED DISASTER RECOVERY

*Sponsored by the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency
Conducted by the University of Hawaii's
National Disaster Preparedness Training Center (NDPTC)*

Dates: Tuesday, January 5, 2016
Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI
Times: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Advanced Disaster Recovery Planning is an eight hour, performance-level course aimed at improving the frequency and quality of pre-disaster plans for post-disaster recovery in local jurisdictions. The focus of the course is on understanding advanced recovery principles and best practices from the perspective of planners, first responders and emergency managers. This is achieved through analysis of case studies and review of a sample of local disaster recovery plans. The course provides participants with experience analyzing plans using the Plan Quality Evaluation matrix. It also provides an opportunity for participants to consider key steps in the development of a disaster recovery plan for their local jurisdiction.

Modules: Introduction to Planning and Governance; Organizations and Their Roles in Recovery Planning and Disaster Recovery; Plan Quality Review; Developing a Plan for Your Jurisdiction.

Target Audience: This course is targeted for a broad cross section of professionals involved in emergency management, public works and planning.

Cost: All training and course materials are free. Participants will be provided with a continental breakfast and afternoon snack.

Registration: This is a DHS certified course and FEMA requires that ALL students register with a FEMA Student Identification number (SID). Applications without a SID number will not be accepted. You can obtain your FEMA SID number at <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid> Complete the attached Registration Form and email to Michelle San Souci: michelle.sansouci@ema.ri.gov

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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

FEMA SID# : _____ (mandatory <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>)

JOB TITLE: _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/TOWN: _____ **ZIP CODE:** _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

FOOD ALLERGIES/RESTRICTIONS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, P.I. 101-336: The Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency does not discriminate on the basis of disabilities in admissions or access to services or employment in its programs and activities.

EMAIL: michelle.sansouci@ema.ri.gov



State of Rhode Island

Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission**Call for Ideas**

The [31st Annual R.I. Statewide Historic Preservation Conference](#) will take place on Saturday, April 30, 2016 in North Kingstown and Exeter. Have a suggestion for a conference workshop, tour, or speaker? Workshops run 75 minutes long and focus on topics like village revitalization, sea level rise, local history, archaeology, etc. Tours run 1.25, 2.5, or 3 hours long. To share your idea, [email Sarah Zurier](#). If you are suggesting a topic for a tour or workshop, please include the names of potential speakers or organizations that might participate.

Certified Local Government Grants

Applications for the FY 2016 grants are available now and due by December 11, 2015. The Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission administers a Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Program for municipal historical preservation activities. The following eighteen Rhode Island communities are Certified Local Governments: Bristol, Coventry, Cranston, Cumberland, East Greenwich, East Providence, Glocester, Hopkinton, Narragansett, New Shoreham, Newport, North Kingstown, North Providence, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Providence, South Kingstown, and Warwick.

[CLG grants](#) can assist a wide range of projects, from National Register (NR) nominations to underwater archaeology. For more information about applying for a CLG grant or CLG certification, please email [Katy Jurczyk](#) or call her at (401)222-4131.

Ribbon-Cutting at Eisenhower House in Newport

State Representative Marvin L. Abney and representatives from the R.I. Department of Administration, the R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission, and the Newport Chamber of Commerce recently gathered on the porch of Eisenhower House in scenic Fort Adams State Park for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of a \$2.16 million project to restore and upgrade the facility. The historic venue is ready to host a wide variety of functions at a range of rates throughout the year. For more information, visit www.eisenhowerhouse.com or contact Joan Kelly at (401) 847-6740.

URI Landscape Architecture Lectures 2015-2016

- **Dec 3**, Erin Muir, Partner, The Figure Ground Studio, NY and RI and Nicholas Healy, CRJA/IBI Group, Boston, MA. Title: "Covering ground from Portland, Oregon to Abu Dhabi, UAE: Young practitioners reflect on water, resilience and design"
- **March 3**, Toby Wolf, Principal, Wolf Landscape Architecture Westwood, MA. Title: Just enough wildness: Designing places that connect people with the natural world"
- **March 31**, Chris Reed, STOSS Landscape Urbanism, Boston, MA. April 14 Emily McCoy, Andropogon, Philadelphia, PA. Title: Craft, Research, and Practice: performance-based design in landscape architecture.
- **April 28**, Catherine Seavitt, ASLA, AIA LEED-AP, Catherine Seavitt Studio, NY, NY. Title: "Shifting Sands: Sedimentary Cycles for Jamaica Bay"

Lectures begin at 7:00 P.M. and are held in the Weaver Auditorium on the Kingston Campus of URI. This series is co-sponsored by The College of Arts and Sciences, and the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Catherine Seavitt lecture is being co-sponsored by Rhode Island Sea Grant. All lectures are free and open to the public. The lecture halls are handicapped accessible. General questions about the series may be directed to 874-2983 or to wagre@uri.edu.

We're Here to Help

One of the central missions of the [Statewide Planning Program](#) is to enable cities and towns to create great communities.

The staff of the Statewide Planning Program is here to help, with everything from document review to data gathering, fact checking to facilitation. Our staff has expertise in a variety of topics, including GIS and mapping, public participation, data analysis, redevelopment planning and urban design.

If you think your community could benefit from the assistance of the Statewide Planning Program, contact Jared Rhodes at 222-5731 or Jared.Rhodes@doa.ri.gov.



American Planning Association
Rhode Island Chapter

Mount Hope Coalition to Increase Food Security Receives Funding from the American Planning Association to Combat Chronic Disease

WASHINGTON, DC (November 20, 2015) – The *Mount Hope Coalition to Increase Food Security* has received a \$110,000 grant from the American Planning Association through its [Plan4Health](#) program to combat one of the determinants of chronic disease—lack of access to nutritious foods.

Plan4Health is a multi-year effort that strengthens the connection between planning and public health. Seventy-five percent of the program’s funding supports local and state coalitions working to advance public health through better planning and partnerships, specifically leveraging skills and evidence-based strategies. The program is implemented in partnership with the [American Public Health Association](#) (APHA) and represents a major new collaboration between planners and public health professionals. Funding for Plan4Health was provided through an award from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC).

“We are pleased to offer a second year of funding to local coalitions working to improve each of their community’s health,” said Anna Ricklin, AICP, manager of APA’s Planning and Community Health Center, which manages the Plan4Health program. “The funding provides fuel to address existing health concerns to create communities of lasting value that are equitable and healthy for all.”

Seventeen coalitions were selected for the Plan4Health program after a competitive review process. The program is being administered through [APA’s Planning and Community Health Center](#), which is dedicated to integrating community health issues into local and regional planning practices by advancing research, outreach, education and policy, and by the Rhode Island chapter of the APA.

Mount Hope Coalition to Increase Food Security (CIFS) is a coalition of community partners that aims to educate youth and adults in Providence of the health and economic benefits of producing locally grown food. Through hands-on training, residents will learn of the alternatives available to them in securing fresh, healthy food.

Coalition partners include: The Mount Hope Community Health Worker Team, American Planning Association – Rhode Island Chapter, Camp Street Community Ministries, Billy Taylor House – Culinary Program, Vince Brown Recreation Center, Rhode Island Food, Policy Council, Green Circle Design, Groundwork Providence, South Side Community Land Trust, and Mount Hope Community Members

For more information about the Plan4Health program, visit www.plan4health.us or follow the hashtag #Plan4Health on Twitter.



APA Rhode Island Holiday Party

Celebrate the holiday season with us at Slater Mill, one of our treasured national historic landmarks! Congratulate the 2015 APA Rhode Island award winners while enjoying a tapas and desert buffet from The Catering Gourmet.

Your ticket also includes beer & wine!

Tickets: \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members

Register here: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ebu7uo40d9dcb5fd&oseq=&c=&ch=>