



A RIPTA bus with the overhead sign reading "Happy Holidays."

Season's Greetings from RIPTA

During this season of celebration, we hope you find time for rest, joy, and meaningful moments with those who matter most. Looking ahead, we're excited to continue connecting Rhode Islanders to the places and opportunities that shape their lives—and we're honored to be part of your journey.

Thank you for riding with us, believing in us, and helping us build a more accessible, sustainable, and connected Rhode Island.

Warmest wishes for a joyful holiday season and a bright year ahead!



Text reading "Food Resources" overlaying a pile of vegetables.

Find Food Resources with RIPTA

RIPTA is proud to support access to essential resources across Rhode Island. We understand the importance of connecting our riders to basic necessities, which is why we've launched a new dedicated webpage: [RIPTA.com/food](https://www.ripta.com/food).

This resource is designed to help you easily find local food pantries and the RIPTA bus routes that serve them.

- Find Resources: Use the list on the new webpage to identify pantries near your location.
- Plan Your Trip: The site shows you exactly which bus routes can get you there.

Important Note: Before visiting any pantry, please call ahead to confirm their current hours of operation and any eligibility requirements, as times and services may vary.



RIPTA employees stand next to bags and boxes filled with coats and warm items.

RIPTA Staff Supports Buy Nothing Day Coat Exchange

RIPTA embraced the spirit of giving this holiday season by collecting new and gently worn coats for the [Buy Nothing Day Coat Exchange](#), held on the State House lawn. This annual event provides individuals and families with essential winter gear, often serving as their primary resource for staying warm during the colder months.

Thanks to the generosity of our team, RIPTA collected **150 coats and warm items** to support this vital cause. We're proud to help keep Rhode Islanders warm this winter season!



RIPTA CEO Christopher Durand with Representative Thomas Noret at the bus shelter in front of West Warwick Manor.

RIPTA and Rep. Thomas E. Noret Host “How to Ride RIPTA” Outreach Events in West Warwick

RIPTA is partnering with Representative Thomas E. Noret to host two “How to Ride RIPTA” community outreach events on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at Clyde Towers and the West Warwick Housing Authority. These sessions will help residents learn about available transit options and how to navigate RIPTA services.

RIPTA staff, including representatives from Ride paratransit, will be available to answer questions, offer trip-planning guidance, and process bus pass applications for eligible seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Event Schedule – Thursday, December 4, 2025

- **10–11:30 a.m.** – Clyde Towers, 1021 Main St.
- **1–2:30 p.m.** – West Warwick Housing Authority, 62 Roberts St.

Attendance is open to West Warwick Housing Authority residents. Non-residents who wish to participate must contact Rep. Thomas E. Noret at **401-641-0813** in advance.



An artist's rendering of Rosa Parks in blue tones.

RIPTA Honors Rosa Parks

RIPTA honors Rosa Parks, an African American woman who refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus. Monday, December 1, 2025, marks the 70th anniversary of her act of courage and civil disobedience on a Montgomery, Alabama bus.

To pay tribute to Rosa Parks and the anniversary of the event that triggered the Montgomery bus boycott, RIPTA will place a commemorative digital display on board buses during the month of December. The sign is dedicated to Ms. Parks in honor of her role in launching the modern civil rights movement that helped end legal segregation in America. Ms. Parks died in 2005, but her legacy as a civil rights crusader lives on.

[Click here](#) to read more about the mother of the modern-day civil rights movement in America.



The cover of the Draft State Management Plan, featuring a Ride van, members of ATAC, a gentleman in a wheelchair exiting a RIPTA bus, and the RIPTA logo.

Share Your Feedback: Draft RI State Plan

RIPTA's State Management Plan documents policies and procedures for the administration of four Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs: Section 5310, 5311, 5317, and 5339(a). An updated draft is available for public review on the [website](#). Please email jkanter@ripta.com with any comments on the plan by Friday, January 9, 2026.



Rider of the Week: Myles Brawn-Husband

Rider Spotlight: Myles Brawn-Husband

We recently caught up with Myles at Brewed Awakenings in Warwick to talk about his experience using RIde paratransit service. A dedicated advocate, Myles serves on the boards of several prominent disability rights organizations, including the Providence Streets Coalition and a camp for adults with disabilities in the Berkshires.

He is also actively involved with the Governor's Commission on Disabilities, the Ocean State Center for Independent Living, and RIPTA's Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee. Myles relies on RIde to attend meetings, visit family, and enjoy evenings out with friends.

Thank you for riding with us, Myles!

[Click here](#) to watch the full Rider of the Week spotlight.

RIPTA's Rider of the Week series aims to highlight real Rhode Islanders who use public transit not only to commute to work but also to travel to school, medical appointments, grocery stores, religious services, and recreational activities. With this series, we hope to share their authentic stories and inspire others along the way who may be reconsidering traveling by car. Want to be featured? Email marketing@RIPTA.com.



Woman holding a Wave card in front of a RIPTA bus.

Photo ID Road Trips for RIPTA's Reduced Fare Bus Pass Program

RIPTA's Photo Identification staff will travel to communities throughout the state to process Reduced Fare applications for qualified seniors and individuals with disabilities who are unable to get to our office in Kennedy Plaza. Staff also provides travel training.

Reduced Fare Photo ID Wave cards cost \$10 and are valid for two years. Replacement cards are \$20.

[Click here](#) to view the schedule for upcoming RIPTA Photo ID Road Trips.

RIPTA staff will process Photo ID Wave card applications at the following location:

- **WOONSOCKET** Thursday, December 11, 2025 • 9AM – 11AM | Woonsocket Senior Center, 84 Social Street

For information on how to qualify for RIPTA's Reduced Fare Program for Seniors and People with Disabilities, call (401) 784-9500, ext. 2012 or visit [RIPTA.com/ReducedFare](https://www.ripta.com/ReducedFare).



Rider Alert Graphic.

SERVICE ALERTS

Holiday Service

- Christmas Day (Thursday, December 25)
- New Year's Day (Thursday, January 1)

All RIPTA offices will be closed on both Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The Flex Service reservation line (401-784-9500, ext. 1220) and the Ride reservation line (401-461-9760) will not be staffed on either holiday. Click [here](#) for details.

DETOURS

[Providence Tree Lighting](#): Saturday, December 6 • Routes 1, 3, 4, 6, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 32, 33, 34, 35, 51, 54, 58, 60, 72, 78, 92 and the R-Line will be detoured all day and night.

Visit [RIPTA.com/alerts](https://www.ripta.com/alerts) for details on upcoming detours.