

RIPTA is launching Espresso Express,

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RIPTA bus displaying "Espresso Express" on the overhead LED sign.

RIPTA Introduces “Espresso Express” – Your Morning Coffee, Now Onboard

Starting today, RIPTA is proud to announce the launch of [Espresso Express](#), a first-of-its-kind pilot program bringing locally roasted coffee directly onto your morning commute.

All express route buses will now feature onboard baristas from [Maria Maria Coffee Bar](#) crafting your favorite coffee drinks while you ride. Whether you’re heading to work, school, or just starting your day, your commute just got a whole lot more energizing.

What to Expect:

- Freshly brewed coffee on tap during peak morning hours
- A full coffee menu including cold brew, lattes, cappuccinos and seasonal specialties
- Contactless ordering through the Wave app

Download the [Wave app](#) today to place your order.



Passengers lining up to board a RIPTA R-Line bus.

Celebrate Earth Day – Ride RIPTA for a Greener Future

This Earth Day, take a step toward sustainability by choosing public transportation! Riding RIPTA helps reduce traffic congestion, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and decrease your carbon

footprint. Buses are one of the most eco-friendly ways to travel, using less fuel per passenger than individual cars. Plus, with convenient routes across Rhode Island, it's an easy way to get where you need to go while doing something good for the planet.

Let us know which bus stop you'll be at on Earth Day (Wednesday, April 22), and you might get a surprise! Email marketing@ripta.com, or tag us on X or Bluesky using **#EarthDayRI** and include your bus stop location and time. Our transit ambassadors will be out and about surprising a few lucky riders with swag!



Multiple bicyclists riding along a bike path.

Mark Your Calendar for Bike to Work Month – Become a Bike Buddy!

Pedal like our climate depends on it! The 2026 No Pollute Commute Bike to Work Challenge is rolling in this May, and we want YOU to join the movement. Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or a newbie looking for guidance, this is your chance to make Rhode Island a greener state—one bike ride at a time!

Want to Be a Bike Buddy? We're looking for volunteers to mentor new riders. Sign up today and score a free No Pollute Commute t-shirt and RIPTA swag! Email commuter@ripta.com for more information.

Ready to ride? Visit RIPTA.com/BikeToWork to learn more.



Graphic displaying "Drive Less RI" logo and DriveLessRI.com URL.

Have You Joined the Challenge?

The Drive Less RI Challenge is officially underway and now is the perfect time to get involved! Whether you're riding RIPTA, transit, biking, carpooling or walking instead of driving solo, you're reducing traffic congestion, saving money, and supporting a healthier Rhode Island.

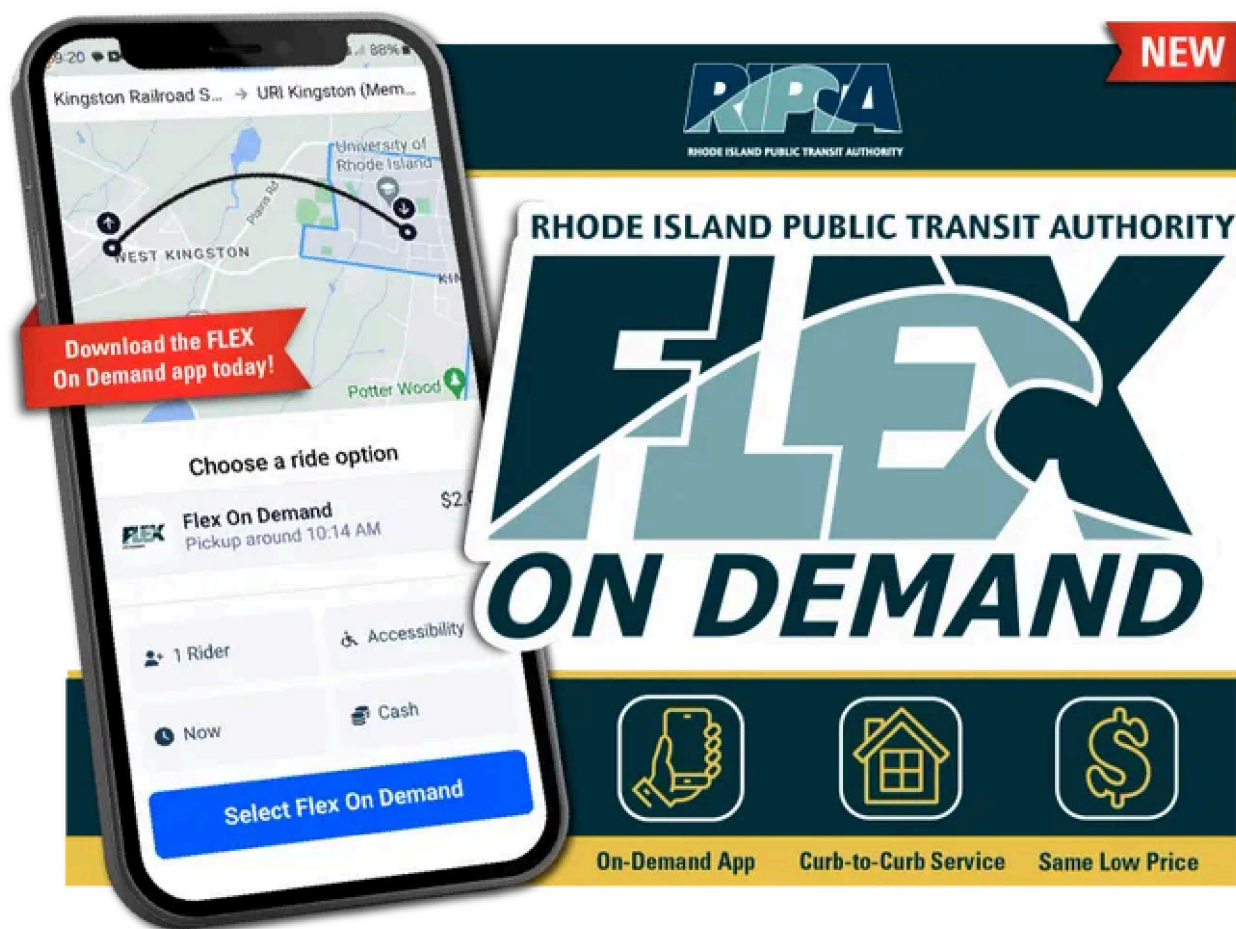
Record those green trips in the Drive Less RI app before April 14 and you'll be automatically entered to win the **Step Into Spring Self-Care Quarterly Prize Giveaway**, featuring a prize package valued at over **\$800**. The quarterly prize package includes gift cards and experiences from local favorites like NBX Bikes, Evolve Apothecary, Sole Desire, Providence Power Yoga and Bodhi Spa.

Since launching in October 2025, the Drive Less RI Challenge has already made a meaningful impact:

- **Over 550 new users registered**
- **23,556 single-occupancy vehicle trips reduced**
- **333,021 vehicle miles reduced**
- **15,456 gallons of gasoline saved**

- 151 tons of CO₂ emissions reduced
- 1,363,327 calories burned

Join the movement, record your green trips, and you could win big while making a difference. Every trip counts. [Learn more at DriveLessRI.com](https://www.drivelessri.com) today!



RIPTA's Flex on Demand logo alongside a phone displaying a screenshot of the Flex on Demand app.

Flex On Demand Pilot Now Underway in Four Flex Zones!

RIPTA's innovative Flex On Demand service has officially rolled out in more communities across Rhode Island. As of March 9, the expanded pilot is now underway in parts of Coventry, Narragansett, Newport, Middletown, South Kingstown, West Warwick, and Westerly, bringing convenient, on-demand public transit to even more riders. Flex On Demand allows passengers to book trips within designated zones using a mobile app or by phone, offering real-time tracking, curb-to-curb service, and no surge pricing—all for the same \$2 fare as a regular bus ride. Learn more and start riding at [RIPTA.com/FlexOnDemand](https://www.ripta.com/FlexOnDemand).

New to Flex? RIPTA's free Bus Buddy program can help you get started with confidence. A buddy will help you plan your trip, meet you at your stop, and guide you through the ride. Visit [RIPTA.com/busbuddy](https://www.ripta.com/busbuddy) to learn more.

DRIVE YOUR CAREER FORWARD
NOW HIRING

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR
MARKETING DEPARTMENT

- Promote sustainable travel in RI
- Business development + outreach
- Bilingual preferred

 **APPLY BEFORE APR. 17, 2026**
[RIPTA.COM/CAREERS](https://www.ripta.com/careers)

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"Now Hiring: Communications Coordinator" graphic.

We're Hiring: Communication Outreach Coordinator

Join our team as a member of our [Drive Less RI](#) team where you'll help people choose greener ways to get around—like transit, carpooling, biking, and walking—by working with employers, commuters, and community partners.

What You'll Do:

- Promote sustainable travel to employers, students & community partners
- Create custom commute plans & staff outreach events
- Lead travel training presentations
- Help grow programs that reduce traffic & emissions

What We're Looking For:

- 3–5 years of experience in business development, marketing, transit, or outreach
- Bilingual preferred

If you're passionate about sustainability, community engagement, and getting people where they need to go—this role is for you.

Apply online today before April 17, 2026 at [RIPTA.com/careers](https://www.ripta.com/careers).



Featured Rider, "Heartless" Jim, next to the "RIPTA Rider of the Week" bus stop logo.

Featured Rider: "Heartless" Jim

"Heartless" Jim rides RIPTA to his job at Cumulus Broadcasting in East Providence where he works as a Regional Production Coordinator and Call Screener. He's been riding since he was a kid, fondly recalling the satisfying sound of a coin dropping into the old fareboxes on his way to the

arcade and Warwick Mall. Nowadays he takes in the scenery while listening to a podcast or old school hip hop. See you on board, Heartless Jim!

[Click here](#) to watch the full RIPTA Featured Rider highlight.

RIPTA's Featured Rider 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.

RIPTA 60th Anniversary logo.

Celebrating 60 Years of RIPTA: Share Your Story

RIPTA is getting ready to celebrate the employees, riders and moments that have shaped our journey over the years—**and we want to hear from you!** Whether you're a current or former employee, a family member with RIPTA ties, or a rider with fond memories of taking the bus, we invite you to share your stories and photos with us. From vintage bus snapshots to memorable commutes, your experiences are an important part of RIPTA's history. Submissions may be featured in upcoming anniversary celebrations and materials.

Please send your photos and stories to marketing@ripta.com and help us honor 60 years of moving Rhode Island.




National Library Week Poster, featuring Artwork by Lorraine Nam from "I'm So Happy You're Here: A Celebration of Library Joy." The illustration consists of a vibrant scene of people of all ages entering a library beneath a "Find Your Joy!" banner.

Celebrate National Library Week with RIPTA

In honor of [National Library Week \(April 19–25, 2026\)](#), RIPTA is proud to make it even easier to visit and support libraries across Rhode Island. We've launched a new webpage - [RIPTA.com/library](https://ripta.com/library) - where you can explore public libraries statewide and find the RIPTA routes that serve them. Whether you're heading to your neighborhood branch or discovering a new one, transit can help connect you to these vital community spaces.

Public libraries are more than just buildings; they are welcoming places to read, learn, gather, and belong. This year, you can also take part in the [Library Love Letter](#) campaign, a heartfelt initiative to show appreciation for Rhode Island's libraries and the people who make them so special. Volunteers will help deliver letters of gratitude to libraries across the state during National Library Week. **Consider riding RIPTA to your favorite library, signing a letter, and being part of this meaningful effort to celebrate and support one of our most valued public resources.**




**NATIONAL
PUBLIC HEALTH
WEEK 2026**

Public Health Resource Fair

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 | 3-5 p.m.
Rhode Island State House, Rotunda | 82 Smith St., Providence

Celebrate National Public Health Week with the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH)! Explore RIDOH programs and services, and meet the people working behind the scenes every day to build a *Better State of Healthy*.



Graphic for National Public Health week.

Public Health Resource Fair

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) invites all programs, State agency partners, and the public to celebrate National Public Health Week at its Public Health Resources Fair on **Wednesday, April 8, 2026, from 3-5 p.m.**, at the Rhode Island State House. During the event, RIDOH will showcase its new communications campaign, featuring RIDOH staff and the many ways they protect community health and well-being. RIDOH Director, Dr. Jerome Larkin, will deliver brief remarks at 3:10 p.m. Come learn all about RIDOH; its programs, services, and

resources; and meet the people working behind the scenes every day to build a “Better State of Healthy.” We hope to see you there!



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 locations:

- **NARRAGANSETT** Thursday, April 2 • 10am-12pm Narragansett Senior Center, 53 Mumford Road
- **BRISTOL** Thursday, April 9 • 10am-12pm Benjamin Church Senior Center, 1020 Hope Street
- **WEST WARWICK** Thursday, April 16 • 10am-12pm W. Warwick Senior Center, 145 Washington Street
- **PAWTUCKET** Thursday, April 23 • 10am-12pm Leon Mathieu Senior Center, 420 Main 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.



Rider Alert Graphic.

SERVICE ALERTS

Detours

Providence Streets Closure – Sunday, April 5

Francis and Gaspee Streets will be closed to traffic from 4 AM to 8 PM. Routes 50, 55, 56 and 57 will be detoured during that time.

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

APRIL FOOLS!

Plot twist: the Espresso Express coffee bus isn't real... but the coffee destinations are! Ride RIPTA to your favorite local spots and start your day off right.

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