

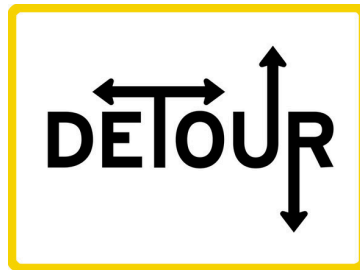


ROUTE 21 (RESERVOIR) AND ROUTE 22 (PONTIAC AVE.) ON DETOUR

Due to Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) repairs to the Reservoir Avenue Bridge, RIPTA will detour Route 21

(Reservoir) and Route 22 (Pontiac Ave.) in the Providence/Cranston area.

Route 21 and Route 22 detours began with the first trip on Monday, April 23, 2012, and will continue for approximately thirty days. Click [here](#) for details.



RIPTA DETOURS FOR AQUIDNECK ISLAND POLICE PARADE ON SUNDAY, MAY 6th

RIPTA will detour three bus routes on Sunday, May 6, 2012 to accommodate the annual Aquidneck Island Police Parade. Detours for Route #60

(Newport/Providence), Route #63 (Broadway/Shopping Center) and Route #67 (Bellevue/Mansions/Salve Regina University) will be in effect on May 6th. Click

[here](#) for details.



COX PROVIDENCE RHODE RACES RETURNS SUNDAY, MAY 6TH

RIPTA will detour eighteen bus routes in the Providence area on Sunday, May 6, 2012 in order to accommodate the Cox Providence Rhode Races. The detours will be in effect from the first trip of the day until 3:30pm. Bus stops will be temporarily relocated. For a list of detours and relocated bus stops, click [here](#).

RIPTA AND CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO HOLD COMMUNITY MEETING ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO NORTH MAIN STREET

RIPTA and the City of Providence will hold a community meeting to present suggested transportation improvements along North Main Street. Route 99, which runs on North Main Street, is part of RIPTA's current Rapid Bus Project. RIPTA plans on implementing these improvements in a series of phases over the next two years. The meeting is scheduled for 6pm on Monday, May 14, 2012 at the Rochambeau Public Library, located at 708 Hope Street in Providence.

RIPTA is currently working with the City of Providence to improve the five highest ridership corridors in RIPTA's system: Broad Street, North Main Street, Elmwood Avenue, Chalkstone Avenue and Manton Avenue. Bus routes that serve these five corridors currently operate at a high frequency, 7 days a week, to meet passenger demand. Improvements to these larger key corridors will include traffic signal prioritization (only implemented on Broad & North Main currently), reconfiguration of bus stops, branding of key corridors, and improved passenger amenities at bus stops. The goals of this project are to improve bus performance and the overall passenger experience.

Community meetings such as these allow RIPTA to present proposed plans, as well collect valuable feedback from the public.

RIPTA will provide interpreter services for the deaf and hearing impaired, provided such a request is made at least 72 hours prior to the hearing date. A request for this service can be made in writing or by calling (401) 784-9500, x183.

For more information on this project, e-mail Amy Pettine at apettine@ripta.com. For information on RIPTA services, passengers may call 781-9400 or visit ripta.com.

DO YOU RIDE ROUTE 11, 99, 20, 27, OR 56? RIPTA WANTS YOUR INPUT!

RIPTA wants YOUR input on a special project! Do you ride Route 11, 99, 20, 27, or 56? If so, we want your opinion on our new Rapid Bus Project. From bus stop designs to passenger amenities, RIPTA wants to hear your two cents on this project. Contact Greg Nordin at gnordin@ripta.com to join this special Rapid Bus Stakeholder Committee and give RIPTA your feedback. You have a voice and RIPTA wants to hear it!



RIPTA AND SENATOR JACK REED TEAM UP TO OFFER RHODE ISLANDERS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXI SERVICE



Back Left to Right: U.S. Representative David N. Cicilline; U.S. Senator Jack Reed; Mayor Scott Avedisian; RIPTA Board Chair Charles Odimgbe, RIPTA CEO; Mary Beth Mello, Federal Transit Administration; U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse Front Left to Right: Anna Petra Liebenow, RIPTA Board of Directors; John Palumbo, Chairman of the PWCVB Board of Directors

Officials from RIPTA, Federal Transit Administration, Governor's Commission on Disabilities, Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the State of Rhode Island joined U.S. Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially celebrate the arrival of wheelchair accessible taxis in Rhode Island.

The ribbon cutting celebration took place in the PC Lounge of the Dunkin' Donuts Center located at 1 LaSalle Square in Providence on Friday, April 13, 2012 at 1:00pm. The new wheelchair accessible taxis will be on display at the location, with light refreshments for all guests following the ceremony.

Reed, a senior member of the Banking Committee, which oversees the Federal Transit Administration's New Freedom program, helped author legislation funding thirteen wheelchair accessible taxis for the state. RIPTA and the RI Division of Public Utilities and Carriers also provided support to help bring these vehicles to Rhode Island.

The New Freedom grant program seeks to reduce barriers to transportation services and expand the transportation mobility options available to people with disabilities beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

Airport Taxi, Big Daddy Taxi, Corporate Taxi, Economy Cab, Orange Cab, Rainbow Cab and Valley Cab have purchased these new vehicles which will be on display at Friday's ceremony. The taxis will serve seventeen communities, including Providence, Newport and Woonsocket. T.F. Green Airport in Warwick will also be served. Standard Rhode Island taxi rates will apply to any service provided with these vehicles.

Click [here](#) for the full story.

ALL ABOARD!

The Wickford Junction Commuter Rail Station is now open. RIDOT celebrated the start of commuter rail service at the new Wickford Junction Train Station and Garage yesterday morning. The Monday through Friday service will offer commuters 20 trips per day.



Route #66 (URI/Galilee) will serve the new train station four times per day Monday – Friday. Click [here](#) for more information on the new train station.

For the #66 schedule, click [here](#).



RIBX 2012

Stop by the RIPTA booth on Thursday, May 3rd at RIBX – the annual Rhode Island Business Expo! Our booth will be stocked with lots of transit information about all our programs. We will be giving away RIPTA t-shirts and other fun prizes to a few lucky winners! For information

about this year's RIBX, click [here](#).

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION HONORS RIPTA WITH GOLD AWARD FOR SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS

RIPTA is pleased to announce that we are the recipient of the 2012 Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Gold Award. RIPTA CEO Charles Odimgbe, along with RIPTA Board Chair Mayor Scott Avedisian, accepted the award from Fred Goodine, Assistant Deputy General Manager, Transportation Security Administration at the RIPTA Board Meeting yesterday, Monday, April 23, 2012. Click [here](#) for the full story.



Left to Right : RIPTA CEO Charles Odimgbe, Fred Goodine, Assistant Deputy General Manager, Transportation Security Administration

CALLING ALL APP DEVELOPERS!

RIPTA launched the brand-new www.RIPTA.com on February 9, 2012. If you haven't seen it yet, check it now! To go with our new web site, we need cool mobile apps. Are you interested in creating a mobile app for RIPTA? Then we'd love to hear from you! Please e-mail Marketing@ripta.com.



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