



RIPTA RIDER OF THE MONTH

David N. of South Attleboro, MA

Meet David N., a Citizens Bank employee and a Providence native. David's story is unique as he commutes from South Attleboro, Mass. and takes three RIPTA routes to get to and from work daily. David has been riding RIPTA for the past 40

years; as a child exploring Rhode Island with his family, as a teen going to and from high school, and today to head to and from work in Johnston, Rhode Island.



"Honestly I can say that service overall is reliable and I can integrate the route options and schedules into my very busy daily routine, while getting to where I need to be," David said. "Having been a rider over time, there are bus drivers that I have come to know or at least recognize and say hi. Having a visual impairment that restricts me from driving, RIPTA provides a reliable independent transportation option that works with my busy schedule."

David has used RIPTA monthly passes throughout his many years of riding the bus. Citizens Bank is part of our employer program that allows employees to purchase fare products as a pre-tax deduction, allowing them to save significant tax money.

David has also tried our new Flash Pass mobile app. “It is simple to use, allows electronic purchase of many different fare products and operates in many of the same ways as other transit-systems apps,” he said. The Transit mobile app and RIPTA’s website have also been helpful in David’s daily commute, “for schedule information and to help track the location of an upcoming bus.”

For more information, or to discuss introducing the employer program at your workplace, call a Commuter Resource RI transit specialist at 401-784-9575 or email commuter@ripta.com.

STOP BY OUR TRANSIT MASTER PLAN POP-UP EVENTS!

Share your ideas about the future of Rhode Island’s transit system! Throughout the month, we are organizing [Transit Forward RI](#) pop-up events across the state, giving you an opportunity to talk the Transit Forward RI team and RIPTA staff directly about their State of the System Report, transit strategy papers, and unique transportation challenges facing your community.



RIPTA Transit Planner Zach Agush (left) at a recent pop-up event in Newport listening to people’s ideas on how public transit can better serve them in Rhode Island.

Look for us at transit hubs and other key locations around the state. Visit the Transit Forward RI website for the [schedule of pop-ups](#), and check back often for updates! Interested in more ways to get involved?

Contribute your ideas using the [interactive transit comment map](#) to describe experiences at specific locations, sign up for the [newsletter](#), or look for project updates on RIPTA’s [Facebook](#) page.

ATTENTION RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES - FREE COLLEGE

Did you know you that you can enroll tuition-free at the Community College of Rhode Island for your first two years? All recent RI high school graduates can go to CCRI for free thanks to the Rhode Island Promise



Scholarship program regardless of their family income. Best part? You can ride RIPTA to any of CCRI's four campuses!

For more information on this program, visit <http://www.ccri.edu/ripromise/>

RIPTA IN THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Jorge Elorza's Seniors Day in the City



RIPTA is excited to participate at this event, which will be held on **Saturday, August 24** at the Rhode Island Convention Center from 10:30AM to 2PM. Stop by the RIPTA table and say hello! RIPTA's Photo Identification staff will be on site to provide bus passes to qualified seniors and individuals with disabilities with valid documentation. Reduced Fare Bus Pass Program identification cards for qualified people with disabilities and seniors cost \$10.00 (cash only) and are valid for 2 years. For information on how to qualify for RIPTA's Reduced Fare Bus Pass Program for Seniors and People with Disabilities, customers can call 784-9500, ext. 1604 or visit ripta.com.

For more information on **Mayor Jorge Elorza's Seniors Day in the City** event, please contact the Department of Senior Services at 401-421-2489.

SERVICE ALERTS

NATATLE MUSIC VIDEO FILMING – THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

RIPTA will detour Route 27 and Route 28 from 5am to 7:30am to accommodate a music video filming. Broadway will be closed from John J Partington Way to Courtland Street during that time.

[Details here.](#)



DOMINICAN PARADE – SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

RIPTA will detour Route 6 (Prairie/Roger Williams Park Zoo) and the R-Line (Broad/North Main) from 8:30am until 12:30pm.

[Details here.](#)

RIPTA CELEBRATES VICTORY DAY – MONDAY, AUGUST 12

RIPTA will operate all regular fixed-route buses and trolleys on a Sunday/Holiday schedule on in observance of Victory Day. RIPTA offices, including the Photo Identification and Ticket Sellers Offices in Kennedy Plaza, will not be staffed on the holiday.

[Click here for details.](#)

CLASSIC CAR CRUISE AND FOOD TRUCK NIGHT - AUGUST 19

RIPTA will detour will detour Route 54 and Route 87 from 5pm to 9pm.

[Details here.](#)

WOONSOCKET MAIN STREET CRUISE NIGHT – AUGUST 21

RIPTA will detour Routes 54 and 87 from 5PM to 9PM.

[Click here for details.](#)

ROUTE 6 SERVICE MODIFIED FOR BREW AT THE ZOO ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

The Roger Williams Park Zoo will close early in preparation for Brew at the Zoo on August 24. RIPTA Route 6 (Prairie/R.W. Zoo) will not travel to the Zoo entrance after 12PM. Passengers can board Route 6 at the entrance to the Zoo parking lot after 12PM.

Thank you for understanding.



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