



SOLAR PANELS BOOST BUS BATTERIES

Thanks to the technology of a Warwick-based company, RIPTA's new, 2019 diesel buses are equipped with cost saving solar panels that boost vehicle battery life and performance. The panels, manufactured by eNow Inc. of Warwick, use solar energy to enable bus batteries to perform better when the vehicles are started and also help the batteries maintain an optimum charge level through the day.



"This project is a win on many levels," said Scott Avedisian, RIPTA's Chief Executive Officer. "We are working with the state to introduce alternative energy sources into public transit and we're partnering with a Rhode Island company."

The panels were installed on 33 new diesel buses that are part of our regular fleet replacement as older buses are retired.

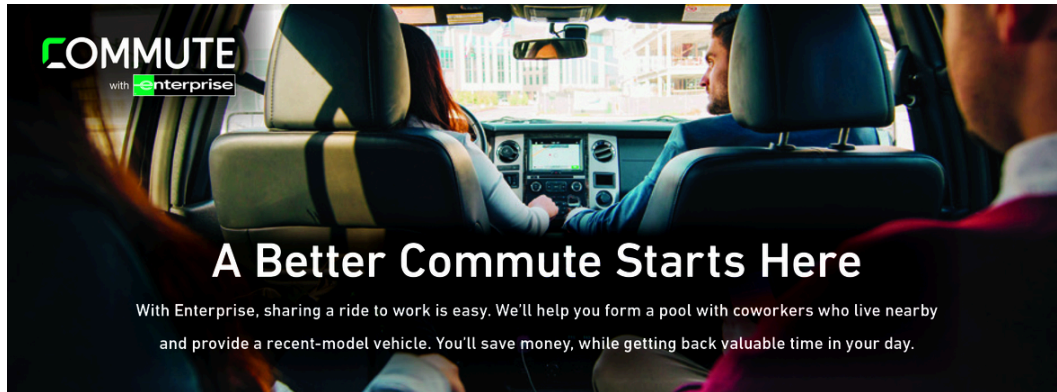
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KNOW YOUR RIPTA!

Does your community group or business want to learn more about RIPTA services?

Jim Vincent, our Community Outreach Officer, recently spoke at January meetings of the Rotary Club of Providence and the Rotary Club of Warwick. He shared an overview of RIPTA services and new projects we are working on. In addition, RIPTA has a commuter outreach team that also works with schools, businesses, and senior centers to make sure people know how to use our system.



RIPTA Community Outreach Officer Jim Vincent (left) with Providence Rotary President Geoff Gaunt in January

Exciting projects we're working on include the start of new high-frequency service between Rhode Island Hospital and the Providence Train Station (<https://www.ripta-dtc.com/>). Also we are in pilot testing our new smart fare technology that will enable us offer a new mobile app and smart cards that will make boarding easier and let passengers manage their purchases through their own online accounts.

Let us know if you are part of a group that wants to learn more about the benefits of riding with RIPTA!

You can reach our team at commuter@ripta.com.

REGULAR SERVICE ON PRESIDENTS DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020

Just a reminder that RIPTA is running a regular schedule on Presidents Day.



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