



## WINTER WEATHER PREPARATION

During periods of heavy snow and ice, buses, like personal vehicles, will sometimes fall behind schedule, but rest assured operators will be working to reach your stop as soon as possible. Plan extra time for your commute. Take an earlier



trip. Buses not only get slowed down by the snow, but also by surrounding traffic. Allowing for extra time is the best way to get around during winter weather travel.

Passengers are always advised to use extreme caution at bus stops due to decreased visibility and slippery conditions.

Passengers are strongly advised to monitor news reports, check www.RIPTA.com and RIPTA's social media outlets (Facebook @RideRIPTA, Twitter @RIPTA\_RI) for service advisory updates.

RIPTA urges passengers to sign up to receive electronic updates for their route on RIPTA.com by clicking on "Schedules," then clicking on the route they would like updates for, then clicking on "Receive Updates for this Schedule." RIPTA will e-mail system disruption notices to passengers on this distribution list.

## PUBLIC INPUT FOR TRANSIT MASTER PLAN

Thank you to everyone who turned out for our first round of public meetings on the Transit Master Plan in December – and there will be more opportunities for input! The Transit Master Plan project will take a look at how our passenger transportation network should look and operate in the future.



In Rhode Island, our passenger transportation network currently includes bus, rail and water transportation services. If you'd like to see the information presented at the recent round of informal meetings or would like to share your thoughts on how transportation can best serve you, please visit: https://transitforwardri.com/. Public input is very important for this project.

### RIPTA IN THE COMMUNITY

# THANK YOU FOR BRIGHTENING A CHILD'S HOLIDAY

RIPTA harnessed our holiday spirit to give back to those in need. Thanks to everyone - from RIPTA and RIde employees to passengers and



members of the community - who generously opened their hearts and donated to our Annual Toy Drive. The toys and teddy bears collected for the West End Community Center will put smiles on the faces of underprivileged children in our community. Special thank you to our partner – Providence College - for helping make this a success by donating teddy bears from their hockey teddy bear toss.

#### SERVICE ALERTS

## RIPTA TO RUN SUNDAY/HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019

RIPTA will operate all fixed-route bus service on a Sunday/Holiday schedule on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 in observance of New Year's Day.



Click here for details.

# RIPTA TO RUN SUNDAY/HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019

RIPTA will operate all fixed-route services on a Sunday/Holiday schedule on Monday, January 21, 2019 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Click here for details.

# RIPTA'S WINTER SERVICE CHANGES TO TAKE EFFECT SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019

RIPTA will implement winter service changes effective Saturday, January 19, 2019. RIPTA makes regular service adjustments three times a year in response to seasonal changes and/or passenger use.

Click here to see if your route is affected.

# RIPTA SCHEDULES 2019 COMMUNITY SITE VISITS FOR BUS PASS PROGRAM FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Every week, RIPTA's Photo Identification staff travel to communities throughout the state to provide bus passes to qualified seniors and individuals with disabilities, who are unable to get to our offices in Providence.

Click here for the 2019 Community Site Visit Schedule for the Reduced Bus Pass Program for Seniors and People with Disabilities.



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