



**SPEAK UP –  
STILL TIME TO  
COMMENT ON  
PROPOSED  
ROUTE  
CHANGES!**



RIPTA wants your

feedback on how to improve transit services in Rhode Island. As part of a statewide review of transit services called a Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA), RIPTA staff is hoping to hear from both users and non-users of the system.

The study has undertaken a detailed review process to identify where people live and work, how each bus route is performing today, and where changes might possibly be made to better serve riders. Ideas under consideration can be found on the Projects page of RIPTA's website at <http://www.ripta.com/featured-project>. Members of the public can go online to review and provide comment on two alternative service scenarios, letting RIPTA know which ideas they like best. Each scenario is designed to work within RIPTA's existing budget, and the intent is to direct transit resources where they would be most effective.

Public input has been a key part of the COA. In August and September, RIPTA surveyed nearly 10,000 users of the bus system in order to better understand where people need to travel, and what type of services they desire. Throughout the fall, over 700 people posted comments on RIPTA's website, providing feedback on detailed evaluations of each bus route.

RIPTA staff will submit specific final recommendations for improving the statewide transit network based on comments collected from the public.

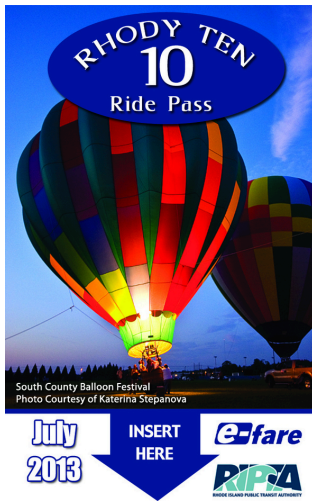
RIPTA held community meetings in late February and early March to present the proposed changes and for the public to provide input on what might work best for them. Per recent community requests, RIPTA has added two additional community meetings on March 18th and March 21st.

Tiverton Town Hall  
343 Highland Road, Tiverton, RI  
Monday, March 18, 2013, 7:00PM – 8:30PM

Pawtucket Transit Center, Blackstone Valley Tourism Council  
175 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860  
Thursday, March 21, 2013, 5:00PM – 7:30PM

To learn more about the COA, please visit the project website at <http://www.ripta.com/coa-project-documents>. To sign-up to be part of the project mailing list, please email [coa@ripta.com](mailto:coa@ripta.com).

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## RIPTA'S "RHODY TEN" PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS!

RIPTA's "Rhody Ten" Photo Contest, kicked off February 1, 2013 Participants were invited to capture an image of Rhode Island and submit it to be featured on RIPTA's monthly Rhody Ten Pass by March 1, 2013.

Thanks to everyone who entered. We received many amazing photos from all over the state; unfortunately, we couldn't pick them all.

Congratulations to our winners!

South County Balloon Festival by Katrina Stepanova, West Warwick

"Feeding the Braziers", taken at WaterFire by John F. Nickerson, Portsmouth

Bullock Cove taken in East Providence by Zheng Wang, Riverside

"Hotel Guest Sunset Surprise!" taken in Narragansett by Christopher J. Markrush, Warwick

"Washington Street two hours into the Blizzard of 2013" taken in Providence by Kevin Bowden, Providence

Old Mill Waterfall taken in East Greenwich by Myles Dumas, Providence

These six winning photos were chosen by RIPTA Staff. The winners will receive their photo featured on a monthly Rhody Ten Pass, a photo credit, a RIPTA prize pack, and a gift card to Snookers Sports, Billiards, Bar & Grill (easily accessible by RIPTA Routes 53, 55, and 58). These photos will be featured on the July – December 2013 Rhody Ten Passes.

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## MEET OUR FINAL RIPTA RIDER CONTEST WINNER!

### MARCH WINNER

Meet Michelle, our March and final RIPTA Rider of the Month! Michelle is a big fan of alternative modes of transportation as, during the warmer months, Michelle can usually be seen riding her bike to her favorite RIPTA stop and mounting it on our secure bus bike racks during her ride on RIPTA. Click [here](#) to view Michelle's winning video and all of the RIPTA Rider Contest video submissions.



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Stay tuned for more information on RIPTA's exciting new Bus Rapid Transit Project – the R Line. Follow the R Line on Twitter at [RIPTA\\_RLine](#) for updated information.

## DON'T BE A VICTIM OF FRAUD!

There are fraudulent 15 Ride Passes being sold on the street and online. These passes look and feel similar to a RIPTA 15 Ride Pass, but they will not work in our e-fareboxes. Don't buy RIPTA bus passes from a stranger! We urge you to purchase all your e-fare products on-line at [RIPTA.com](#), at the Ticketing Window in Kennedy Plaza, or from an authorized RIPTA fare sales outlet such as Stop & Shop Supermarket.



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