



## **ROUTE 21 (RESERVOIR) AND ROUTE 22 (PONTIAC AVE.) RESUME REGULAR SERVICE**

RIPTA will no longer detour Route 21 (Reservoir) and Route 22 (Pontiac Ave.) in the Providence/Cranston area. The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) began repairs to the bridge on April 23, 2012. With the completion of repairs to the Reservoir Avenue Bridge, Route 21 and Route 22 will resume regular service.

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## **RIPTA SERVICE TO RUN HOLIDAY SCHEDULE IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY, MAY 28, 2012**

RIPTA will run a Sunday/Holiday service schedule on Monday, May 28, 2012, in observance of Memorial Day. The Sunday/Holiday schedule will apply to all regular fixed-route buses and trolleys. Click [here](#) for details.



**Win an annual RIPTA bus pass!** 

 **Upload your video today!**

Tell us your favorite RIPTA story or your best reason to ride. Winners with the best video will receive an annual RIPTA pass and could also be the star in a new RIPTA commercial!

 **Rob** **RIPTA RIDER CONTEST** **Elia**

## RIPTA LAUNCHES RIPTA RIDER VIDEO CONTEST

RIPTA is now accepting submissions for its first social media video contest, the “RIPTA Rider Contest.”

The contest, which runs through March 31, 2013 asks riders to create a video describing their favorite RIPTA story or best reason to ride. Entries can address topics such as their favorite memory of riding on a RIPTA bus or trolley; what RIPTA means to you; and why someone should ride RIPTA.

RIPTA will pick nine (9) winning entries from the videos submitted.

Winners receive the following:

- The chance to tell their story and tell their stories in TV & Radio Commercials
- One annual RIPTA bus pass valid for travel on any RIPTA bus for 365 days from the date of issue
- One winner will get the chance to star in a RIPTA TV commercial

A panel of judges will select nine winners throughout the campaign. The winning entries will be available for viewing on

<https://www.facebook.com/RideRIPTA> .

For more information on this contest or to submit your video, visit RIPTA's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RideRIPTA>. A full listing of rules and guidelines is available at <https://www.facebook.com/RideRIPTA>. Once submitted, your video will then have to be approved by a RIPTA representative. Once approved by RIPTA, your video will be live for all to view on <https://www.facebook.com/RideRIPTA>.

The video contest, sponsored by the College Bound Fund, is the latest step by RIPTA to publicize and promote transit. Other recent campaigns include a “How to Ride RIPTA Workshop” series and the “See Something, Say Something” safety campaign.

For more information, please call 781-9400 or visit

<https://www.facebook.com/RideRIPTA>.

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## AIR QUALITY ALERT SEASON IS HERE

With the onset of the warmer weather, we urge Rhode Islanders to be aware of the increased risk of ground-level ozone and fine particle pollution, and take precautions when smog levels are high. Air Quality forecasts are issued daily by RIDEM-Air Resources and can be found at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/air/pm.htm> or at

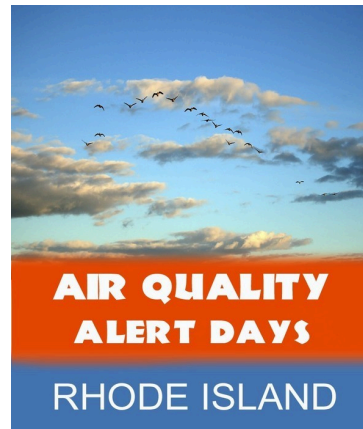
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Poor air quality affects everyone, but some people are particularly sensitive to air pollutants, including children and adults. When Air Quality is predicted to be unhealthy, RIDEM and EPA will announce an air quality alerts.

**On Air Quality Alert Days, FlexService and all fixed-route RIPTA buses and trolleys are FREE!**

To protect your health, improve air quality and save money, leave your car at home and take the bus on Air Quality Alert Days. The ride's on us!

Click here <http://www.ripta.com/air-quality-alert-days> for more information on RIPTA's Air Quality Alert Program.



## **COMMUNITY MEETING - Transportation Corridors to Livable Communities Project**

The City of Providence and the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) invite you to share your thoughts on the future of Broad Street and Elmwood Avenue.

**Join us on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Southside Cultural Center, 393**

**Broad Street** (formerly Trinity Community Theater). The 6:00 PM presentation will be followed by an open house.

### **Some of the topics that will be covered:**

- How is RIPTA improving bus stop locations, bus shelters, and bus service?
- What is RIPTA's new R-Line (Rapid Bus) service?
- What improvements are coming? (bus shelters, trash cans, bicycle racks, wayfinding signage, public art)
- Where should community hubs and gateways be located?
- What services and businesses would you like to see at community hubs?

A 72-hour notice is required for persons with sensory impairment requiring auxiliary aids. To request this service, please contact the RIPTA Customer Service Manager at 401-784-9500 x183.

For more information, please contact Martina Haggerty, Project Coordinator ([mhaggerty@providenceri.com](mailto:mhaggerty@providenceri.com)) or visit the Transportation Corridors to Livable Communities project website:

<http://www.providenceri.com/planning/transportation-corridors-to-livable-communities-0>



*We want your input! Join us on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Southside Cultural Center, 393 Broad Street (formerly Trinity Community Theater).*



## TRANSART COMES TO PASCOAG

Enhancing the vibrancy of Pascoag is paramount to the revitalization of the Town of Burrillville. In an effort to achieve this goal, RIPTA partnered with the Town of Burrillville to improve Pascoag's identity. RIPTA funded 80% and the Town of Burrillville funded the remaining 20% to design, construct and install a TransART bus shelter on Sayles Avenue, north of the bridge on the sidewalk adjacent to the IGA market. The shelter will help bolster Pascoag's accessibility and vitality for transit riders and other pedestrians.

With the addition of this shelter in Pascoag, there are currently twelve TransArt shelters installed throughout Rhode Island: Hillside Avenue, Newport (2); Wickenden Street, Providence; Hope Street (2), Providence; Brook & Angell Streets, Providence; Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence; Broad Street, Central Falls; Dexter Street, Central Falls and Olneyville Square, Providence (2).

The TransART program is made available through federal transit funds. For all TransART projects, RIPTA will provide 80% of the project cost, and the remaining 20% is provided by the partnering agency/community. The partnering agency/community is also responsible for maintaining the shelter.

If you or your group would like more information about the TransART shelter program, please call Brooks A. Almonte, Program Manager at 401-784-9500 ext.148. Questions or comments can also be sent via e-mail to [balmonte@ripta.com](mailto:balmonte@ripta.com).

## “HOW TO RIDE RIPTA” WORKSHOP COMES TO EAST PROVIDENCE

Join RIPTA and AARP for the “How to Ride RIPTA” workshop at 10:00 AM on Friday, June 22, 2012 at the East Providence Senior Center, 610 Waterman Avenue East Providence.

This free How to Ride RIPTA Workshop program, developed by AARP and RIPTA, is designed to empower the senior community to mobilize and remain independent. RIPTA will teach seniors the basics of using public transportation. All attendees of this travel training program will receive a free step-by-step “How to Ride Guide.” This guide contains information on how to read a bus schedule, fares, senior discounts and more. RIPTA Photo ID staff will be on site to process Senior/Disabled Bus Passes for qualified applicants.

To attend this free information session, please call the East Providence Senior Center Administration Office at 435-7800. Lunch will be provided for all attendees.

### Bus Pass Program for Seniors and People with Disabilities

RIPTA offers a special Bus Pass Program that provides Reduced Fare and No Fare Bus Passes for qualified seniors and people with disabilities. Bus passes are available to seniors and other qualified individuals with valid documentation. Seniors and people with disabilities may ride for half-price with a RIPTA Reduced Fare Pass. They pay full fare during RIPTA peak service hours (7am – 9am and 3pm – 6pm) on weekdays and pay half fare all other times when they present a RIPTA Reduced Fare Pass or Medicare Card. Qualifying low income seniors and people with disabilities may ride free of charge with a RIPTA No Fare Pass. Bus passes for seniors and people with disabilities will cost \$21.25 in 2012 and are valid for 5 years.

To schedule a How to Ride RIPTA Workshop at your venue, please call Cristy Raposo at 784-9500 x.242.

Click [here](#) to download your free How to Ride RIPTA Guidebook.



*RIPTA's Peter Michaud teaches seniors how to read a bus schedule at the AARP/RIPTA How to Ride Workshop. West Warwick Senior Center • March 5, 2012 • Photo courtesy of AARP*



*Be a part of the original, largest, and longest running (over 30 years!), chowder bonanza in New England located right in the buzz of historic downtown Newport.*

## RIPTA IN THE COMMUNITY

On Saturday, June 2, 2012, the legendary Great Chowder Cook-Off officially kicks off summer in Newport! For more information on the event, [click here](#). Stop by the RIPTA booth! RIPTA, proud sponsor of KidSTOPs, wants to remind all the Littlenecks to pick up their RIPTA KidSTOP Pass upon entering the festival and collect stamps at every

KidSTOP they visit. Once your KidSTOP Pass is filled with stamps, stop by the RIPTA booth to receive a special prize!

<http://www.newportwaterfrontevents.com/great-chowder-cook-off/>

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## CALLING ALL APP DEVELOPERS!

RIPTA launched the brand-new [www.RIPTA.com](http://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](mailto:Marketing@ripta.com).



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