





## A Stop Along the Way

Friday, March 31st, felt more like winter than the cusp of spring. It was only a few degrees above freezing and the sky was spitting rain that felt like snow.

It was in this grim weather that East Bay resident Carol P., stepped off the bus at the “white church” on County Road in Barrington. A regular RIPTA rider, she periodically travels to East Providence for appointments that help her deal with the memory loss she suffered due to an illness. This was not a good day.

She says she was a little disoriented when she got off the bus. “I got off there by mistake,” she recalled recently, “I didn’t realize how far I really was from my destination.”

Carol started walking north on Route 114 determined to make it to her appointment which was about 3 1/3 miles away. Her determination turned to concern, however, the farther she walked along the shoulder of the busy road in the cold, rainy weather. Then Carol heard someone say, “Hey there, are you okay – would you like to get on the bus?” She looked up and it was RIPTA driver John Cruz who was headed north on the Route 60 line. “He didn’t have to stop,” she said. “There wasn’t a bus stop in sight.”

[Click here](#) for full story link to Facebook page.

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## Public Meeting on Downtown Transit Connector (DTC)

The City of Providence and RIPTA are inviting public comment on Kennedy Plaza and the Downtown Transit Connector (DTC) -- a planned, high-frequency transit corridor in downtown Providence. A public information session will be held Tuesday May 9, 2017, from 5:30 to 7 PM at the Joseph Doorley Municipal Building at 444 Westminister Street in Providence.



The City is in the process of looking at options for a long-term vision for Kennedy Plaza to make it a more vibrant and attractive city center while also accommodating public transit. At the same time, RIPTA is working to advance design and engineering of the Downtown Transit Connector. The DTC will create six “station-like” stops on a high frequency route between Providence Station and the Hospital District, and includes service through Kennedy Plaza. These stops will be designed to be unique and highly visible. Features will include shelters, real time bus arrival signage, bike infrastructure and other passenger amenities to create attractive public spaces.

For more information [click here](#).



## Cinderella, Cinderella

Well, well...Look who was on one of our buses. It's the evil stepsisters from Cinderella! The comic duo were spotted on board while filming a promotional video for the upcoming production of Cinderella. As is tradition, male dancers play the two fairy tale siblings in this Festival Ballet Providence production. Cinderella will run May 12 through May 14 at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence.

For more information visit

<http://www.festivalballet.com/>.



## DETOURS

### PROVIDENCE RHODE RACE PREPARATION – SATURDAY, MAY 6

Routes 14, 27, 28, 56, 57, and 60 will be detoured all day and night to accommodate preparations for the Providence Rhode Races. Bus stops will be temporarily relocated during this time.



[Details here.](#)

### PROVIDENCE RHODE RACES – SUNDAY, MAY 7

Routes 1, 6, 17, 19, 21, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 50, 51, 54, 55, 56, 57, 60, 66, 72, 78, 92 and the R-Line will be detoured from the first trip of the day until 3:30pm to accommodate the Providence Rhode Races. Bus stops will be temporarily relocated during this time.

[Details here.](#)

### AQUIDNECK ISLAND POLICE PARADE – SUNDAY, MAY 7

RIPTA will detour Routes 60, 63 and 67 on Sunday, May 7 from 9am to 3pm to accommodate the annual Aquidneck Island Police Parade.

[Details here.](#)

### PROVIDENCE POLICE MEMORIAL 5K – SUNDAY, MAY 14

RIPTA will detour Routes 1, 3, 6, 17, 19, 20, 22, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 60, 66, 92, and the R-Line will be detoured from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

[Details here.](#)

### HOPE STREET SPRING BLOCK PARTY – SATURDAY, MAY 20

RIPTA will detour Route 1 beginning at 8:30am until 7:00pm.

[Details here.](#)

### GASPEE DAYS CELEBRATION – SATURDAY, MAY 27 – MONDAY, MAY 29

RIPTA will detour Route 3 (Warwick Ave.) to accommodate the Gaspee Days Celebration.

[Click here for details.](#)

### ANNUAL NORTH PROVIDENCE MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION & PARADE – MONDAY, MAY 29

RIPTA will detour Route 50 (Douglas Avenue) to accommodate the North Providence Memorial Day Celebration & Parade.

[Click here](#) for details.

### **RIPTA CELEBRATES MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 29**

RIPTA will operate all regular fixed-route bus service on a Sunday/Holiday schedule Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. RIPTA offices, including the Photo Identification and Ticket Sales Offices in Kennedy Plaza, will not be staffed on Memorial Day. Also, the Flex Service reservation line (1-877-906-FLEX) and the Ride reservation line (461-9760) will not be staffed on the holiday.

[Click here](#) for details.

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## RIPTA IN THE COMMUNITY

### TOUCH A TRUCK – AND A BUS!

Children LOVE big vehicles – monster trucks, fire trucks, bulldozers and more! The upcoming “Touch A Truck” events give children the opportunity to get up close and personal with these BIG vehicles! We’re giving your little ones the chance to sit behind the wheel of a bus and see what the view is like from a driver’s perspective.



Join RIPTA at the following Touch A Truck events:

#### **East Providence Area Chamber of Commerce 11th Annual Touch-A-Truck**

1011 Waterman Avenue, East Providence, RI

Saturday, May 6 • 9:30AM – 2:00PM

[Details here](#)

#### **Woonsocket Rotary Days 3RD Annual "Touch A Truck Festival"**

Saturday, May 6 • 10AM – 3PM

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, 1409 Park Avenue, Woonsocket, RI

[Details here](#)

## **Bike to Work Day – Friday, May 19**

National Bike to Work Day is an annual event across the United States and Canada that promotes the bicycle as an option for commuting to work. Leading up to Bike to Work Day, national, regional, and local bicycle advocacy groups encourage people to try bicycle commuting as a healthy and safe alternative to driving by providing route information and tips for new bicycle commuters.

Rethink your ride. RIPTA’s Commuter Resource RI is hosting an entire WEEK of fun leading up to Bike to Work Day. Find out where our team will be and help us celebrate this healthy, environmentally friendly, and fun way to commute to work. Let us show you how easy it is to bring your bike when you ride RIPTA!

[Click here for details.](#)



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