



## Federal Grant Will Fund Critical Repairs at Bus Maintenance Facility

U.S. Senator Jack Reed recently announced that RIPTA has been awarded a new 3.2 million grant for major repair work to its vehicle maintenance facility. The federal funding is being provided through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Program.



*RIPTA does all of its own vehicle work in the cavernous Chafee building on Elmwood Avenue in Providence.*

The grant will enable RIPTA to make much-needed repairs to its 107,000-square foot Chafee Operations, Transportation and Maintenance Facility located on Elmwood Avenue in Providence. The grant will help repair the building's roof, HVAC system and vehicle lifts. RIPTA handles all of its own vehicles and it also works on some heavy equipment owned by the state. RIPTA's vehicle maintenance team performs everything from oil changes to engine overhauls and body work.

"Every day we need a specific number of buses to be ready to roll so we can meet our schedule and serve the public, and we rely on our maintenance facility and our maintenance crews to make sure that happens," said **Scott Avedisian, CEO of RIPTA**. "This building is in need of some critical work, and without this grant we weren't sure how we were going to be able to make these capital

improvements. We are grateful to Senator Reed for supporting this important funding request and making sure that a vital maintenance facility remains operational and in a state of good repair.”

## GREATER KENNEDY PLAZA PROJECT UPDATE

Please join the City of Providence Department of Planning and Development and RIPTA to review the latest plans for improvements to Greater Kennedy Plaza. These improvements are the result of a community-led vision that began in 2017.



**Monday, October 15, 2018**  
**5:30pm-6:30pm**  
**Joseph A. Doorley Jr. Municipal Building**  
**444 Westminster Street, Providence**

## PUBLIC ART AND AIRPORTS

Making the journey -- not just the destination -- more interesting, the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts (RISCA) recently announced two new art exhibitions at T.F. Green Airport and Block Island Airport.



*Two photos of one of the new public art installations at T.F. Green Airport. --Photo by Randall Rosenbaum, RISCA*

The GREEN SPACE gallery at T.F. Green is featuring abstract works by artists Robin Crocker, Mike Hansel and Jacqueline Ott, with circular shapes taking center stage. At the Block Island Airport, artist Becci Davis combines words and collages to tell local stories.

Congratulations to the Arts Council on enhancing transportation spaces with these new installations of public art!

## RIPTA CELEBRATES COLUMBUS DAY

RIPTA will operate all regular fixed-route buses and trolleys on a Sunday/Holiday schedule on Monday, October 8, 2018 in observance of Columbus Day. RIPTA offices, including the Photo Identification and Ticket Sellers Offices in Kennedy Plaza, will not be staffed on the holiday.



[Click here](#) for details.

## DETOURS

### COLUMBUS DAY FESTIVAL ON FEDERAL HILL – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 – MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

RIPTA will detour Route 92 (RI College/Federal Hill/East Side) to accommodate the Columbus Day Festival. The detour will be in effect from the first trip of the day on Saturday until the last trip of the night on Monday.

[Click here](#) for details.

### PRONK! – MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

RIPTA will detour Routes 35, 60 and 78.

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### WAMA – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

RIPTA will detour Route 92 to accommodate the Wickenden Area Merchants Association (WAMA) Makers & Merchants Sidewalk Sale.

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### MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

RIPTA will detour Routes 1, 3, 6, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 50, 51, 54, 55, 56, 57, 60, 66, 72, 78, 92 and the R-Line. RIPTA Bus Stops V, W and Y will be temporarily relocated during this time.

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## MONSTER DASH 5K – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

### **RIPTA will detour Routes 1, 33, 34, 35, 60, 78 and 92**

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