



ELECTRIC BUS IN-LINE CHARGING STATION UPDATE

BOND Civil & Utility, RIPTA's contractor, is making great progress in the construction on the state's first electric bus in-line charging station. Recent progress includes digging underground trenches to bring power into the site from Montgomery Avenue and installing underground conduits for electrical power distribution to the building and charging stations. You'll also see that the team has erected scaffolding as they prepare to construct walls for the utilities and driver restroom building. The inline charging station is on target for completion this spring. However, unpredictable winter weather can affect the timeline.



PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE TO ROUTE 10X

RIPTA will hold a public hearing on a proposed service change to Route 10x (North Scituate Park-n-Ride) on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at the Old Town House at 181 Howard Hill Road in Foster. RIPTA is proposing to extend the route to serve a new Park-N-Ride lot in Foster, located across from the Foster Police Department at 182 Howard Hill Road.

RIPTA previously provided bus service to Foster via a Park-N-Ride lot on Danielson Pike. That service ran until 2006, when the property was sold and the bus stop was removed. RIPTA was unable to successfully find another Park-N-Ride lot until recently. With the help of House Minority Leader Michael W. Chippendale, Senator Gordon E. Rogers and town officials, a lot on Howard Hill Road will be cleared for Park-N-Ride service in Foster Center. [Click here](#) for details.

NEW VANPOOL SUBSIDY

There is a better way to get to work than driving solo in your car. Our Commuter Resource team visited [Rogers Corporation](#) in Narragansett on February 16 to talk about the benefits of our vanpool program and to promote a NEW \$100 per person monthly subsidy.

It is a great ride-sharing option for areas that may not have fixed-route bus service. Rogers employs about 200 people in the aerospace and automotive industries. We applaud their interest in giving employees a cost-effective, environmentally friendly commuting option.

[Click here](#) for more information on our vanpool program including a NEW \$100 per person monthly subsidy!



RIPTA IN THE COMMUNITY

Grow Smart RI Forum

RIPTA CEO Scott Avedisian was proud to open the **Grow Smart RI** Transit Oriented Development forum last month. The forum, attended by industry and community leaders, was an opportunity to explore and learn about best practices in building thriving and equitable transit-oriented development.



CEO Scott Avedisian addresses the crowd

RIPTA is committed to providing Rhode Islanders with modern transportation and is proud to work alongside smart growth advocates to achieve this.

“On behalf of the team at RIPTA, I look forward to continuing to work together to develop progressive transit oriented development where people are better connected and can come together to live, work and play,” said Scott Avedisian.



RIPTA PHOTO ID ROAD TRIP

RIPTA’s Photo Identification staff will travel to communities throughout the state to provide bus passes to qualified seniors and individuals with disabilities who are unable to get to our office in Providence.

RIPTA staff will process Photo ID bus passes at the following locations:

NARRAGANSETT

Wednesday, March 8 • 10am -12pm
Narragansett Community Center, 53 Mumford Road

PAWTUCKET

Wednesday, March 15 • 10am-12pm
Leon Mathieu Senior Center, 420 Main Street

COVENTRY

Thursday, March 29 • 10am-12pm
Coventry Senior Center, 50 Wood Street

NEWPORT

Thursday, March 30 • 9:30am-11:30am
Edward King House, 35 King Street

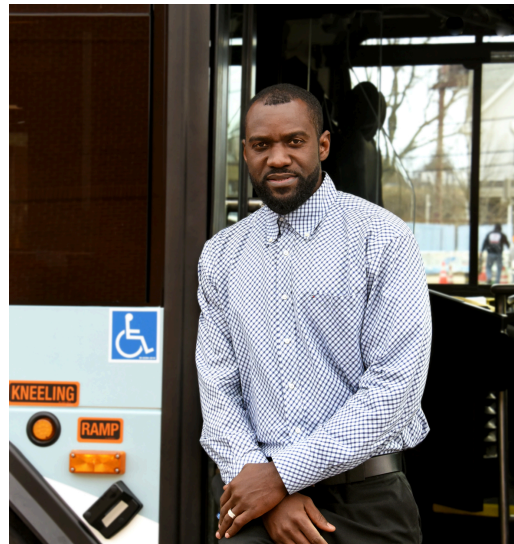
Photo ID bus passes cost \$10 and are valid for two years.

For information on how to qualify for RIPTA's Bus Pass Program for Seniors and People with Disabilities, customers can call (401) 784-9500, ext. 2012 or visit [RIPTA.com/ReducedFare](https://www.ripta.com/ReducedFare).

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Samuel Sans-Souci, Relief Superintendent, Transportation

Samuel Sans-Souci looks forward to work every day as a Relief Superintendent at RIPTA. In his role, he is on the front line of daily operations that get our buses on the road. He assists transportation supervisors, ensures that all proper practices are being adhered to, and oversees the transportation clerks. It's always busy, hectic at times, and he loves it



Samuel Sans-Souci poses in bus doorway

Born in Haiti, Samuel says he held a variety of different jobs before coming to RIPTA. He was driving for a school bus company when a friend let him know that there were opportunities at RIPTA. He was hired as a paratransit driver in June 2003. In less than a year, Samuel was driving fixed-route buses and, with his strong work ethic, continued to move up the ranks as other job opportunities opened. He became a transportation clerk after about a year, then a night foreman, before moving into his current role as a Relief Superintendent.

He enjoys the work, but also says he loves coming to work because of the people. "It's a great place to work, with lots of diversities and personalities," Samuel said. "I love coming to work every day."

Not only has his career continued to progress, but he actively encourages people he knows to explore career opportunities at RIPTA and it is appreciated by the Authority. "RIPTA gives me the opportunity for a good, steady job," he said.

Currently a resident of Cranston, Samuel holds a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science/Networking from the New England Institute of Technology. When at home, his passion is basketball. He loves to watch the game and play pick-up games with his two sons.

On any given day, he and his team at RIPTA can be overseeing the deployment of more than 150 buses at a time – rain, snow or shine. They work hard to get the service on the road in the face of any impediments, whether it's someone calling in sick or a bus breaking down. "That's what we do," he said. "That's why we're here."

READY TO DRIVE YOUR CAREER FORWARD?

RIPTA is hiring and we have **NEW INCREASED WAGES** for drivers and CDL Trainees!

Do you want career growth with an established organization where you can retire with a pension and benefits?

Attend the **RIPTA Career Fair on Friday, March 17, 2023 from 10am to 2pm** at 705 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI.

We're currently hiring for the following positions:

- Executive Director of Facilities and Maintenance
- Purchasing Information Specialist
- Mechanic
- Utility Worker
- Paratransit Operator
- Paratransit CDL Trainee

RIPTA Offers:

- Competitive Wages
- Pension Plan
- Health Benefits



- 457 Deferred Comp
- Dental Coverage
- Optional Life Insurance
- Vision Coverage
- Paid Vacation and Personal Time
- Flexible Spending Account
- Paid Sick Time
- Uniform Allowance

Visit [RIPTA.com/careers](https://ripta.com/careers) for more information.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE – NEWPORT

RIPTA will detour Routes 60, 63 and 67 in Newport on Saturday, March 11 to accommodate the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. [Click here](#) for details.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE – PROVIDENCE

RIPTA will detour Routes 50, 56, and 57 in Providence on Saturday, March 18, 2023. The three routes will be on detour from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm to accommodate the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. After that, Routes 56 and 57 will be on an alternate detour from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm to accommodate a partial closing of Smith Street. [Click here](#) for details.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE - PAWTUCKET

RIPTA will detour Routes 1, 76, 78 and the R-Line in the Pawtucket area from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, March 4, 2023, to accommodate the Pawtucket St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Roosevelt Avenue will be closed during this time. [Click here](#) for details.



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