



FALL SERVICE CHANGES IN EFFECT

Please remember that our seasonal fall service changes took effect on Saturday, August 28, 2021.

Passengers are strongly encouraged to check new schedules for how service changes may affect them. The new fall service changes brochure is available online at RIPTA.com/Fall and upon request by calling 401-781-9400.



FALL 2021 SCHEDULE CHANGES!



RIPTA CELEBRATES LABOR DAY

RIPTA will operate all regular fixed-route buses and trolleys on a Sunday/Holiday schedule on Monday, September 6, 2021 in observance of Labor Day. All RIPTA offices will not be staffed on the holiday. [Click here](#) for details.

LISTENING TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Good partnerships make good programs, and we were in Newport recently to thank the community partners that were instrumental in our Newport Beach Shuttle pilot program this summer. We particularly appreciate the **The**

Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island which contributed to this initiative that helped people access their local natural resources. Go to <https://bit.ly/3yTyLMK> for full press release.



Natalie Harris from the Newport Health Equity Zone and Episcopal Bishop the Right Reverend W. Nicholas Knisely Jr. were among the speakers at our recent press event

ONBOARD PASSENGER SURVEY



Beginning late September and continuing through early November 2021,

RIPTA is conducting an in person survey. Survey staff with tablet computers will ask randomly selected passengers to answer a set list of questions about their trips onboard transit vehicles. Questions focus on trip behavior and demographics. Your responses will help RIPTA understand the travel patterns and choices of transit riders. This information will be used to plan improvements to transit infrastructure and service. Visit [RIPTA.com/RiderSurvey](https://www.ripta.com/RiderSurvey) for details.

TRAIN STATION: A WORK IN PROGRESS

Construction continues at the Pawtucket/Central Falls Transit Center, and we love seeing the progress! Members of our project management team are on site frequently, but at least once a month, our partners at the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) make sure other RIPTA staffers can tour the site and get updates. Drainage work is largely completed and now curbing is going in place. They are also preparing to install the framework for the elevator that will connect to the pedestrian bridge that will cross the train tracks. We are excited about how this new bus-train connection will serve our state.

Click here to see renderings and read more about the project.



Clockwise from upper left: RIPTA Project Manager James Canty and RIPTA Principal Planner Greg Harris on site at the transit center construction site, staking out boundaries, RIPTA team looking over plans with RIDOT managers, framework for elevator shaft.

WAVE SMART CARD ACTIVATION FEE

It's officially been one year since RIPTA introduced Wave to Rhode Island. Wave smart cards have been distributed directly by RIPTA at no charge to passengers as part of the year-long transition. Beginning,

September 1, 2021, RIPTA will charge a \$5 activation fee for all Wave smart cards ordered through the **Wave website**. Passengers with smart phones will still have the option of downloading the Wave mobile app at no charge.



FACE MASKS REQUIRED

Federal law requires that all passengers must wear a face covering at all times when riding RIPTA - **a mandate** that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) recently extended through January 18, 2022. Anyone without a face covering will be asked to put one on.

Face masks required.

Stopping the spread of COVID-19 is everyone's responsibility. Please do your part to save lives.



TSA requires proper wearing of face masks, per federal law. Face masks are to be worn at all times. Failure to comply will result in denial of boarding or removal, and may result in penalties.



Stay Healthy. Stay Secure.
tsa.gov/coronavirus

GASPEE DAYS FALL FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 11 & 12

RIPTA will detour Route 4 to accommodate the *Gaspee Days Fall Festival*. The detour will be in effect all day and night on Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12, 2021. Inbound trips will travel regular route to Warwick Ave. turn right onto Post Rd., left onto Broad St. and then resume regular route. Outbound trips will travel regular route to Broad St. and Post Rd., turn right onto Post Rd., left onto Warwick Ave. and then resume regular route.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY 5K, PARADE & DOWNTOWN 5K – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

RIPTA will detour Routes 50, 56 and 57 on Saturday, September 18, 2021 to accommodate the *St. Patrick’s Day Parade*, *St. Patrick’s Day 5K* and the *Downtown 5K*. The detours will be in effect from the first trip of the day until 3PM. [Click here](#) for details.



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