



*RIPTA wishes you and your family a very happy and healthy holiday season! May you be surrounded by loved ones and find time for sharing treasured moments together. Thank you for supporting RIPTA. We look forward to your continued support in 2022.*

## **RIPTA AWARDED \$900K RAISE GRANT**

RIPTA recently announced that it was the recipient of a \$900,000 grant made available through the **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)** program, and secured by Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse, alongside Congressmen Jim Langevin and David Cicilline.



*Congressman David Cicilline, U.S. Senator Jack Reed, Nick DeCristofaro, President of Local 618 of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), RIPTA CEO Scott Avidisian, U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse and Gregory Nordin, RIPTA Chief of Strategic Advancement at the November 15 press conference.*

“These funds are essential to the execution of the Authority’s long-term vision and the success of our Transit Master Plan. This funding is also pivotal to ensuring that Rhode Island is able to meet the goals defined in the *Transit Forward RI* vision by 2040, “ said Scott Avedisian, RIPTA CEO. “As always, we thank our Congressional delegation for their steadfast commitment to working with RIPTA and understanding the value of safe, consistent, and timely mass transit for all riders across the state.”

**The grant will help support the development of a high-capacity transit corridor from Central Falls to Warwick.**

For more information on this project, [click here](#).



## **RIDE PARATRANSIT WINS HOSPITALITY HERO AWARD**

Not all heroes wear capes. Some where RIPTA uniforms.

RIPTA is proud to be recognized as a “Hospitality Hero” by the Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau (PWCVB). At last month’s PWCVB Annual Meeting, RIPTA’s

Ride Paratransit Division received the Hospitality Hero award, which honors individuals and businesses that have spent the last 18 months helping their industry and their community.

Ride paratransit drivers took on new roles throughout the pandemic from helping Meals On Wheels deliver food to the community, senior and recreation centers, to providing transportation for Honeywell employees charged with making N95 masks. The paratransit team seamlessly took on these duties, demonstrating that strength as a community can make a difference.

## **SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK: RI STATE MANAGEMENT PLAN DRAFT**

RIPTA’s State Management Plan documents policies and procedures for the administration of four Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs in

Rhode Island: Section 5310, 5311, 5317, and 5339. An updated draft is available for public review and on the [website](#). Please email [jkanter@ripta.com](mailto:jkanter@ripta.com) with any comments on the plan by Friday, January 7, 2022.



## SUSTAINABLE TRANSIT FOR A HEALTHY PLANET CHALLENGE

RIPTA is building on its strategic plan to help answer a call to action from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regarding the further reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. This makes RIPTA one of approximately 165 transit agencies working to develop climate action strategies with measurable goals to achieve Greenhouse Gas Emissions targets.

The FTA is encouraging participating agencies to develop action plans that deal with greenhouse gas emission strategies, such as fleet transition, service expansion, and making facilities more resource efficient. Each agency's plans will be completed and shared with the FTA by Earth Day (April 22) 2022.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the challenge.

## CAREER FAIR

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

Where do you see yourself employed in the future?

**Attend the RIPTA Career Fair on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 from 10am to 1pm at 705 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI.**

**RIPTA is currently hiring for the following positions:**

- Planner I
- Mechanic
- Utility Worker
- Paratransit Operator
- Paratransit CDL Trainee

**RIPTA Offers:**

- Competitive Wages
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- Flexible Spending Account
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- Uniform Allowance



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- Supportive & Growth-Oriented Culture
- Stable & Secure Employment
- Outstanding Benefits

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### **RIPTA TO RUN HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021 AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021**

RIPTA will operate all regular fixed-route bus service on a Sunday/Holiday schedule on Saturday, December 25, 2021 in observance of Christmas Day and Saturday, January 1, 2022 in observance of New Year's Day. RIPTA offices will be closed on Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Monday, January 3, 2022. Also, the Flex Service reservation line (1-877-906-FLEX) and the RIde

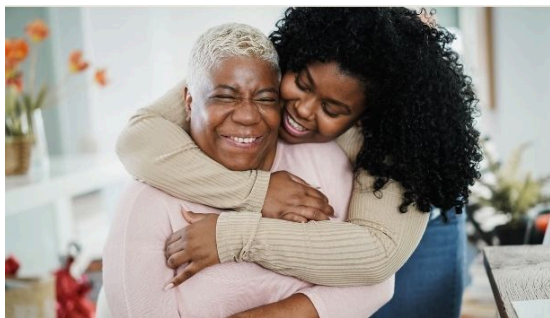
reservation line (461-9760) will not be staffed on either holiday. [Click here](#) for details.


### PROVIDENCE TREE LIGHTING: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2021

RIPTA will detour Routes 1, 3, 4, 6, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 32, 33, 34, 35, 51, 54, 58, 60, 72, 78, 92 and the R-Line from 4:30pm to 6pm to accommodate the Providence Christmas Tree Lighting. [Details here](#).

### DOWNTOWN JINGLE 5K: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

Routes 1, 17, 19, 33, 34, 35, 50, 51, 54, 55, 56, 57, 60, 72, 78, 92 and the R-Line will be detoured. All RIPTA bus lines are to expect minor delays around Kennedy Plaza during this time. [Details here](#).



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