



## THE FUTURE OF TRANSIT IN DOWNTOWN PROVIDENCE

Last week, RIPTA hosted the first of three virtual public meetings regarding the future of the Dorrance Street Transit Center project. We were extremely excited by how well attended the meeting was and the initial, valuable feedback that we received. Building a new transit center that serves the needs of our passengers is a top priority for RIPTA.



*Image Courtesy of Union Studio Architecture & Community Design*

RIPTA is hosting two more virtual public meetings on Tuesday, March 8 (noon and 6pm). In addition, we have added an in-person meeting. If you would like to offer feedback to our team in person, we encourage you to attend the public meeting scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2022 at the [Cambridge Innovation Center](#) at 225 Dyer Street in Providence at 6:30pm.

Please visit [RIPTA.com/TransitCenter](https://ripta.com/transitcenter) to learn more about this project, sign up for the project emails, or submit comments. To learn more about how RIPTA plans to continue to grow over the next twenty years, please [click here](#).

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## MOVING TRANSIT FORWARD IN WEST BAY, PAWTUCKET AND NEWPORT

RIPTA has plans to improve bus service in West Bay, Pawtucket and Newport and we want to know what you think! We are proposing the addition of three new routes as well as service improvements to Routes 1, 13, 29, 71, 73, 75, 76, 78, 80 and the R-Line. RIPTA encourages passengers to view the proposed changes online and submit their feedback at a community-focused virtual workshop.



## VIRTUAL WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

### **PAWTUCKET WORKSHOP: Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6pm**

RIPTA will discuss proposed service changes to Routes 1, 71, 73, 75, 76, 78, 80 and the R-Line.

### **WARWICK WORKSHOP: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6pm**

RIPTA will discuss proposed service changes to Routes 13 and 29, as well as the creation of two new routes – Route 16 and Route 23.

### **NEWPORT WORKSHOP: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 6pm**

RIPTA will discuss the new Route 68.

Visit [RIPTA.com/MovingTransitForward](https://www.ripta.com/MovingTransitForward) for details and meeting login information.

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## DESTINATION RIPTA

"Where is this bus going?" is a common question passengers ask themselves as they are approaching a bus. The sign above the windshield – known as the destination sign – displays the bus route letter/number, the name of the route, and the destination of the bus.



RIPTA is working on making this information clear, consistent and easy to understand. [Click here](#) to read a blog post on these destination sign improvement efforts led by our Transportation Planner, Marc Ebuña and then **give your feedback!** Your input is critical to improving these destination signs for riders and visitors to our state

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## PAWTUCKET/CENTRAL FALLS TRANSIT CENTER UPDATE

RIPTA's team met with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) last week to check on the progress of the new Pawtucket/Central Falls Transit Center. The Pawtucket/Central Falls Transit Center, featuring commuter rail and bus connections, is currently under construction on Pine Street in Pawtucket.

Although it may be hard to envision, the photo here depicts where buses will turn in, loop around and then drop passengers off at their stop. The ramp leading up to the rail boarding area has been installed and the awning, which will protect passengers from the elements, is currently being fabricated.





## INTERESTED IN PAYING ONLY \$1.25 PER DAY FOR PARKING DOWNTOWN?



Image Courtesy of Arrowstreet

Consider HOV parking at Providence Place Mall! What is HOV? It's an acronym for High Occupancy Vehicle(s). HOV generally describes any vehicle carrying two or more people on a single journey such as carpools and vanpools. Carpools and vanpools registered in RIPTA's Commuter Resource RI (CCRI) HOV Parking Program are eligible for a discounted parking rate at Providence Place Mall.

Receive free assistance in forming a carpool or vanpool convenient to your home and office! It just takes as few as two people to form a carpool. We'll even help you find pool-mates! Call 401-784-9575 today or email [commuter@ripta.com](mailto:commuter@ripta.com).

*Commuter Resource RI (CRRRI) is the official registry for the HOV carpooling spaces at Providence Place. The HOV Parking Program, which launched in 2002, is available to registered carpools Monday through Friday 6am to 6pm.*

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## LOOKING FOR A CAREER IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY?

RIPTA is hiring!

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

**Attend the RIPTA Career Fair on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 from 10am to 1pm at 705 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI.**

**We're currently hiring for the following positions:**

- Technical Support Specialist
- Network Security Specialist
- Scheduler I - Fixed-Route
- 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 - PAWTUCKET**

RIPTA will detour Routes 1, 71, 72, 75, 76, 78, and the R-Line on Saturday, March 5 from 9am to 2pm to accommodate the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Roosevelt Avenue will be closed during this time. [Click here](#) for details.

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE – NEWPORT**

RIPTA will detour Routes 60, 63 and 67 in Newport on Saturday, March 12 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 19 to accommodate the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. [Click here](#) for details.



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