



FALL SERVICE CHANGES IN EFFECT

Please remember that our seasonal fall service changes took effect on Saturday, August 29, 2020. Most changes were minor on affected routes, but there was notable increased weekend frequency on Routes 20, 31, and 56.

The increased frequency is in response to continued strong ridership on these routes, as well as a way of ensuring there is enough room for social distancing on the buses.

Passengers are strongly encouraged to check new schedules for how service changes may affect them.

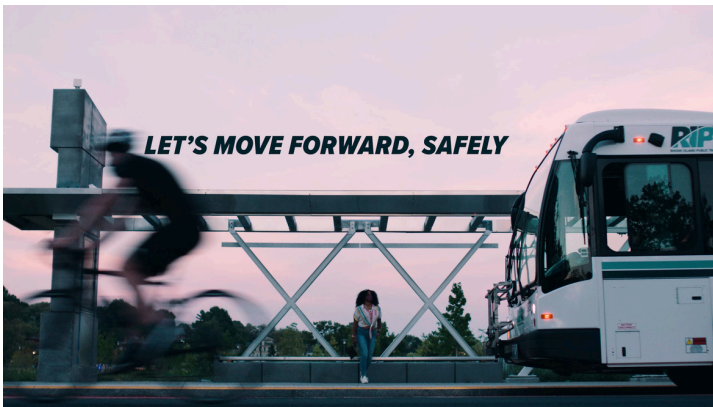
[Click here](#) to view the new fall service changes brochure. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call 401-781-9400.

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RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**FALL 2020
SCHEDULE
CHANGES!**

**EFFECTIVE
Saturday, August 29**

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WELCOME TO A SAFE CLEAN RIDE WITH RIPTA

We are working hard to keep you safe. RIPTA is committed to doing everything it can to protect its

passengers while providing uninterrupted service during these uncertain times.

RIPTA has increased the frequency and intensity of all cleaning routines by utilizing EPA-approved, anti-viral cleaning agents in order to maintain the

highest levels of sanitation. We strongly encourage passengers to exercise good health practices, as recommended by the CDC.

To see all that we are doing as well as recommended practices for passengers, [click here](#) to watch our new video..

VIRTUAL TRAVEL TRAINING NOW AVAILABLE!

Our [Commuter Resource RI team \(CRR\)](#) is here for you, even if the COVID-19 health crisis has changed the way many people do business. Although we may not be able to make our usual in-person visits to schools and community groups at the moment, we can still help with your commuting needs -- thanks to technology!



We are happy to set up virtual meetings, and our Commuter Resource team can provide you with information on a variety of commuting alternatives, including transit, carpooling, and biking. We've also developed virtual travel training sessions to learn independent travel skills.

You can reach our team by sending an email to commuter@ripta.com or by calling 784-9575.



FEDERAL GRANT WILL HELP KEEP RIPTA FLEET UP TO DATE

RIPTA will be able to upgrade its bus fleet thanks to a new federal grant that was secured with the

help of **U.S. Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse** and **U.S. Representatives Jim Langevin and David Cicilline**. Our Congressional delegation recently announced that RIPTA will receive \$8.9 million in federal

funds to help the transit authority replace 17 high-mileage, outdated buses with newer, more fuel-efficient vehicles. The funding, which comes through the Federal Transit Administration’s Buses and Bus Facilities Program, will be augmented with state matching funds. RIPTA will begin the procurement process almost immediately, and the production of the new buses would begin in the fall of 2021, with delivery expected in the spring of 2023.

“This is great news for RIPTA riders. This federal funding will help RIPTA increase the overall efficiency and reliability of the bus fleet and better serve the public,” said **Senator Reed**, the Ranking Member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD), who worked to add \$170 million to the Bus and Bus Facility program in fiscal year 2020.

Scott Avedisian, RIPTA’s Chief Executive Officer, said that keeping the bus fleet up to date is critical to service while also helping to keep maintenance costs down. “Maintaining our fleet of 220-plus buses is essential in our being able to deliver safe and reliable service to the public,” Avedisian said.

RIPTA CELEBRATES LABOR DAY

RIPTA will operate all regular fixed-route buses and trolleys on a Sunday/Holiday schedule on Monday, September 7, 2020 in observance of Labor Day. All RIPTA offices will not be staffed on the holiday.

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