



RIPTA CELEBRATES LABOR DAY

RIPTA will operate all regular fixed-route buses and trolleys on a Sunday/Holiday schedule on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day. All RIPTA offices, except for the Newport Transportation Center, will be closed.

[Click here for details.](#)

SAY GOOD-BYE TO PAPER ...

...and say "Hello!" to Wave! It's officially been **two years** since RIPTA introduced Wave to Rhode Island! Are you still holding on to old paper fare products? Exchange them today! Transfer the value over to your Wave account by [filling out this form](#) and then mailing your unused fare products to RIPTA.

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

R-LINE IS FARE FREE!

Starting today, the R-Line, RIPTA's most frequent and highest-ridership route, connecting Providence and Pawtucket is FARE FREE for one year! This free fare pilot program is exclusively for R-Line passengers. Passengers traveling on all other routes are required to pay the full fare.

During the pilot program period, paratransit service will also be fare free for passengers making trips that begin and end within 3/4 mile of the R-line.

"We want to thank the Senate for this funding opportunity which will allow us to learn what free fare programs may mean for public transportation," said **Scott Avedisian, RIPTA's Chief Executive Officer**. "This pilot will give more people an opportunity to ride our busiest route, the R-Line, which connects Cranston, Providence, and Pawtucket. This project complements our ongoing free fare

pilot program in Central Falls, and together these initiatives will guide fare discussions in the future. We look forward to sharing the findings with our elected officials in order to ensure continued growth of ridership on RIPTA and sustainable public transportation for our state."

[Click here](#) for more details.



THE R-LINE ROUTE IS
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NEW FLYER FLEET UNVEILED

Governor Daniel J. McKee and members of the State’s Congressional delegation joined RIPTA last month in unveiling Rhode Island’s first electric bus fleet. RIPTA has received the first of fourteen (14) New Flyer Xcelsior CHARGE NG™ forty-foot battery-electric buses, with the remainder of the Authority’s

order to be delivered in the upcoming months. This fleet of New Flyer Xcelsior electric buses will replace the current fleet of diesel buses that operate on the R-Line, RIPTA’s most frequent and highest-ridership route, connecting Providence and Pawtucket.

“The arrival of these New Flyer electric buses demonstrates RIPTA’s commitment to mitigating climate change and contributing to a zero-emission future,” said **Scott Avedisian, RIPTA CEO**. “These electric buses are yet another example of how public transportation can help achieve cleaner air quality. We already know that using public transportation as opposed to single

occupancy vehicles is beneficial to our environment. Switching to electric buses only furthers the benefits of using public transportation.”

[Click here](#) to learn more.

RIPTA RECEIVES \$22.37 MILLION FEDERAL RAISE GRANT

Historic investments from the Biden-Harris Administration will help make our transportation systems affordable, reliable, safer, and sustainable.

This year, the Biden-Harris Administration is proud to fund over 160 projects nationwide through USDOT's RAISE program to improve transportation infrastructure around the country including right here in Rhode Island!

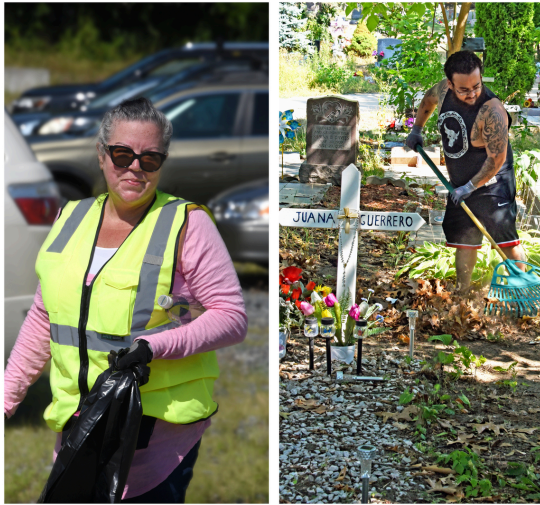
RIPTA is the proud recipient of a \$22,370,800 million federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) grant thanks to the support of our congressional delegation. This grant money will be used to electrify bus service on Aquidneck Island and help RIPTA advance a major part of the Transit Master Plan.

“We are grateful for Senator Reed and the entire Congressional delegation's steadfast support of public transportation, including their commitment to new battery-powered buses with zero emissions,” said **Scott Avedisian, RIPTA CEO**. “Their help in securing this most recent funding makes it possible for us to continue to move forward with our plan to electrify bus service on Aquidneck Island and our overall goal to improve air quality in our state.”

[Click here](#) to learn more.



RIPTA IN THE COMMUNITY



Undeterred by sweltering heat, RIPTA and **BOND Civil & Utility Construction** employees came armed with rakes, gloves, grass trimmers, garbage bags and a desire to help their community. Dozens of volunteers showed up last month at Oakland Cemetery for a clean-up effort organized by Pastor Russell Farmer and members of the Gateway Pentecostal Fellowship of Cranston.

The cemetery, located off Broad Street at the Cranston-Providence line, abuts a RIPTA bus turnaround where construction is underway for the State's first in-line electric bus charging station. Oakland Cemetery has been in the [news lately](#) for its run-down condition and a representative of Cranston Mayor Kenneth J. Hopkins was also present to say that a long-term solution for helping to maintain the cemetery property is in the works.

Would you like to help make a difference?

The next clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, September 24 from 9am to 12pm. Please email Pastor Farmer if you plan on attending at gatewaypentecostalfellowship@gmail.com.

**EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:
Matthew Salisbury,
Executive Director Of
Information Technology
Networks**

Matt Salisbury, Executive Director of Information Technology Networks, knows that most time colleagues contact him they need his help, and that's just fine with him. His job is multi-faceted: He has to keep RIPTA's software and systems running seamlessly in the background, but he's always willing to assist fellow employees when they need help.



Chief Technology Officer Gary Jarvis describes Matt as “bright, intuitive, and always willing to learn” with a positive “can do” attitude. Most recently, Matt has been working diligently behind the scenes on the continued rollout of RIPTA’s Wave smart fare technology and implementing new cyber security measures.

Salisbury has enjoyed witnessing firsthand how technology has evolved to help move the Authority forward in many areas over his 14-year transit career. He started at RIPTA as technical support intern while earning his bachelor’s degree in Computer Science from Providence College. He joined the RIPTA team as full-time employee in 2007 and has moved up through the IT ranks, most recently being named Executive Director of Information Technology Networks.

“I am fortunate to work with so many smart, talented people in all facets of the Authority,” Salisbury said. “Everyone is always willing to spend some time explaining their job to help me gain a better understanding of how technology can help.”

Outside of RIPTA, you’ll find this golf enthusiast on the course when the weather sun is shining. Matt also enjoys traveling (mostly to Disney), spending time with his family, as well as coaching any sports his sons are currently playing.

READY TO DRIVE YOUR CAREER FORWARD?

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 Tuesday, September 13, 2022 from 10am to 2pm at 705 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI.

We’re currently hiring for the following positions:

- Senior Accountant
- Mechanic
- Utility Worker
- Paratransit Operator
- Paratransit CDL Trainee

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