



DTC RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION

Dignitaries -- including Governor McKee and our Congressional delegation -- were in attendance last week as we marked the official opening of the Downtown Transit Connector (DTC)



Dignitaries join RIPTA for DTC ribbon cutting.

high-frequency bus corridor in Providence. The corridor, which provides bus service every five minutes, runs from Rhode Island Hospital to the Providence train station. It features the state's first bus-only travel lanes to help us move more efficiently through traffic, bike lanes, enhanced bus shelters and traffic signals that give priority to buses. The project was largely funded by a \$13 million federal TIGER grant, and we appreciate the continued support!

IN THE PHOTO:

From left to right are: Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Congressman James Langevin, Congressman David Cicilline, RIPTA Chief of Strategic Advancement and project lead Greg Nordin, Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza, Senator Jack Reed, RIPTA Board member Michelle Wilcox, and RIPTA Board Chairman Normand Benoit. Second row: Gov. Dan McKee and RIPTA CEO Scott Avedisian.

PAWTUCKET/CENTRAL FALLS TRANSIT CENTER

Construction for the Pawtucket/Central Falls Transit Center is underway! This rail station will support an intermodal connection to RIPTA bus service, enhancing mobility for residents and increasing access to regional jobs. RIPTA and RIDOT staff walked through the location earlier last month to review foundation work on the project. For more information on this project, [click here](#).



RIPTA IMPROVES SERVICE IN NARRAGANSETT AND SOUTH KINGSTOWN BY COMBINING FLEX ZONES



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RIPTA is improving service in Narragansett and South Kingstown by combining Flex Zones in those areas. The two zones are being combined into one, resulting in new weekend service for the Narragansett area and longer service hours in South Kingstown. The new zone, which will be regularly served by two vehicles, will be called Route 203, Narragansett/South Kingstown Flex. [Click here](#) for details.



FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE TO PROVIDENCE-NEWPORT FERRY

Ride RIPTA to the Providence Newport Ferry! RIPTA is providing **free shuttle service** between the RI Convention Center,

downtown

Providence and Providence Amtrak Station to and from the Ferry Dock beginning now through Monday, October 11, 2021. For more information, please visit www.RideTheBayRI.com.

SERVICE ALERTS

FIREWORKS CELEBRATION - JULY 3

Route 50 will be detoured on Saturday, July 3, 2021 from 8pm to 10pm to accommodate a fireworks celebration at Governor Notte Park. Douglas Pike will be closed to traffic from Mineral Spring Ave. to Twin River Rd. [Click here](#) for details.

RIPTA OBSERVES FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY

RIPTA will run a Sunday/Holiday service schedule on Sunday, July 4, 2021, in observance of the Fourth of July. The Sunday/Holiday schedule will apply to all regular fixed-route buses and trolleys. RIPTA Offices, except the Ride Reservation and Customer Service Offices, will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2021 in celebration of the holiday. **In addition, RIPTA will detour Route 60 (Providence/Newport) on Monday, July 5 to accommodate the Bristol Fourth of July Parade.** [Click here](#) for details.

BLESSING OF THE FLEET ROAD RACE – JULY 23

Routes 14 and 66 will be detoured Friday, July 23 from 3:30pm until 9pm to accommodate the Blessing of the Fleet Road Race. [Click here](#) for details.



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