



# Next Wave

## Rhode Island Partners

Dear valued riders and community members,

RIPTA was pleased to provide an update on the transit center project to the Board of Directors this week. Over the past year, we have engaged the public, key stakeholders and elected officials gathering input on critical early-stage topics, most notably potential locations for the new transit center. Out of the seven sites reviewed, the sites closest to Providence Train Station received overwhelmingly positive feedback.

We have worked with our partners on the project, Next Wave, to incorporate this feedback and analyze the sites against specific criteria. Any potential site must improve access to residents, jobs and major activity centers, better take people directly to their desired destinations, improve transfers and travel times, and proximity to other modes of transportation. We also looked at the possibility for housing and mixed-use development, site acquisition, project costs and financing.

With this community feedback and technical research in hand, we are now beginning a deeper investigation of potential sites, as well as land adjacent to the train station on Francis Street and a parcel known as Park Row West. We are happy to share this information with the public. [Click here](#) to view the report and [here](#) to view the appendices.

We will continue to keep you updated as we further our review, taking into consideration our current budget gap. We will engage with riders and the community in the coming months.

Thank you for your commitment to improving transit in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

Christopher Durand

Chief Executive Officer

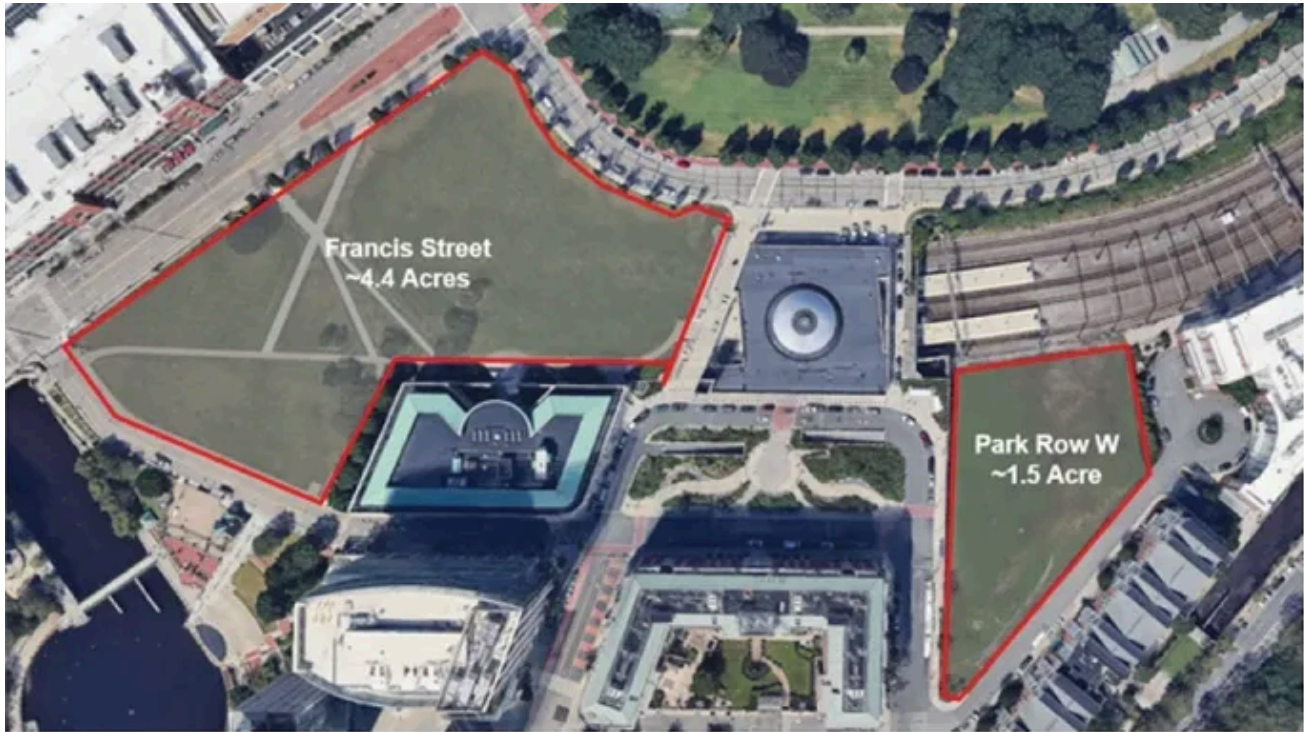


Figure 2: Aerial View of Francis Street and Park Row West

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