




RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RIPTA Update to EC4

May 14, 2026



# Today's update:

- It's Bike Month!
  - Drive Less RI
  - Growing Transit Ridership – Residential Pilot & Summer Youth Pass Pilot
  - Flex On Demand
  - Promoting Transit to Visitors
  - Zero Emission Transit
  - Wave to Work (request to repurpose EC4 grant)
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**May is Bike to  
Work Month!**



Events listing at [RIPTA.com/BiketoWork](https://www.ripta.com/BiketoWork)

### **2025 No Pollute Commute Challenge**

#### **Summary:**

- 3.46 tons reduced carbon emissions
- 8,212 miles bicycled instead of driving
- 353 gallons of gas saved



Join us as we  
celebrate your  
green commute  
to work or  
school with  
prizes + events.

Bike by a  
Celebration  
Station on your  
way to work or  
school for swag,  
snacks + raffles.

Then log your  
bike trips in the  
Drive Less RI  
app to enter to  
win weekly  
prizes.

**Click here to  
sign up today!**





## Driving Less Pays Off

Swap your solo car ride for a bus, train, bike, walking, or carpool trip and enter to win prizes from local Rhode Island businesses during the Drive Less RI Challenge, running now through September 30, 2026. New winners announced each week!

### Ready to win? Here's how:



Swap your solo drive for a bus, bike, train, walking, or carpool trip.



Log one green trip per week in the app to automatically enter the drawing.



Follow @DriveLessRI on your go-to social media platform to see if you've won!

## Outreach & Engagement

- \$75,000 EC4 grant
- **39,917** green trips and 34 prizes awarded to date
- **1,023** active members – **120% increase!**



## Growing Transit Ridership

- \$145,000 EC4 grant
- Residential Pilot December 2025 - January 2026
- 19 participating properties in Providence, Pawtucket, Newport, North Kingstown, South Kingstown, Warwick, and Woonsocket



## RIPTA launches multifamily residential pilot program offering free passes

By PBN Staff - 11/10/2025



## Growing Transit Ridership

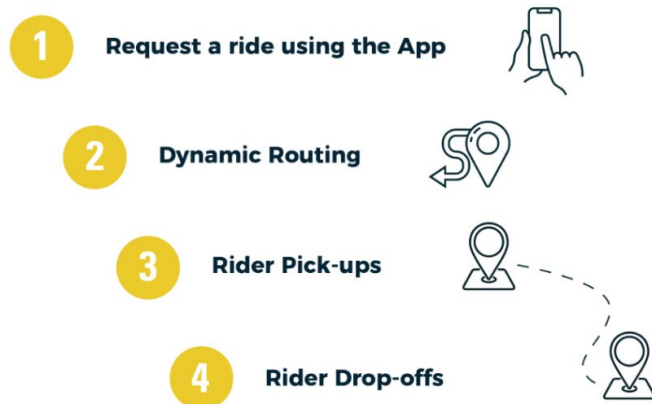
- Summer Youth Pilot Pass Program
- In 2025, 15 organizations supported 489 students with Wave passes
- Accepting applications for Summer 2026 on a rolling basis through June 22



## Flex On Demand

- \$400,000 EC4 grant
- Narragansett/URI pilot launched 2024
- Expanded to Westerly, West Warwick & South Aquidneck – March 2026
- Expanded Aquidneck zone through June
- 13,500 Flex trips in 2025

## HOW IT WORKS



No surge pricing, fully ADA accessible, curb-to-curb service, and it's easy to use!



SOUTH AQUIDNECK/NEWPORT/MIDDLETOWN


**231 FLEX**

# PUBLIC TRANSIT ON DEMAND


Enjoy on-demand, curb-to-curb transportation with this **NEW** pilot service from RIPTA!



**On-Demand App**  
Request a ride at any time right on your phone through our **Flex On Demand** app. We operate on your schedule wherever you travel in the service area.



**Curb-to-Curb Service**  
We'll pick you up and drop you off anywhere in the **242 Flex Zone**, from your front door to your favorite restaurant and anywhere in between!



**Same Low Price**  
At **\$2 per ride**, you'll love this budget-friendly alternative to mainstream ridesharing options. Simply pay with cash or Wave when you board.

**Download the app today and your first ride is FREE!\***

## Promoting Transit to Tourists Visting Rhode Island

- \$55,000 EC4 grant
- **Coming this fall!** – Partnership to offer complimentary bus passes to arriving travelers
- Estimated 4,000 day passes to be distributed



Go **PVD** PROVIDENCE  
WARWICK CVB



**Rhode Island**  
Airport Corporation



## Zero Emission Bus Service

- RIPTA was awarded \$14.4 million in Volkswagen settlement funding by State of Rhode Island in 2018
- Zero emission R-Line service began in January 2024 with a fleet of 14 New Flyer electric buses
- Nearly 1 million miles of service
- 1,945 metric tons of CO2e avoided
- 7.1 metric tons of NOx avoided
- 1.9 million zero-emission trips



## Promoting Transit – Wave to Work

- Requesting to repurpose \$15,000 EC4 grant for Wave to Work incentives
- 18 Wave to Work partners including Amica, Water Rower, Omni Hotel, and Miriam Hospital



**Thousands of Rhode Islanders use **RIPTA** to get to work.**

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Now your employer can help pay for your commute, putting money back in your pocket.

**WAVE**  
TO WORK

Find out how at [RIPTA.com/WaveToWork](https://www.ripta.com/WaveToWork)



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Thank You!

