

Program Benefits

BETTER TRANSIT     BETTER RHODE ISLAND



Transit is the second most widely used way for people to travel in Rhode Island and to and from Boston. It does more than help us get around. Transit helps support existing businesses and stimulates new development. It creates new jobs, helps clean the environment and reduces traffic.

Transit Forward RI will help create a better Rhode Island.



LIVE, WORK, LEARN

Transit Forward RI will make Rhode Island a better place to work, live, and learn



ECONOMY

Transit Forward RI will grow the Rhode Island economy



CHOICE

Transit Forward RI will provide better transportation choices



OPPORTUNITY

Transit Forward RI will help people live better lives



ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

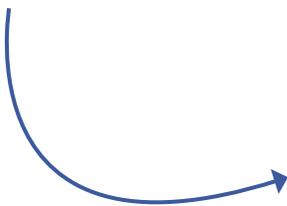
Transit Forward RI will help create a cleaner and healthier environment

A BETTER, SMARTER, MORE AGILE RIPTA

Since 1966 RIPTA has been working to provide excellent transit to Rhode Island, offering some of the best small city and statewide service in the United States. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic RIPTA has maintained service levels while other transit agencies have been forced to cut back, providing more than 20,000 trips each weekday and ensuring that essential employees throughout the state have been able to get to work. Whether enhancing customer service or building toward a carbon-free future, RIPTA strives to be better, smarter, and more agile every day.

Through Transit Forward, RIPTA will accelerate these efforts.

Five initiatives will transform transit in Rhode Island



Improve existing services

- Faster and more frequent service for longer hours



Expand service to new areas

- New bus and Mobility on Demand (MOD) services
- Statewide network of mobility hubs to improve connections



Develop high capacity transit

- New Bus Rapid Transit and Rapid Bus lines, and possibly light rail
- Regional Rapid Bus routes



Improve access to transit

- Walking, biking, scooter, park and ride, Flex, and shuttles



Make service easier to use

- Technology improvements, better information, and fare integration

COMPLETED OR UNDERWAY

- Downtown Transit Connector: faster and more frequent service in downtown Providence
- Transit signal priority at key locations
- Wave fare payment system: easier for all, more affordable for many



COMING SOON!

- Green fleet expansion: electrified R-Line = one in five RIPTA passengers riding on a zero-emission bus
- Mobility on Demand pilot program
- One Call/One Click single point of information and booking for social service transportation
- Community Transportation Program to enhance locally-operated services



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PROGRAM BENEFITS

WORK, LEARN, LIVE

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Jobs



90%

of all jobs accessible by transit

350,000

jobs accessible by frequent transit

Education



80,000

college students with better transit service

Everything



59%

of trips are for non-work purposes such as shopping, social visits, and medical trips—these trips will be much better served

ECONOMY

Transit Forward RI will improve the economy by encouraging existing residents and businesses to stay, and attracting new ones

“ Cities that don't invest in transit stand to lose out. ”

—2014 Transportation for America/Rockefeller Foundation survey

“ Companies have lists of wants and needs. Transit has shifted from a want to a need. ”

—Economic Development Corporation of Utah

19,000+ jobs

created during plan implementation (construction, manufacturing, suppliers, etc.)

3,700+ permanent jobs

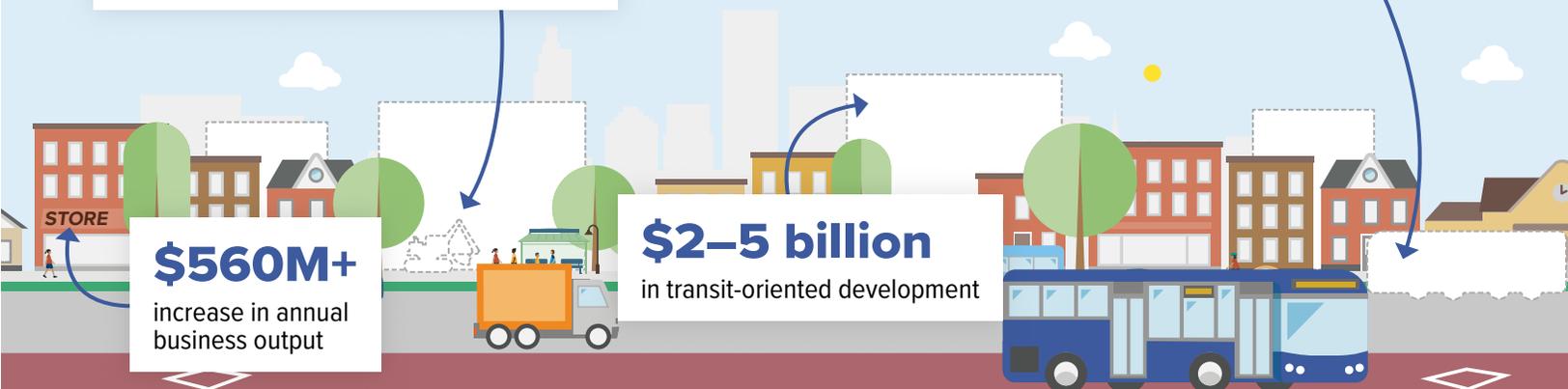
due to expanded operations

\$560M+

increase in annual business output

\$2–5 billion

in transit-oriented development

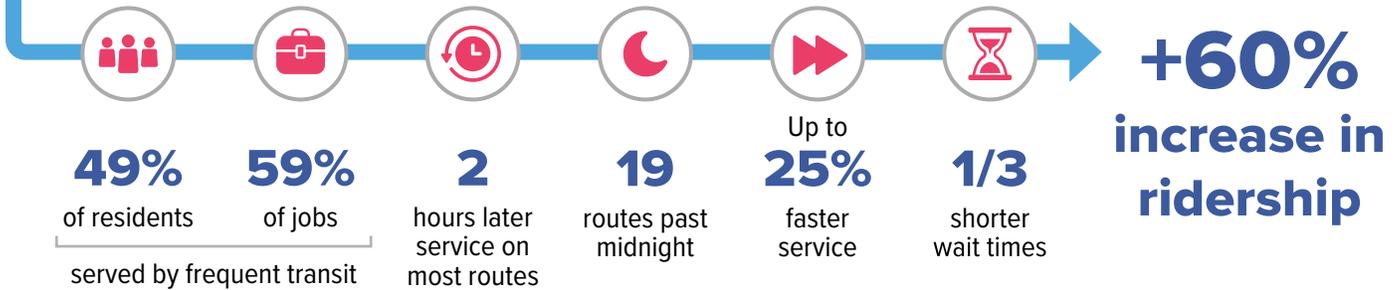


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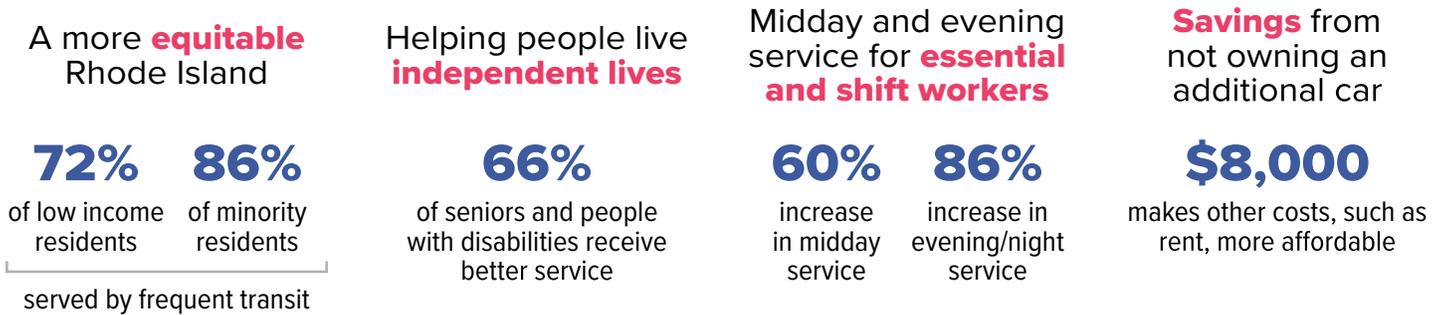


More convenient service



OPPORTUNITIES

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