BUILDING A MORE MOBILE FUTURE: A TRANSIT MASTER PLAN FOR RHODE ISLAND

Presentation to State Planning Council
August 9, 2018
TODAY’S PRESENTATION

Purpose of the Transit Master Plan
How the plan fits into the big picture
Project scope and timeline
Current activities and next steps
PURPOSE: WHY THIS PLAN? WHY NOW?

- Asset management approach
- Reliable funding plan
- In year three, bridges successfully on way to state of good repair

- 20-year vision for Rhode Island transportation
- Complies with federal requirements
- Reflects state transportation and land use policies and projected funding availability

- Opportunity to map out short and long-term investment strategy
- Data-driven planning process
- TIP includes $75 million in seed funding for transit capital projects
FUTURE YEAR TIP TRANSIT FUNDING

$75 million
PURPOSE: ANTICIPATED BENEFITS

+ More competitive cities
+ Better places to live and work
+ Healthy, vibrant, walkable neighborhoods
+ Cleaner air
+ Job growth
+ Enhanced travel options
+ Environmental resiliency
+ Safer communities
+ More connected region
+ Social equity
+ Job access
**CONTEXT: THE BIG PICTURE**

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*Rhode Works creates new funding for transit expansion*

*Sets framework for future transportation investments*
SCOPE OVERVIEW

What is Rhode Island’s transit vision?
What investments will enable the vision to be achieved?
How can existing funding be maximized?
What are new funding opportunities?
What policies are needed to ensure success?
VISION-BUILDING CONSIDERATIONS

- What are our goals?
- Where are the needs for transit the greatest?
- How might transit evolve over the next 5, 10, 20 years?
- Which transit investments are of most interest to the public?
- Which transit investments would be most efficient? Effective?
- How to invest RhodeWorks funding?
- How much can Rhode Island afford?
DETAILED SCOPE & TIMELINE

2018

1. PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION
2. STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
3. TRANSIT SYSTEM OVERVIEW
4. MARKET ANALYSIS
5. EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES
6. STATE OF THE SYSTEM REPORT
7. DEVELOP VISION, GOALS & OBJECTIVES, EVALUATION FRAMEWORK
8. IDENTIFY STRATEGIES
9. DEVELOP AND EVALUATE SCENARIOS
10. IDENTIFY FUNDING STRATEGIES
11. DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS

2019

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CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Coordinating with LRTP team to share data and maximize value of ongoing work
- Identifying perceptions and priorities
- Examining existing services
- Identifying the underlying demand for transit within, to and from Rhode Island
- Examining impacts of emerging technologies on how transit will need to be provided
MARKET ANALYSIS

Where do people live and work today?
Where will they live and work in 2040?
Where do those most likely to use transit live?
Where is transit access limited?
Where do people travel to and from?
How can transit enhance job access?
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NEXT STEPS

State of the System report describing:
- Existing services
- Demand for transit
- Gaps between existing services and demand for transit
- Emerging technologies outlook
- Issues and opportunities

Public outreach program
Strategy identification

(Sample State of the System report excerpt)
POTENTIAL STRATEGIES

Enhanced Bus Service (ex. more frequent service, longer service hours)
Regional Rail Improvements
New Transit Modes (ex. bus rapid transit)
New Transit Service (ex. new routes, corridors, and connections)
Technology Enhancements (ex. fare integration, “Mobility as a Service”)
New Funding Sources (ex. value capture, TIF)
Enhanced Passenger Facilities
Improved First Mile-Last Mile Connections (ex. bicycle/pedestrian access, on-demand service, Transportation Management Associations)
QUESTIONS?