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PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE PLANNING COUNCIL QUADRENNIAL FEDERAL CERTIFICATION REVIEW
OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC MEETING AND PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will convene two public meetings. These public meetings will be held to accept comments on the State Planning Council's (SPC) implementation of the Federal Transportation Planning Process in accordance with federal statute.

Opportunity for Public Comment on SPC's Implementation of the Federal Transportation Planning Process

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) requires every Metropolitan area with a **population over 50,000** to have a designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to qualify for receipt of federal highway and transit funds. The SPC is the designated MPO responsible for transportation planning in the State of Rhode Island.

The FHWA and the FTA, in accordance with 23 USC 134(k)(5)(A)(i) and 49 USC 5303(k)(5)(A)(i)(e) must certify compliance with these regulations by MPOs not less than once every four years.

The primary purpose of the certification review is to ensure that the required planning activities of 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303 are being satisfactorily implemented by the SPC. This meeting will be your opportunity to talk directly with FHWA and FTA concerning your views on the transportation planning process in the MPO area.

The State Planning Council and its Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) announce that two public meetings will be held in conjunction with regular meetings of these public bodies and the MPO's quadrennial Federal Certification Review on:

Thursday, February 12th, 2026, at 9:00AM
Department of Administration
William E. Powers Building
Conference Room A, 2nd Floor
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

Thursday, February 26th, 2026, at 3:00PM
Department of Environmental Management
The Foundry Corporate Office Center
Conference Room 300, 3rd Floor
235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI

All persons may present their views on SPC's transportation planning process in person, through a representative, or by filing a written statement with FHWA or FTA. Written comments may also be submitted by 4:00 PM on March 4th, 2026 via our online SmartComment portal: <https://planning.ri.commentinput.com?id=c3m7UTPVt>.

The public meeting locations are accessible to individuals with disabilities. Any individual requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in these meetings should contact Thomas Mannock, Ph.D. at 401-222-6377 (voice) as soon as possible. Individuals requesting foreign language translation services should contact Benny Bergantino at (401) 222-1755 at least five (5) business days prior to the scheduled start of a meeting. Public transit schedule information for the public hearings is available from RIPTA at (401) 781-9400 or www.ripta.com.