



**Governor's Commission on Disabilities
Legislation Committee
Transportation Working Group Minutes
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Meeting graphic

Attendees: Angelina Stabile, Judi Drew
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Action Items:



Public forum graphic

1. Public Forums on the Concerns of People with Disabilities and their Families
Purpose/Goal: To review the testimony from the public forums, identify common concerns and develop recommendations

On Pages	Concerns	Recommendations
Meeting Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. RIPTA doesn't have enough funding and is being used by anyone who is low income b. If RIPTA funding not supported will have disparate impact on the people who use it c. Possibly partner with organizations to get RIPTA the funding needed to be productive and provide services 		
17	Funding for public transportation is inadequate	Look to see if other organizations will help with funding and look for other sources of funding.
Meeting Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Problems – some sites don't have enough parking sites, some don't have any at all, some let park at handicap spots, some don't have any spots marked off b. By law, everywhere is supposed to have a certain number blocked off c. How many have to be van accessible? d. Don't have staff to go and check about parking e. Local police departments won't help to enforce it f. Enforcement and accessibility of handicap parking are the issues g. Need a straight up sign to mark the spot 		
17	Lack of enforcement of handicap parking	Urge police to enforce handicap parking more
Meeting Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Legislative Committee could talk to RIPTA b. Conversations with RIPTA about educating consumers that it is a bus service, and not a door-to-door private service 		
	Raising awareness of the role of RIde, the RI ADA paratransit service provider	Encourage RI Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) to educate people about RIde as a bus

		service, rather than a private door-to-door service.
<p>Meeting Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cost of accessible taxis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Can they develop a program for accessible taxi service b. Could there be a bulk pass 		
91	Make payment for accessible transportation services easier	Ask RIPTA if there is way for accessibility services to be paid for in a cashless transaction (vouchers, bulk passes, etc.) similar to the way the RIPTA system works
<p>Meeting Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. if cut back, less access for shopping, doctors appointments and other appointments b. Laurie Manning states no bus service access in her area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Has difficult getting to medical services iii. Follow up to see if she knows about accessible taxi services 		
104	Ride coverage is not large enough	RIPTA should increase the radius of the coverage from the Ride bus.
<p>Meeting Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. According to RIPTA, trained all the drivers when they got the vans 		
50	Accessible taxi drivers are not trained adequately	Ensure that drivers of accessible taxis have adequate training for operating accessible taxis.
	MOTION: To propose the concerns and recommendations above	
	AS/JD passed unanimously	
	2. Adjournment	
	Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm	