

GREATER METRO TRANSIT STUDY – MEETING CURRENT NEEDS

INTRODUCE NEW TRANSIT HUBS

Four smaller transit hubs, in close proximity to downtown will help reduce bus congestion in Kennedy Plaza and create more direct service to major employment and education centers in the City.



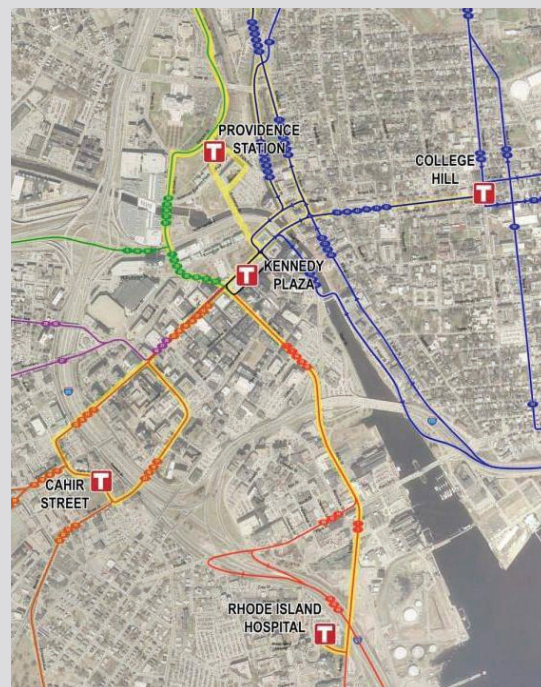
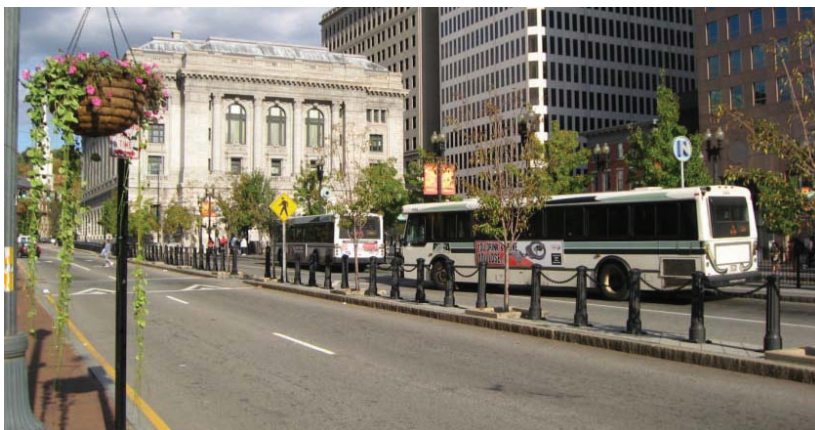
Why change buses when you can go direct? New smaller hubs just outside of downtown Providence will offer riders more efficient routes to the West side, College Hill, Capital Hill and the Hospital District.

FIND A HUB AND GO DIRECT

With new smaller hubs, taking the bus will take less time. Extending RIPTA bus routes beyond the primary downtown destination of Kennedy Plaza to other hubs just outside of downtown will eliminate the need for many passengers to transfer to reach their final destinations. In this plan, RIPTA will develop new hub locations in the West Side, College Hill, Capitol Hill and the Hospital District areas. These will attract riders because trips will be more convenient, accessible, and highly visible in new key locations. Additionally, dispersing waiting buses to these new hubs will help the reinvention of Kennedy Plaza by decreasing its congestion.



To implement this plan, RIPTA will begin Phase 1 by continuing to develop the first such hub located on Cahir Street on the West Side of Providence near three Providence High Schools. This hub will include amenities such as new bus shelters, map and schedule information, bike racks, and in the long term real-time arrival information, public art to relate it to its local neighborhood, and new branding of bus service. Phase 1 will also include extending the 49, 52 and 90 routes to the West Side and providing a similar hub on College Hill as part of the extension of routes 55 and 66. Phase 2 will introduce similar new hubs on Capitol Hill and in the Hospital District. The new transit hub initiative will also include a new service plan make sure it is well integrated into the existing bus system.



New hubs will be developed in key locations just outside of downtown Providence.

New hubs offer greater rider convenience through more direct routing and better access at key locations just outside of downtown Providence.



Begin Planning for Hub Design



Begin Construction of West Side and College Hill Hubs
Evaluate Service Options



Complete Construction of West Side and College Hill Hubs
Begin Demonstration Service



Begin Construction of Capitol Hill and Hospital District Hubs



Complete all four hubs
Begin Full Bus Service